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## French C.P. Pleads with Overflow S.Africa Comrades Laval to Jail the Fascists Meeting Fight War

### Arrested for Active Support of Boycott

against Italy

BULLETIN

Five<sup>•</sup> members of the Lenin Club of South Africa, adherents of the Fourth International, have been arrested and are now facing trial. They spoke on the question of the Native Bills. The charges have not yet been enunciated. Since the meeting was orderly, it appears they may be tried for sedition.

CAPETOWN, South Africa,-The Italo-Abyssinian conflict continues to be the most important issue facing the South African proletariat. Because of our situation we are the African continent. All our propaganda at present is therefor cen- | tanks." tered around this question.

workers and especially the native with these words is that they come in a militant fashion to demonstrate leaders of the French proletariat? people. Recently the Stevedores counter-revolution. "Laval did not and Dock Workers Union of Cape- see in it (the Fascist declaration) town passed a resolution to refuse a plot against the state. No proseto handle any goods destined for cution took place." Italian East Africa. The Communist League immediately issued a special edition of the Workers Voice in support of the dock workers. A thousand of these were distributed free in the working class areas. Ours was the first organization to come out in support of the dockers' action.

The workers of Luderitz took similar action and refused to load any Italian vessel. The police immediately offered them the alternative of going back to work or arrest. The majority of the workers went back but a number preferred to go to prison. The Communist League sent the following telegram to the Luderitz workers:

Communist League congratulates you on magnificent stand.

Forty years ago they told your

war in 1911, and during the World the English workers? They are as

War of 1915-1918, which cost Italy exploited and poverty stricken as

600,000 men. After forty years of we. Just the other day the Welsh

suffering, misery, privation, and miners went on a hunger strike in

martyrdom, the Italian ruling class- the bottom of their mine, risking

fathers the same lies. They re-

no harm; a people who are them-

have amassed at your expense, at

from their barren lands.

our expense?

lies!

Stalinists Outraged by Fascist Insistence on "Right of Insurrection"; See Salvation in "Purification of Police Force"

By H. F. ROBERTS that particular date because Laval "Let no one try to intimidate us. had to give Herriot something with At the present time it is insurrecwhich to come before the Radical Socialist party congress. This was tion which is legal." "Insurrection is the most sacred

duty !" The voices speaking are those of CONFIRMED French Fascists. In the mouths of revolutionary workers what meaning these words could have! But how do the French Stalinists react Times Reporter Says Newsto these lines?

L'Humanite quotes them (Oct. 24) and adds:

"As incredible as it seems, this declaration has not been made a case for the courts."

Incredible as it seems! Here is another Fascist quota

Demand "Arrest" of Fascist!

tion: "The best way of succeeding is directly affected by any conflict on through violence. We will mobil- by Mussolini's agents. After speaking about a wholesale ize the tractors and use them as

exodus of "disappointed 'war cor-Does l'Humanite remark, perrespondents' and camera men from Undoubtedly the South African chance, that the only thing wrong Ethiopia" . . . "one of the greatest and most expensive flops in journand colored workers are prepared from a Fascist instead of from the alistic and newsreel history," Denny states the reasons for their detheir solidarity with the Ethiopian No, friends, that would be outright parture in the New York Times, up everything 574 had gained for Sunday, Nov. 10:

"The reason is the almost complete absence of reliable news fighting. . . .

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The Stalinists want Laval to arrest de La Rocque. They want him to bring these naughty Fascists first, the congenital distrust of plotting against the state into the whites, partly due to the fear that courts of the French bourgeoisie. | the whites might eventually dom-And why not? Pick up another inate the country like the rest of copy of l'Humanite. It is the issue Africa and due to the shady charof Oct. 23. Once again on the men- acters of many of those from the ace of a Fascist coup d'etat. What Near East who have come here in

has Vaillant-Couturier to say? times past seeking fortunes. United "Once again our party, in the with all this is the fear of spiesface of this plot against the safety | and we all are suspect.

"Second . . . the great anxiety of the state, concealed by M. Laval. declares itself ready to throw all that foreigners might be killed. . . "In Harar, which is the neares its forces alongside of those, ALL THOSE (emphasis in original-H. place to the front we are now al-F.R.) who are determined to relowed to penetrate, the activities of pulse this plot and maintain order." | correspondents and camera men are A little further on: "Mass action rigorously circumscribed. The lat-

Many of you have fallen in Af- killing you, say that Italy is too | corporations are a lie. There is | the sun," but that place is not in |

rica; many more will suffer the small for our people, that she must not and cannot be equality or col- Africa; it is in Italy that we must the Grazianis, the whole bloody

Yourselves with All Peoples

Who Suffer and Toil.

must obtain the liquidation of the ter are not even permitted to take Condemn police action." We are preparing for an organrascist Leagues and the arrest of most innocent pictures—and their leaders." Harar is 200 miles from the nearest ized protest against the terrorist How? fighting, if any. action of the police. "Vigilance. Coolness. Discipline. Sabotage Workers Action Union of all those who wish to de-In face of the militant mood of fend the Republic!" the workers, the stand taken by the Stalinist slogans, epithet or even a rare stone thrown relations with 574. We said to unless one has an insight into the workers, and strike fear into all of especially in the Minneapolis unso-called working class parties is Let the incredulous pick up any at our guto—we sit waiting for the him, We have no authority to do maneuverings going on inside the those who are making the drive ions. It has been pointed out that indicative of the demoralizing in- current issue of the leading Stalin- big story which may never happen the things you demand. We repre- A. F. of L. The capitalist crisis for industrial unionism. fluence which these parties have on ist organ outside of Moscow and the South African workers' move- any day he can read the same kind permitted to see if it does." ment. The South African Labor of foul drivel. Here we have it from a reliable Party has not uttered one word on Decree Laws-Against Workers the matter. The Communist Party, like the Stalinists everywhere, is of decree laws, already dealt with side is either the brain-child of decisions.' But, no, Lewis would the boss class knows that they are also, that they had to make a spec- capitalist parties for the coming preparing to lead the workers on in a previous article in these col- some impatient, ambitious reporter not appear before the workers. He caught in a trap, that they cannot tacular start--to begin with a bang. the road of social-patriotism. Re- umns, ostensibly aimed at the Fas- or cooked up in the headquarters of threatened us in many ways, and keep their place in the sun-that cently the Stalinist controlled League cist leagues. These decrees were the Italian General Staff. Against War and Fascism, held a aimed at and will be used against | It seems in Ethiopia too, no news Continued on Page 3 the workers. They were issued on is good news.

stand to gain by this war that is by the work of others. The Fascist capitalists? We want a "place in selves.

Biggest'Peacetime'Gathering Roars Complete Solidarity

Backs574

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 8 .--- The offensive of the old-line, reactionary craft-union A. F. of L. bureaucrats against the progressive, militant leadership of the general drivers union, Local 574, was met this evening by a mass meeting in which men Get No News at All the machinations of Meyer Lewis, personal representative of William Harold Denny, New York Times Green were exposed. The mass correspondent in Harar, Ethiopia, meeting, held in Local 574's hall, has indirectly confirmed the state- was attended by almost four-thoument in the NEW MILITANT two sand workers - accommodated on weeks ago that all news from Eth- two floors and outside of the hall iopia is censored, tampered with, by means of a loud speaker-and inspired and even directly written was addressed by numerous leaders

in the labor labor movement. **Bill Brown Chairman** 

The chairman of the meeting, Bill Brown, president of the union, opened the meeting by declaring that Green-Lewis and Company had its members. Lewis says that Minn-

eapolis is the worst spot in the

to 574. To whom do the Citizens Alliances go to when they are in that one. Ray Dunne." trouble? Why to the corrupt and reactionary leadership of the A. F.

of L." Brown then introduced Ruben Latz, business agent of the Dry Cleaners Union. Lewis had announced the day before that this union had been purged of its Communist leadership. The next day, Lewis announced that the federal charter of the Dry Cleaners Union had been revoked.

Speech of Ruben Latz

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 10 .- Following are the important developments of the week:

Three representatives of International unions have arrived and olned forces with Lewis.

The Laundry Workers Local charter has been revoked; the aundry Workers have issued an appeal to labor to back 574. Lewis has appeared before a number of business men's clubs, and various open-shop groups seeking support for his campaign.

William Green issued a statement in Washington denying that the Minneapolis "red purge" was part of a national drive to rid the federation of "reds". "The drive possesses only local significance," he said.

The Minnesota Leader (state organ of the Farmer-Labor party) came out with a front-page article denouncing Lewis' tactics and linking Lewis with an attempt on the part of the two old capitalist parties to break up the third-party movement in Minnesota.

The Minneapolis Labor Review (organ of the Central Labor Union) completely ignored Lewis' presence in town, saying not one word about him or his campaign.

T. E. Cunningham, president of the State federation of labor, denied that he knew anything of the plans of Lewis, and that he himself would disapprove any attempt to oust progressive trade up onists fighting for industrial unionism.

Denial by six members of the Teamster's Joint Council (which Lewis claims has pledged to reorganize the Drivers Union in Minneapolls) that Lewis has ever spoken to them or that they have ever seen him.

A great overflow mass meeting of the members of the progressive unions in Minneapolis, held Friday night at Local 574's hall, pledged colidarity against the splitting tactics of Meyer Lewis, Green and Tobin.



MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 8. - As, workers are divided into small, United States. It is-for Citizens chairman of the mass meeting, weak craft unions. The workers within the country and the inabil- Alliances. But it is now the best Bill Brown introduced V. R. Dunne sensing this fact, have entered into ity to get even near the scene of place for the workers. Before 574 by saying: "I have saved the the A. F. of L. hoping that it would went on strike in 1934, Minneapolis best speakers for the last. Next provide them with the industrial "The causes of this situation are was the worst place for the work- I am going to call on a man who, form of organization. They found ers. 574 changed the picture. Now, believe it or not, has succeeded in that the craft structure of the A. whom do the workers go to when two years in tearing down a union F. of L. stood in the way. Ten to they are in trouble? Only one place, from 90 to 3,000. Some wrecker he fifteen million workers stand ready s-even Ripley wouldn't believe to be organized-but they want industrial unions so they can strike back effectively at their exploiters. "We must not," began Dunne,

Drive for Industrial Unionism "forget the more serious and fun-"Now some union leaders have damental aspects of this struggle. Meyer Lewis didn't come into town felt this pressure coming from the to take a thrust at the reds because | workers-John L. Lewis, Dubinsky, etc. These men understand that he had a bright idea one fine morning. Meyer Lewis is the personal the workers are determined to drive agent of Bill Green who represents forward to real industrial unionthe craft unionist element in the ism. Therefore they have brought proved so successful here. This executive council of the A. F. of L. the issue into the open because they drive against militant leadership in Recently there has been brought are interested in maintaining their unions is planned by the Greens to about a deep split in the A. F. of positions in the unions. This split save their jobs.

L. leadership. But a short time has tolled off, like a death bell, the Secondly, Minnesota is the only ago-not even six months ago-no | fate of Green, Hutcheson, and other

Trounces BillGreen Laundry Workers Solid Despite Revocation of Charter

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 10. - Almost two weeks have passed since William Green's representative, Meyer Lewis, began to the accompaniment of newspaper headlines his Holy War against the progressives in the Minneapolis trade union movement. To date, Lewis can record a discouraging lack of progress in his efforts to "purge" the labor movement. Accompanied only by the applause of the Citizens Alliance and the boss press, the representative of Mr. Green announced late yesterday that his plans for advancing the campaign against "communist leadership in Minneapolis trade unions" would be taken up with leaders of the State Federation of Labor. He said he expected part in the drive.

#### Reasons for Drive Clear

The main reasons behind this latest vile attempt to split up and cripple the local trade union movement are becoming increasingly clear to the members of Minneapolis trade unions. At 574's mass meeting, these reasons were driven

home by speaker after speaker. First, the Minneapolis labor movement hasn't lost a strike in two years, since Local 574 first came on the scene. This is the only large city in the country with such a clean and magnificent record of labor victories. The dramatic struggles waged in this section have captured the imagination of the masses of American workers, and they are demanding that their unions follow out the same militant class-struggle policies that have

state that has broken politically

William Green is a Republican

wheel-horse working together with

elections. They know that the best

way to do this is to split the labor

movement, to weaken it by driving

purged," Latz began. "We told one would have been so rash as to arch-reactionary craft-union fakers. with the two old boss parties and Lewis that his methods were not predict that eleven thousand votes They understand that their life in has built up an independent polit-"So ...", Denny concludes, "treat- correct. He came to our executive could be gathered for industrial the organized labor movement is ical party. The mass base for the ed very courteously by all classes committee and threatened to revoke unionism. No one can understand limited to months unless they can Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party lies except for an infrequent scowl or our charter unless we severed all the present drive against local 574 tear the unions apart, terrorize the in the trade union movement, and

and which we probably will not be sent the workers in our union, and has thrown capitalist industry into "At the last convention they dewe carry out their decisions. We panic and the workers into the cided that they would have to Daniel Tobin and other Democratic will gladly permit you to appear breadlines. American capitalism strike and strike fast. They de- politicians on the Executive Council correspondent by obvious implica-before the members. They will de has been the hardest hit, because cided to throw their whole resourc-of the A. F. of L. to make a drive On Oct. 23 Laval issued a series tion that news from the Ethiopian cide, and we shall abide by their it was the farthest advanced. Now es into the battle. They decided, on Minnesota on behalf of the old They had to write in letters of fire said, 'I bring to you a mandate by they can't make any more profits across the sky that it meant death

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and devoted fighters. Laundry Workers Stick to 574

On Thursday, Lewis revoked the charter of the Dry Cleaners Local No. 18005, after he and H. A. Bradley, president of the national council of petroleum workers had earlier given a clean bill of health to the Gasoline Station Operators Local With "Bandiera Rossa" you will No. 19802, which has just negotiatconquer, you, working class Italy, ed a contract with local employers. Rubin Latz, business agent of

the dry cleaners locals No. 18005 and No. 183 of the Cleaners and Dyers, stated that "we are not communists. The reason for this action is our friendship with 574." Norman Carle, chairman of the executive board of the Laundry Workers, issued a vigorous statement denouncing Lewis, saying:

"Lewis has demanded that we repudiate Local 574. This we flatly refused to do because 574 has been one of our most valuable friends and allies. We consider that they have contributed mightily to organized labor in Minneapolis, and that they are deserving of full support in their effort to win reinstatement in the A. F. of L. We believe that the attack by Meyer Lewis upon 574 is absolutely unjustified and clearly detrimental to the interest of Minneapolis workers. We therefore refuse to become a party to any such disruptive program. Our union was organized under the A. F. of L. and it is our desire to remain a part of that body, but we will not permit ourselves to be stripped of all union principles to do so."

According to Latz, the Laundry Workers Union will continue to (Continued on Page 4)

their exploiters, the war of liberation of the Italian people from capitalist tyranny and for the new society, the workers' state, the socialist society. ers, peasants and soldiers commit-

Throw the de Bonos, Cianos, and

band into the sea; fraternize with

Soldiers and youth of Piedmont, tees will know better how to gov of Lombardy, of Apulia, of the ern than a state composed of Fas-Isles, follow the example of the cist degenerates living on the work scrupulous old demagogue, capable three thousand miles away in the kept and fed by his master. And whom they call "savage." Yes, they talist system. have shown you they know how to

Don't answer as the Fascists capitalist system. But what then? at home, in Italy; they are the fate. But when we are no longer their land, their independence. have taught you, "Me no frego" (I Why do we have Fascism? The wealthy men, the big landowners, any use to them in making profits Learn from these "savages"; fight for your liberty; turn your guns and exploiters who have sent you bery, upon exploitation of the those who live by our sweat, the they throw us away like old clothes. against your oppressors, fight for your land and your bread; liberate to die in Africa don't give a damn workers, upon private property. It Fascist leaders, Il Duce and his They are sending you to people the

ried about their profits. Is it really and exploitation that Mussolini the profiteers of the royal and mili- order to get rid of you. That is capitalism. the about their profits. Is it rearly and exploitation that masseline to grant the profit of the lends his support to your exploiters, tary circles. In Italy, not in Abys- "the place in the sun" you are of-Enough of singing "Giovanezza," profit of these gentlemen back home to the manufacturers, the landown- sinia, there is work to be done, a fered. who are flaunting the fortunes they ers, the bankers, those who are now rotten system to be cleaned up! No, we cannot bring civilization Learn "Bandiera Rossa," the song sending you to die in Africa. You Mussolini has told his bandit and liberty to others as long as we of your fathers, the song that in Italy! Long Live the Republic have been deceived with talk of rivals that he isn't "collecting de- tolerate this barbarous slave sys- makes your exploiters, your real of Workers, Peasants and Soldiers The band of demagogues, swind- collaboration and equality between serts." And we? Are we to collect tem, the capitalist system and its enemies, the generals, the manufac-

lers and murderers, who alone those who work and those who live Ethiopian bullets for the Italian watchdog Fascism, among our- turers and the big landowners tremble with fright.

same fate. You were told this was have a place in the sun. But we laboration between exploiters and win it. no war but merely an expedition, are not poor because our sun is exploited. The Fascist state is an Instead of going to your death in the Abyssinian soldiers; return an excursion, that would lead to poor, or because our land is poor. exploiters' state. The Socialists the arid mountains of Africa we from Africa and don't give up your land, glory, and prosperity. What Take the largest empire in the and Communists, those whom Mus- say: Look for your land at home, arms. world, England, of which you hear solini has killed, whom "Il Duce" in Italy. Don't take the land from so much these days. What is the has persecuted, imprisoned and tor the poor Ethiopians-and may they fate of the peasants of this empire? tured, fight for the workers' state.

To the Soldiers and Youth of Italy!

MANIFESTO OF THE ITALIAN BOLSHEVIK-LENINISTS

keep it from being taken. Take peated them during the Tripolitan What is the fate of our brothers, Enough of Division Among the the land from the nobles, counts and dukes and landowners of Italy; Workers. Let Us Unite, Unite the land that you and your fathers worked so that these nobles could lead a merry life in the cities.

You have been given arms to kill Before trying to liberate the Abes have nothing to offer you, our their lives for a little wage increase. Negroes who are as poor and mis- yssinian slaves we must abolish our

sons and brothers, but to send you The cause of our misery is this erable as we. Don't give up your own slave system. Don't you know to the equator to die of fever, sun-system of robbery and exploitation arms! Judgment day has sounded that the Ethiopian slaves, those stroke, and thirst; to send you founded on profits, the capitalist for the real enemies of the Italian that still exist, are far better off against a people who have done you system. Even "Il Duce," that un- people. These enemies are not than you? The Ethiopian slave is Abyssinian people, these people ing people and guarding the capi-

that the cause of our poverty is the Ethiopian people; these enemies are who can just as well decide our fight "savagely" for their liberty,

for your lives; they are only wore is to defend this system of robbery band of swindlers and crooks; all Ethiopian deserts with corpses in

this song of slavery and death.

Councils of Italy!

selves struggling to wrest a living of any deceit, is forced to proclaim middle of Africa, they are not the we? We belong to our masters, don't give a damn). Your masters capitalist system is based upon rob- the bankers, the manufacturers, all they throw us out in the street;

Italy by liberating yourselves from

peasants!

ers' state!

camarilla!

in Africa; Long Live the Civil War

Down with the Imperialist War

-The Italian Bolshevik-

Leninists.

Down with Mussolini, traitor to socialism and to the Italian people; the lackey of the bankers; the op-

Down with Fascism, the exploit-

Down with the monarchy and its

## presor of the workers and poor



In Italy you will seize the land.

In Italy you will take the factories. Where your fathers and brothers ailed in 1920 through weakness.

There is another, a far fairer and more glor ous war to fight, the only | ignorance and through treacherous just war, the war of the working people against their tyrants, against

will conquer.

Do you believe that you will not

ers and peasants, your soldiers committees. A government of work-

virtue of the authority vested in unless they crush the spirit of labor. to any worker who dared raise his from its ranks the most militant

And this can be done only if the

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for help.

## Comments **On Life, Liberty** and Pursuit of Happiness

#### By BILL REICH

The Liberty League's committee of corporation lawyers offers: "If and when any Ameican citizen, however humble, is without means to defend his constitutional rights war question to an overflow crowd in a court of justice, one or more at the Pythian Hall. On Saturday of these lawyers will, without compensation from any source, defend the right of the individual, and in this way carry out, in the most effective way, their oath to support maintain and defend the Constitu-. In sixteen states proption" . erty qualifications and poll taxes restrict the political rights of the unemployed . . . In fourteen states ancient pauper laws have been invoked denying the right to vote to persons on relief . . . The New York Economic Council has gone on thusiastic and highly interested aufrom all persons receiving public Shachtman, editor of the New Inunemployment relief the right of suffrage" . . . Professor Donald Laird of Cornell contributes to the current Review of Reviews an article sub-titled "Should the Ballot be Restricted to Citizens Able to Take Care of Themselves? One out

#### of Four Cannot!" \* \* \* PROSPERITY ...

"We are coming back more Ethiopia. soundly than ever because we planned it that way," says President Roosevelt at Charleston, S. C. . . According to Government figures, industrial production today has attained 90 per cent of the 1929 level while only 82 per cent as many people are employed. Payrolls are 74 per cent of the 1929 level while prices have risen steeply "The banking situation generally is better than it has been for a long time," remarked Rudolph S. Hecht, president of the American Bankers Association after an hour's conference with Roosevelt . . . St. Louis school children lost \$92,500 penny savings through the failure of local banks . . . "There is no future is due to the belief that times are getting better and better," says Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., head of General Motors. . . . The Alexander Hamilton Institute, America's chief "success school" is on the rocks. Its 1930 net profit was \$316,000; its 1933 net income \$4,018. . . .

#### PARABLE FOR PREACHERS ...

an appeal by "Stinker" Hearst A survey conducted by the Chrisagainst the Red and Yellow pertian Century showed that of 5,500 ils, nor even a quotation from Methodist ministers polled, 34 perthe constitution of the National cent voted Socialist. Alarmed, the Civic Federation. It was the Chicago Conference of Methodist full-blown wisdom donated to the Laymen, which includes many of Northwest District Conference of the nation's leading business men, the American League Against served notice on the preachers: War and Fascism, November 2-3, Leave social and economic questions by a leading Detroit member of alone and preach the gospel or we the Communist Party. who contribute the money will Fearful lest his party comrades leave the church. . . . Last week might not make the position of the the Conference mailed to all Methodist ministers "A Parable for C.P. on imperialist sanctions suffi-Preachers." Excerpts: "A church ciently clear, Francis Murphy, called a certain man to be its min- local secretary and organizer of the ister . . . instead of preaching Christ American League, stated, "The he preached Old Age Insurance, Un- American League is not concerned employment Relief, the Abolition of with League of Nations sanctions. the Profit Motive and Reduction of The U.S. is not a member of the Armaments . . . and the hearts of League. Therefore, we are not conthe people were heavy for they cerned about the actions of the longed for the old-fashioned gospel League of Nations." Reinforce-. . . they sent a delegation and ments were brought from the rear asked him to preach something they to support Murphy, when Sam did not read about six days out of Sponseller, New America organizer. seven . . . and the minister was emphatically stated, "The Ameriangry and said 'I believe in Free- can League is against all wars." dom of the Pulpit'. . . The minister | These were the arguments used | painted them red. . . . The minister employed League, was "pacifist." and I preach the Social Gospel?" quoted in its entirety: "1. Resolved: That this con-\* \* \*

Shachtman Gets Rousing Reception Pollock, "What was the use of voting? he meeting was stacked." Besides Sam Pollock a militant In Minneapolis, Plentywood Meetings

MINNEAPOLIS

During comrade Shachtman's etc. to Italy and a general apology stop here, the Minneapolis branch for socialism in one counry. Shachtheld two of the most successful af- man takes issue with his remarks for a new war, with most of the fairs the party has ever presented from the revolutionary viewpoint, showing step by step the betrayal here. On Friday night, Nov. 1, comrade Shachtman spoke on the of Stalinism.

ON THE FIRING



policy, its shipment of foodstuffs,

a very successful party was held in honor of the touring comrades at SALT LAKE CITY .--- When comthe Minneapolis branch headquarrade Shachtman spoke in Salt Lake ters, with card playing, dancing, City a year and a half ago, his movies and refreshments. Over meeting was broken up by Stalinists under the leadership of their \$100 was raised to carry on the work of the Workers Party. organizer, Paul Crouch. His scheduled meeting on November 9 was

#### broken up by a slight mountain Plentywood, Montana blizzard which blocked the highways to Salt Lake, prevented a PLENTYWOOD, Mont.-The Pro-

large crowd from appearing at the ducers News reports a large, enhall (despite the fine sale of tickrecord as favoring "witholding dience turned out to hear Max ets) and trapped the speaker at Preston, Idaho, a town not particuternational, in the Farmer-Labor larly hospitable toward revolutionists, as the mayor, far from offer-Temple here.

ing Shachtman the key to the city, With Charles Taylor, editor of did not even offer to repair his the Producers News, official organ windshield wiper. And at Salt of the Farm Holiday Association of Lake, the comrades wiped away the Montana, in the chair, Shachtman slow sweat of waiting for Shachtexplained the causes and the forces man and accepted the kind offer of making for imperialist war and the a liberal club that he speak before international conflicts arising out them the following night, Sunday. of the present colonial struggle in More than fifty students and workers listened raptly to Shacht-

A Stalinist in the audience, who was so bold as to defend the socialproaching war and the crass be trayal of the Second and Third Inpatriotism of the Communist Party, was neatly demolished by the speaker.



The large collection that was of Council Bluffs, Iowa, which taken proved the appreciation and takes the form of a letter to the interest of the crowd, even the Stalpaper and an answer by comrade Shachtman. In his letter Smith inists present contributing gener defends the Soviet Union's foreign ously.



#### By SAM POLLOCK and ART PREIS

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 4. - "We can't be against government sanctions. What would we do if an invading army attacked our homes?" This was not the statement of the Liberty League, nor it further

agreed with a local painter for two to "prove" that a resolution against eon meeting (\$1.00 per plate) at shekels a day to paint some build- imperialist sanctions, submitted by ritzy, Jim-Crow Commodore Perry Nazi Strikebreakers ings white . . . instead of painting Sam Pollock, a W.P. member who the buildings white the painter represented the Lucas County Un- F. Ward, titular national head of Used in Bakery Strike rebuked the painter . . . he replied, The resolution, which was undoubt- ollowed in the evening by a "mon-'I believe in the Freedom of the edly the most important submitted ster," "gigantic" "People's" rally to break the general strike of Cush-Painter, red is a better color than and the only one even discussed or against war at the huge Civic Au- man-Purity bakeries was charged white' . . . suddenly there shined disputed, was permitted only six ditorium (seating capacity 5,600). today by Herman Gund, Secretary upon the minister a light from minutes of debate (two speakers After titanic preparations, 300 of of Bakery Workers Union, Local heaven and he said, 'I do see my from each side, limited to three the masses were lured into the 50, an industrial union affiliated to sin this day. Why should I rebuke minutes apiece) by the mechanical echoing desolation of the auditori- the Bakery International and the this man for painting my buildings control of the C. P. and its stooges. um to hear Dr. Ward and such A. F. of L. red which I commanded him to The resolution, which exposed the other fighters against war and faspaint white, when I am called to entire jingoistic Stalinist structure cism as Charles Hoover, vice-mayor ately hired active Nazis as foremen preach Christ and Him crucified of the American League, is here of Toledo and an official of the in the 165th Street and Park Ave.

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Organized, managed by and for

Pollock, "What was the use of Besides Sam Pollock, a militant trade unionist, representing a local of over 1,500 members, took the floor in support of the resolution,

emphasizing in brief and straightforward terms, "Here the government is preparing 24 hours a day money coming from relief funds in duction bakery factories. Trustifione form or another. This is the cation is well-advanced in the ingovernment which clubs us and dustry, three firms - Cushman, jails us, and do you want us workers to support the sanctions of

such a government?" The only resolutions passed on the question of war were on a boycott of Italy and Germany and a

protest to Japan. The whole ques-Hold First Forum on tion of sanctions was deliberately avoided.

While this farcical "conference" was dragging out its fruitless end, another meeting was being held a short distance away at the Toledo Workers School Hall, the regular Open Forum of the local W. P. Comrade Burke Cochran gave a splendid and eagerly attended talk on the 55th Convention of the A. F. of L. before a full audience of workers, the largest share of whom were active trade union progressives. There was no gag-rule at this meeting, for the floor was given over to an hour and a half of free and open discussion, with members of the auto union and other A. F. of L. groups and the M.E.S.A. par ticipating.

## man's vivid portrayal of the ap- 100 Hear Cannon in Allentown Meeting

out to hear comrade James P. Can- the Soviet Union itself; that now French people."

present the Workers Party position pletely social-patriotic attitude topaign, was held under the auspices of the Allentown branch.

Andrew J. Budihas, First Vice President of the Pennsylvania Unemployed League, acted as chairman and introduced the speaker to the local workers. Comrade Cannon's subject was "War and the

ference goes on record against Workers.' any war engaged in by American In the course of his speech he

imperialism; and be it further demonstrated the inevitability of "2. Resolved: That this conferwar under capitalism and imperialence does not recognize any idea st rivalry and exposed the treachthat justifies support of one's imperialist country during war, because that country has an allegedly democratic form of governreformists and the so-called "Comment, against a country in which munist" as substitutes for the genfascism or reaction are in nower. Any such war would still be an imperialistic war, a war of despoliation and conquest and would not be and could not be in the interests of the overwhelming part of the working class. majority of the peoples; and be

"3. Resolped: That this conference is against extending any support to any sanctions that the U. S. government may apply to Italy in the present controversy; such sanctions being only a prelude to a new imperialist war and a world-wide slaughter of the masses of the world; and be it further "4. Resolved: That this conference support only workingclass sanctions against Italy, in the form of strikes, refusal to handle Italian goods, etc., etc. Lucas County Unemployed

"Guards" visited one of the strike headquarters and manhandled strikers. Instead of arresting the thugs, the police arrested three workers. In spite of terror, the strike is solid. Formerly an independent union, Bakery Local 50 secured a charter from the Bakery International which provides an industrial derisively pointed out by the Fasstructure. All workers connected cists themselves who received the with Cushmans, including bakers, decrees not with shudders of mordrivers and store salesmen, belong tal fear but with jeers. Laval isto the one union. Bakery Local 50

is also organizing other mass-pro- Oct. 23 "to calm Herriot and the Ward and Continental being giant trusts extending throughout the country.

Cushman stores.

N.W. Side, Chicago

CHICAGO, Nov. 13 .--- The North-west Side branch of the Workers Party held its first open meeting of the season last night at its headquarters at 1237 California Avenue. In conjunction with the proposed anti-war campaign, this meeting was devoted to a discussion on the impending world war and the position and attitude of the different working class organizations. Comrade Albert Glotzer traced the threads which tied the imperialist powers and forced them into a new war and then discussed the methods of combatting war.

In a discussion of the latest turn of the Stalinist International he explained to the audience how because of the false conceptions of the Stalinists with regard to building socialism in a single country

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Nov. 9.--A suffered defeat after defeat in all licemen themselves-is an essential crowd of about 100 workers turned of the capitalist countries and in condition for the security of the

non, editor of the NEW MILITANT, the Stalinists have adopted a comon the war danger at the Silk wards war, pledging themselves at of Stalinism has led. Columns Workers Hall last night. The meet- their last Congress to support the could be given over here to quotaing, one of many being conducted bourgeoisie of the democratic coun- tions, nothing but quotations from as part of the W.P.'s anti-war cam- tries against the Fascist countries. the columns of l'Humanite which The Northwest Side branch of are enough to make any honest the W. P. intends holding such Communist want to spit upon every

meetings every two weeks. At this thing he's ever been taught at the first meeting some fifty workers feet of the Great Leader, Stalin ings promise to be even larger. | alias Browder, Cachin or Pollitt.

## THE MANAGER'S CORNER and 30 Spartacans are actively en-

We have made a beginning in City have each made a good contriour campaign for 1,000 new sub- bution toward the campaign for erous character of the pacifist scribers. But it is only a small the regular eight-page weekly. "peace marches" dished up by the beginning and there is a little less This is for the particular informarabbis, the preachers, the social than a month and a half left to do tion of the comrades who may think the job. Speed is now essential. that we do not want any further By December 1 we will have an contributions for this purpose. We uine struggle against war. He once other special eight-page issue. do. We need much more money bemore proclaimed the slogan of What can our branches and bundle fore the eight-page weekly can be Lenin and Liebknecht: "The enemy agents do toward a special distri- assured. is in our own country" as the guid- bution as a means of further stim- Those who have the funds to

ing line for anti-war action on the ulating the campaign? Special sup- spare please take note. plies of this issue should be ordered

eral Stalinists (members of the sults.

the floor in a pitiable attempt to busy and build up a march larger East Side Branch, N.Y.C..... .50 defend the betrayal policy of the circulation for the NEW MILI- Center Branch, N.Y.C..... Anonymous, N.Y.C..... 25.00



(Continued from Page 1)

The Mississippi section of the party, after a period of severe persecution, is adding new members, and incidentally, making an adsued them, said Echo de Paris on vance subscription to the NEW MILITANT a first demand upon every applicant for membership. How about the Stalinists? "De-The campaign against "reds" is cree laws against the Fascists? carried on with excessive rigor in They have been taken," writes this and other Southern states by

l'Humanite, "but they are already violated." They are insufficient and Workers are asked to boycott ineffective. "It is necessary to disarm and dissolve the Fascist leagues." ('Humanite, Oct. 25.) There's our anti-Fascist program! And oh yes, there's another fault that has to be rectified, says l'Hu-

Radicals."

manite. "Purify the Police Force"! "The decrees threaten to be inef

fective . . . these decrees are useless unless"-what can be coming?-'unless they are accompanied by a serious purification of the police." The police chiefs, it seems are Fascist, but the "great majority of the police are of republican tenden-That is why the chiefs, it the vitalization of the dormant cles." seems, are withholding some extra ammunition from the cops. L'Humanite won't stand for seeing the

cops go short of bullets. "It was only after the campaign conducted by l'Humanite that Guichard (high police official) finally consented to give nine new cartridges to his guardians of the peace-in order to face Fascists armed to the teeth!" The police must be better armed and above all---purified. For this

the working class movement had purification, "demanded by the po-

These are only some of the vile lengths to which the degeneration dustries.

were present and the future meet- the Great, or Stalin the Little,



Since our last report we have re-The speech was very well re- right away and careful plans made ceived the following contributions: ceived by the audience. In the for distribution. A follow-up for A Friend, N. Y. C.........\$20.00 question and discussion period, sev- subscriptions should net actual re- Boro Park Branch, N.Y.C.... 1.50 Boston Branch ..... 10.00

Grand Total ......\$839.70

OPEN FORUM

so-called "Communist Party") took The main point now is to get F. P., New York City..... 10.00

On Thursday, Nov. 7, the Minneapolis branch held an open meeting

reaucrats. In spite of this the militants are indispensable in carrying on effective organization work in strikes and the rank and file of the unions constantly turn to them NEWARK, N. J. The rapid growth of the Newark branch of the W. P. and the Spartacus Youth League has permeated the entire membership with such tremendous enthusiasm and energy, that recruiting quotas are smashed right and left-a bright augury for

MISSISSIPPI

the A. F. of L. trade union bureau-

crats at the top and the lesser bu-

meetings and educational meetings are attended by 100 percent of the membership. Eighteen of the comrades are active in the splendid work of the Newark Unemployed Leagues. Others are active in the trade unions (this is just starting), in educational and other activities. Among the new members that have joined the party in the last couple of weeks are three Negroes, a member of the longshoreman's union, a couple of automobile workers, a couple of painters and other industrial workers. Forums are to get under way soon and all signs indicate a very successful season. The new members are all intelligent, energetic and active, and for the most part are workers in basic in-

Newark labor movement. Branch

The Spartacus youth have also had a rapid growth and are very active with classes, social, sports and other activities. A basketball team has been organized and so has a Junior Spartacus group consisting of youngsters between the ages of 12 and 15 and numbering 15 members already. Between 25 gaged in youth work and the Juniors too, have successful meetings. Both party and youth members gather together about three times a week after meetings or other activities for discussions and plans.

The Newark branch of the Workers Party is running a theater party at the Civic Repertory theater on both Nov. 28, Thanksgiving day evening, and Nov. 30 matinee. The play is the Theater Union production of "Mother," based on the Gorki novel of that name.

Comrades wishing tickets can write to Lew Merrit, 545 Belmont Ave., Newark. Tickets sell for 30c, 45c, 60c, 75c and \$1.00.



#### ATHLETES . . .

Dr. Irving Rattner, head of the American Legion post at New York City College, urges a program "Awake America" to extirpate communism from American schools. He suggests clubs "named from famous Generals" which should lay special stress on athletics "for athletes are always good Americans." . . A.thlete Joe Ruddy, swimmer, polo star and director of the New York Civil Service Commission banked \$104,006 between 1931 and 1934. His salary in this period amounted to \$11,351. . . . Athlete "Smokey" Saunders. Louisville jockey, in a drunken stupor threw a Kentucky blond from his car and ran over her body repeatedly. . . Athlete Jack Blackburn, trainer of Joe Louis, is being held in Chicago for the murder of Enoch Hauser.

PAUL LUTTINGER, M.D. DANIEL LUTTINGER, M.D. 5 Washington Square North 1-2 and 6-8 Except Sundays and Holidays.

League." The conference had its auspicious start Saturday, Nov. 2, at a lunch

the American League. This was

Auto-Lite Co. Resolutions were finally submit-

started late and from which a great bloc took the precautions to limit the debate to two delegates for mans under the leadership of these either side of an issue with three Nazi foremen." minutes apiece. In its report, the resolutions committee "overlooked" the Unemployed League resolution against sanctions. When attention was called to this omission, the chairman hastily reported non-concurrence by the committee, but refused to give the reason for this position.

Trade Unionists Balk When the recorded vote on the American Federation of Labor. It St. Louis, Mo..... 10 Three delegates, including 2 bona- tions against strikes." tion. The remainder of the dele- of company "guards" have been Youngstown, Ohio... 10 gates, representing unions and harassing the strikers. While strik-

stained from voting. Several of are visited and their wives and

TANT. As we have said before, Communist International. Comrade 1,000 new subscribers by the time Cannon made short shrift of the Stalinist flunkeys and publicly of the second party convention, challenged them to an open debate, with equal time for both sides, before the workers of Allentown. The Stalinists swallowed hard, but to essary to start the regular eight

date they have not yet replied to the challenge. A good number of NEW MILI-TANTS and party pamphlets were sold at the door upon the conclu-City

sion of the meeting.

NEW YORK-Use of Nazi agents "The Cushman officials deliber-

plant, and in other plants which employed workers of German de-

ted to the evening session, which scent. Germans were given special privileges in order to enable them share of the delegates were absent. to take part in Nazi exercises and Prior to the report of the resolu- activities. As a result," declared tions committee, the C. P. majority Gund, "the majority of the strike-(Branch 1 breakers in these plants are Ger-(Branch 2

> (Branch 3 (Branch 4 "Some of these Nazis have openly (Branch 5 stated to strikers that they are (Branch 6 scabbing on the strike because the (Branch 7 American Federation of Labor has (Branch 8 declared a boycott of Nazi goods. (District Under the influence of the Nazi toremen. German workers were in- Paterson, N. J..... 10 duced to drop out of the union and Philadelphia, Pa.... 30 are now acting as scabs. "This is a direct challenge to the Plentywood, Mont... 10

esolution was taken, of the 36 is not merely a question of winning Salt Lake City..... 10 delegates present, 26 delegates, all this particular strike. It is a ques- San Francisco, Cal. 20 of Stalinist or New America con- tion of smashing for good the use Springfield, Ill..... 5 nections, voted as a bloc against it. by the bosses of Fascist organiza- | Toledo, Ohio...... 25 Utica, N. Y..... 5 fide representatives of large trade Over 1,200 Cushman workers are Washington, D. C... 10 union groups, endorsed the resolu- out for the third week. An army Williston, N. Dakota 10

other genuine mass groups, ab- ers are at meetings, their homes

the abstainers later stated to Sam children terrorized by threats.

Kensington Br., Philadelphia (received for greetings)... 3.50 Christmas week, will mark the first Total ..... 70.95 step toward accomplishing this aim. Previously reported ......\$768.75 Moreover, it will net the funds necpage weekly.

Below we give the quotas of new subscriptions assigned to the various branches together with the new subs turned in so far.

Akron, Ohio..... 20 Albert Lea, Minn... 10 Allentown, Pa..... 30 -\_ Austin, Minn..... 10 Berkeley, Cal..... 10 ----1 Boston, Mass..... 25 Charleston, W. Va... 5 Chicago, 111..... 50 Cleveland, Ohio..... 25 Columbus Obio.... 10 \_ Davenport, Iowa.... 10 -----Detroit. Mich..... 25 \_\_\_\_ Dickson City, Pa.... 5 Fargo, S. Dakota.... 10 Gulfport, Miss..... 10 ----High Point, N. C.... 5 -Kansas City, Mo. ... 10 -Los Angeles, Cal.... 25 Minneapolis, Minn... 75 \_ Mount Carmel, Pa... 5 Newark, N. J..... 20 New Castle, Pa..... 10 New Haven. Conn... 10 New York City..... 400 38 17) - 90 40 3) 75 10) —) 1) 30 20 15 1) 15 ---) 10 1) 100 5) Northampton, Pa.... 5 1 Pittsburgh, Pa..... 25

WHITHER FRANCE?-Fascism or Workers Revolution? Quota. Turned in The French Hitlerites Are Ready! Are the Workers Ready? Speaker: JOHN G. WRIGHT Friday, Nov. 21, 8 P.M. Great Central Palace 96 Clinton St., N.Y.C. Auspices: Branch 2, W. P. CONCERT and DANCE given by **BRANCH 1** at 320 East 14th St. HEAR-Misha Nash, violinist Fresh from his triumphs abroad. SEE-Spartacus Dance Group in a series of modern, streamline gyrations. HEAR-E. Engelson, pianist outstanding artist of the Metropolitan area. SEE-New Theatre Group in a new "Ultra-Leftist" Repertoire. Dancing until 2 A.M. Refreshments of Course! SATURDAY, NOV. 23rd AFFAIR Entertainment.

to commemorate the 18th anniversary of the Russian Bolshevik revolution. Aside from the regular party comrades, numerous sympathizers attended and honored with us the memory and the great lessons of October.

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The entertainment committee of the Minneapolis branch has scheduled three parties for the remainder of the year, all to take place at the branch headjuarters, 631 Third Avenue South. The parties will be held on Saturday evenings-Nov. 23, Dec. 7, and Dec. 23. All friends and sympathizers are to consider this notice their cordial invitation to attend these affairs.

#### Cannon Speaks at Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.-James P. Cannon addressed a mass meeting Sunday night, Nov. 10 under the auspices of the Philadelphia branch in the campaign of the Workers Party on the war question.

Comrade Cannon drove home the Leninist teaching on the workers' attitude toward capitalist war and tore to shreds he perfidious attitude of the Second and Third Internationals. He showed that the policy of supporting government sanctions and the fraud of "good" and "bad" capitalist governments is simply the preparation to deliver the masses helpless to another imperialist slaughter as in 1914.

The question and discussion period brought out numerous angles of the proletarian attitude toward war. The lecture was received with enthusiasm and helped to strengthen the influence of the Workers Party in Philadelphia.

WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL FORUM Sponsored by the Philadelphia Local, Workers Party 431 Pine Street.

Sunday, Nov. 17-JAMES RORTY, well known author and journalist: "The Intellectuals and Their Place In the Revolutionary Movement."

Sunday, Dec. 1-A. J. MUSTE, National Secretary of the W. P.: "The A. F. of L. Convention In Atlantic City."

#### Total ..... 1,000 46 A couple of friends in New York

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 Good Music, Food, Drinks at 320 East 14th Street, N.Y.C. Admission 15c Auspices: Branch 2, W. P.

#### **NOVEMBER 16, 1935 NOVEMBER 9, 1935**

**MARCH OF EVENTS** 

By JACK WEBER

fact that capitalist production and of an equalization export duty. The

consumption rest not on national rise in prices of Chinese goods has

but on world foundations than does now reached the point where infla-

the world-wide battle of currencies. tion threatens. The result of Am-

fined areas politically and econom- standard of living of the Chinese

ically under the control of one or masses even beyond the starvation

the other of the great capitalist level already existing, something

powers. The signposts over these that does not concern in the least

areas denoting such control are the American capitalism in its mad

pound, the dollar and the franc re- search for profits.

spectively. The Japanese would

like to establish the yen in a sim-

Chinese silver currency to the

partly through the aid of an "in-

Shek. Japan has already signified

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administration had, among other

things, the aim of counteracting

the gains made by Japan in Chinese

trade due to depreciation of the

yen. Japanese goods became cheap-

er for China as for the rest of the

world, since Japanese prices did

not rise much and other currencies

could therefore secure more in

Far Eastg reatly because there sil-

erican goods. This policy has been

ver has been smuggled out of China instability.

AMERICAN SILVER POLICY

about the present situation.



## Our Revolutionary Heritage; ClassWar of the '70s **By Leighton Rigby**

The Molly Maguires

ine disguise was never worn.

ally. With the industrial break-

down, the lot of the miners, already workers and vigilantes.

BATTLE OF THE CURRENCIES | at a tremendous rate despite the very effective blows them-| tice." Ed. Note: This is the first of a 1 some Nothing illustrates so well the attempt to prevent this by means

series of articles on the revoluselves. tionary heritage of the American workers by comrade Rigby.

The first to strike back were the The early days of the American Molly Maguires, secret organizalabor movement after the Civil tions of Pennsylvania coal miners. The world is divided into well-de- erican policy has been to lower the War, like the heroic period of the To appreciate the origin of the Chartists in England, was marked name, Molly Maguires, one must erican worker. Faced with starvaby militant battles against the know that a society by that name, bourgeoisie and revolutionary spirit in Ireland, had accomplished much among the workers. One reason by way of preventing foreclosures lies in the fact that the ruling cap and evictions. The members of the italist class, and their agents in original Molly Maguires often dis- of Baltimore and Ohio railroad

Now the Chinese government has the ranks of organized labor had guised themselves as women when workers heralded two weeks of finally taken the step, under the not yet consolidated their positions performing their missions. The fierce battles between thousands of ilar manner as a token of world advice and encouragement of Engof power and perfected their subtle purposes of the American group of workers in several industries and dominion. It is this battle of the lish imperialism, of going off the and open defense against the currencies, cach symtom of the gi- silver standard. This step is in line aroused workers.

gantic struggle underneath for out- with the policies of capitalist na-Let us consider for the moment right colonial control, that is being tions all over the world of estabwhat took place in America sixty witnessed at the moment in China. lishing managed (manipulated) years ago. To tell what happened Control of Chinese currency and currencies to protect the interests is to review stirring clashes, includ-Chinese foreign exchange would go of the home bourgeoisie. It is not ing the bloodiest two weeks in Ama long ways in aiding one or the taken, needless to say, to restore a erican labor history, when the capother of the imperialists to control stable currency that would be for italists fell to wondering if they a larger share of Chinese foreign the benefit of the Chinese masses. had really won permanent power unbearable, became even worse. trade. One of the infamous twenty- They do not enter into considerawhen they erased the menace of There was no miners' union, but the one demands made on China by tion at all. Besides being concerned the planters. It is for us who carry Molly Maguires fought fiercely. Japan was that the Japanese be over their share of trade, the Brit-

on to keep alive the memory of given control over the chaotic Chin- ish are also looking out for their those fighting, rank-and-file pionese currency, and that Japan be vast investments that are threateers who left us not only traditions allowed to set up a gold backing ened by the instability of Chinese but useful lessons. for Chinese currency in the Bank money and the strong possibilities In 1873 capitalism was on the

agent of British imperialism, is now tleground of the nations and the the inevitable excess profits could the coal regions of Pennsylvania. armed mainly with brickbats and engaged in the effort to tie the battle is for the moment confined to be safely converted into capital It was class warfare! And it was clubs, fought advancing columns of only "common touch" they retain money. But the fight for control goods did not, however, prevent the not halted until James McParlan, soldiers as their comrades fell dead pound sterling. He would do this of Chinese money is only part of piling up of surpluses of consump- the Judas of 1874 who turned out beside them. The station was the conflict to seize and subjugate tive goods and the cyclical crisis, to be a detective, had won the con-burned at Pittsburgh, as were ternational loan" to Chiang Kai- China as a colony. At any moment which was "the panic of 1873." fidence of the Molly Maguires and roundhouses and hundreds of boxthe diplomatic and economic con The workers, as usual, took it on subsequently maneuvered the lead- cars. her intransigeant opposition to this flict threatens to turn to other the chin, but not without swinging ers into capitalist courts of "jus-

scheme. The United States has means, the use of bullets instead of played no small part in bringing coin. The intervention of America and England in the monetary sphere is only notice given to Japan that her seizure of Chinese territory will sooner or later have to meet The policy of increasing the price the test of force on the interna of, silver pursued by the Roosevelt

tional arena. The big powers, England in particular, are giving no tice to Japn that not all their attention is devoted to the Ethiopian local 574.' We said, 'We can never situation, that they are giving close do that. Not until 574 came into attention to events in the Far East the picture did our union amount as well. to anything. They helped us in

every possible way, attended the That the Japanese will neverthenegotiations with the employers, less apply pressure on the corrupt and helped us to get a settlement goods in Japan. American gold Chinese government to prevent with the bosses for the first time policy-depreciating the dollar in China becoming a sterling area in the history of the industry here. terms of gold-did not affect the goes without saying. The Japan-We would be traitors to 574, to ourese army will intervene, first by selves, and to our workers, if we ver rather than gold was the basis threats, then by further action to now turned against it. It is the of currency and money. Hence strangle China. How far they will only union that helped us at all Roosevelt hoped to secure a greater go depends also on the internationtimes. We never got such help share of Chinese trade by depreci- al "balance of power," on the comfrom the Central Labor Union. We ating the dollar in terms of silver. binations among the imperialists. are going to go along the line with Since the silver would pour out of As one power moves to gain more 574 one hundred percent.' 574 has the Chinese hoards to secure the control at the expense of the others, shown the incompetency, the useprofit offered in terms of the Amer- the latter combine against the imlessness of the old-line reactionary ican dollar it was hoped that the mediate menace, only to fall apart leaders who stayed in their offices, silver would be exchanged for Am- again the moment a new situation with their feet upon their desks, arises. The basic law of capitalism smoking cigars, and doing nothing only partially successful in restor- at all times, but particularly in the for their workers but collecting ing American trade. Meantime sil- period of decay, is the law of its dues from them. These old-line leaders are afraid the workers will

wake up and understand. That is why they are fighting 574 which is V.Dunne Lashes Fakerdom

showing the workers the meaning of real, honest, sincere unionism."

The failure of the A. F. of L. has Latz also announced that Rabbi | failed to organize the workers. The right wno nac employers have organized tial chairman of the committee along. The small success of the A. which had drawn up the settlement F. of L. is revealed in the small performed its work well in having still stood, and that he would have | so many unorganized workers outers can organize themselves. And when they set out to do this, they Power Union are branded as reds. What of it? We don't expect to please the op-Next there was introduced BrothIt is true that incidents of private

grievances sifted into the plans of the Molly Maguires. But it is also solidarity if it be followed to the true that their struggle was, above end. everything else, a manifestation of

What occurred in 1877 was the revolutionary spirit of the Amtion, the miners of Pennsylvania Enthusiastically and almost auto-

spread the strike from city to city. In the summer of 1877 a walkout Locomotive Engineers. 1874 matched those of its Irish pat- their sympathizers, on the one side,

The failure of the leaders to lead tern in many ways, but the femin- and police and both federal and state troops, on the other. Even Mining in the anthracite districts the farmers entered the fight, furnwas greatly increased during the ishing food to the strikers and their planters' revolution, in pace with families. The East was paralyzed the speeding up of industry gener- as trains stood still, and the West was shaken by clashes between invited Gompers to lunch. The

A dozen workers were mowed down by troops in Baltimore, and many others were killed in Buffalo Whole counties were covered by and Reading. Nineteen were mur-

terror into the black hearts of their police in the day-long battle in Green and Co. not only betray their to apply. oppressors. Mine owners, bosses Chicago. Pittsburgh was the scene murmuring followers at every conand police were beaten, and many of the most pronounced revolution- ference table, but they deliberately of Japan at Tokyo. Leith-Ross, of inflation. China is now the bat- upswing in the U.S. The fact that were killed. Hell broke loose in ary spirit. There, the workers, shout out their intention to whip against Italy, whereas the worthies there is none so blind as he who

The railroad strike was broken will not see.

state of Pennsylvania. Whole trainloads of troops plied between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, offering to shoot down or lop off the ears of any who attempted to impede their progress. In the end, the workers won nothing for themselves. But they helped the cause of organized labor, while showing

at last by the military power of the

clearly the power of working class

brought about by the rank and file. matically responding to the spirit of their comrades, the workers

All that was needed for victory was co-ordinating and interpretive lead ership, which failed to come from the officials of the Brotherhood of

became tradition in the high command, not being broken by Gompers who, with Strasser, brought about the formation of the A. F. of L. in 1886. When the membership of the Federation became formidable, bankers and industrialists

latter gladly "walked with kings," but he "lost the common touch."

the Molly Maguires as they struck dered and hundreds wounded by the rank and file into silence. The is the one that affects the workers' and ignorance of Marxism are



struck back.

**Fierce Struggles of 1877** 

#### Candy Workers

A mere youth, Paul Williams of results. It brought the standards the Candy Workers Union, was in- of living of its members from 35c troduced. His union was the new- an hour for a 12-16 hour day-in strike. Workers will always reranks of labor, want to frighten the workers by calling the leaders of 574 reds. Well Abraham Lincoln said that the radicals of today do. So they came to 574. "It was are the conservatives of tomorrow. will be conservatives tomorrow. But it does show that all ideas when they are first introduced look completely unionized. Well, I'm ades about the eight hour day, have radical. But tomorrow they will be accepted as the ordinary thing. Is it any wonder that the old-line not a speaker, and I've told you 'now we stand on 574." leaders oppose any new ideas? The

#### Farmer-Labor Legislator

spond to a union like 574. That est in town-only three weeks old, the market place wages were as is why it is not going to be easy to Three weeks ago the workers had low as 12c per hour-up to 55c per tear 574 down. Leaders in indus- been forced by bad conditions to hour. An increase of 25 percent try. and the top leaders in the go out on strike at the Powell and more in living standards. In Candy Company. They had no addition there is going to be another leadership, no knowledge, no re- five-cent increase in wages in, 1936. sources. They didn't know what to Moreover, the union has recently negotiated contracts with the coal the only place we know where to and transfer industries of Minnea-This doesn't mean that all radicals go. They gave us leadership and polis whereby the workers in those advice. And in 24 hours they had industries will be paid one and onean agreement with the Powell Can- third overtime for all hours they dy Company. Now the entire in- work over eight per day After dustry has been signed up and is the A. F. of L. has talked for dec-

something more than a mere dues

written about it in their journals-574 has brought it into reality.

Sam Bellman, Representative in labor movement. One of them was ships, so that the sanctions of the State House of Representa- Daniel Tobin who almost caused Stanley Baldwin are quite as effectives, and a Farmer Laborite, spoke. the loss of the strike. He refused tive as any which Harry Gannes "In my opinion 574 has been the to pay the union any strike benefits, and Co. would, if they could, "force" mainspring and the motive that and continued his warfare with the on him. Downing Street, it aphas brought the workers to the union until he expelled it. The pears is not quite as illogical in its

Question Box By A. WEAVER.

M. Z., NEWARK-Question: Is there any difference between supporting sanctions "only to the extent required by British imperialism" and sanctions "forced upon these imperialist governments who want them only as a threat, and carried out over the head of the capitalist state apparatus, by independent united-front class actions (strikes, demonstrations, active boycotts, picketing, etc."? The Daily Worker (see Harry Gannes' column) of Oct. 16, 1935, makes this distinction.

Answer: Just as they distinguish between the nations of peace-loving, democratic and of war-seeking, fascist capitalisms; between fake and genuine labor parties; so do the Stalinists now attempt to cover their crimes, this time on the war question. There are, if you please, bad sanctions, i.e., those which the imperialists wish to apply, and And the "kings" have carried the good sanctions, i.e., those which flattery to the point where today the Stalinists would "force" them

If British imperialism wants sanctions "only as a threat" of the Third International would "force" His Majesty to take more drastic action, then it is quite clear pocketbooks. Their fight against that the Stalinists, even though they motivate their course by founded upon the proposition that claiming a desire to defend Ethiopia, are demanding an IMMEDI-ATE imperialist war at the same time that they credit British imperialism with wanting peace. Unfortunately for the Stalinist contention, however, British imperialism is already FORCED to strike an effective blow at the Italian bandits in order to prevent the latter from taking the rich British colonial empire and exploiting it collection agency. 574 has produced for the benefit of Italian, instead of English, finance-capital; in order to prevent Mussolini from reducing Great Britain to the place of a third rate power. If England confines itself, for the present, to economic sanctions, it is because she has everything to gain by delaying military operations. The deeper the Italian army penetrates Ethiopia, the more difficult does the situation become for Mussolini; it is even possible that the Ethioplans may score military victories. Time permits Great Britain to strengthen her armaments in the Mediterranean and some thing which the British Admiralty has neglected to do, develop a. naval strategy for these waters. The delay which the British are utiliz-

"During the strikes in which it ing, therefore, is as much a part engaged, 574 came into conflict with of military and naval strategy as many obstructive forces within the the correct allocation of battlelevel where they now are. The 3rd nominal reason was that 574 didn't methods of defending the interests Ward F. L. local last night en- pay its per capita tax. But that of British imperialism as are the



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Labor Party, you must recognize that it represents a new course-the workers here have struck off South Africans upon the path of independent politlcal action through the Farmer-Labor Party. Bill Green, the old Republican wheelhorse, and other craft unionists, closely allied with the two old capitalist parties, re-

sent this political expression of the workers. And so they come here hoping to smash the Farmer-Labor Party. At the same time they intend to strike a blow at the industrial unionists. Tobin and Green understand that if they can make a spectacular and smashing blow at 574, they can smash the industrial union movement a severe blow. It is pure business logic with them. They didn't come to Minneapolis simply to get after reds, radicals, and communists; will terrorize the workers all over the country.

The "Purge" of 1924

"In 1924, Paul Smith, personal tion which was placed before the representative of Green, purged the conference was pacifist to the core. unions here of reds. Between that | When one of our comrades attempttime and 1934, when 574 came into ed to speak in order to expose the the picture, not a single strike was reformist nature of the resolution won in Minneapolis. The Citizens and to move a counter-resolution Alliance succeeded in making Minn- calling for an organized boycott of eapolis an open shop town. Woe Fascist Italy, he was refused a to the people who back red drives. hearing. Through a sympathetic the labor movement, and the capitalist enemies of the workers.

"All of the newspapers here have putting it to the vote coupled it taken up the cry of communism. . . These are the methods and tools of withstanding the protest of the the capitalists. But this is not mover. simply a flash in the pan-it is going to be a long drawn out, a bitter fight. Lewis can't move a single step forward-he has fired his best shots. Publicity and newspaper articles do not take over unions. Maybe we'll see fellows double up, and bend their heads before the onslaughts of the bureaucracy as if their heads were upon hinges. On the other hand, a young, new militant leadership will be thrown up in the process

"But let us be on our guard-

"But why did they choose Minnewatch out. Lewis plans deliberateapolis as the place at which to by to perpetrate some outrage. To between the union and the employ- number of workers which it has strike the first blow? For two very frame somebody. That is the next ers had called him that evening organized. The A. F. of L. has not good reasons. Minnesota is like an card which they intend to play. We and assured that the agreement island that is looked upon by the offer Meyer Lewis-they say he workers of the rest of the country, comes from Iowa-a passport back nothing to do with the union split- side its ranks. But only the workstruggling for their rights. What- to where the tall corn grows. Let's ters. ever you may think of the Farmer- send him back!"

> er Kotarsky of the Northern States Boycott Italy Power Union Local 160, A. F. of L. He said that the members of his

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is not much of a speaker, he would "united front"" conference in the Cathedral Hall. Neitner the Com- read a letter drawn up by his unmunist League or the Lenin Club ion. "We take deep concern in received invitations, but several in- this matter both from the standdividual comrades were invited to point of the union and from that be present. Among organizations of our obligations toward 574. It present were the Young Men's was due entirely to the struggle of Christian Association and several 574 that our own union was able churches. The speakers from the to form. On many occasions the platform included a Bishop and sev- officers and men of 574 have helped eral leading Stalinists. All the us, and we know from numerous speakers were full of praise for the reports in the C.L.U. that, in spite League of Nations, and called upon of their expulsion from the A. F. the capitalist government of South of L. they have helped other A. F. Africa-which one of the Stalinists of L. unions. The industrial union they wish to blaze a trial here that referred to as "our" government- fight will bring increasing gains to to instruct its representatives at the workers."

> Geneva to vote for sanctions against Italy. The lengthy resolu-

Ace Brewer, representative of the Musicians Union (of which Lewis claims to be a member) assured the meeting that the Musicians were 100 percent for 574.

Musicians

Bergstrom, the president of local 1313, the ornamental iron workers union which has just come out of They are only the bureaucrats of trade union delegate, we succeeded a victorious struggle against the in placing our resolution before the most notorious open-shop bosses, spoke next. "The ironworkers," he conference, but the chairman, when said, "are 100 percent behind 574. 574 gave us the kind of help hard with the Stalinist resolution, not-

> The content of our resolution was as follows: and get a better reception. There

"That this conference pledges itself to organize an international boycott of Fascist Italy and will do everything in its power to prevent the handling of Italian goods or the loading of Italian boats. To this end, it will carry on propaganda among working class organizations and especially among the workers engaged in transport."

position by what we are doing." Bergstrom declared his union 100 percent behind 574.

Earl Martin, business agent of union had been rendered speechless the iron workers Local 19, oldest by the actions of Lewis. While he union in Minneapolis, also praised 574, and declared that "before 574 came into the picture local building trades were hibernating and sucking their paws."

last A. F. of L. convention shows

the trend all over the country. It

was the first convention which

didn't work like a steam roller. A

large proportion of the delegates

voted for industrial organization-

the only method by which the work-

ers can be organized effectively.

### R :solution of Rank and File

Bill Brown read spontaneous resolutions, drawn up by the members of 574 and presented to the leaders declaring their complete support or the union and for its leaders. These resolutions came from the Yellow Cab men, a group which Tobin warned 574 not to try and organize because the Yellow Cab was "a national concern, and too powerful to organize;" also from

the Cameron Transfer, whose owner is one of the leaders of the Citizens Alliance; from the Pittsburg Coal Co. men, Gamble Robinson Company, and the Colonial

Warehouse, where 574 recently won a strike.

#### Farmer-Labor Alderman

The radical Farmer-Labor alderman, H. G. Scott, declared that the Farmer-Labor group in the city they would never deal with 574. Meyer Lewis is here attacking 574. latter supports sanctions so the council did not have the courage to They filled the radio and the local What will the A. F. of L. reaction- Stalinists internationally are doing come out openly for 574. "They try press with paid advertisements in aries try to do? We can judge the same. to get anywhere else. 574 never to shush everything. It is time

didn't know anywhere one could go fence." He declared that he was always ready to be at the service was little or no organization among of 574, and that 574 was the one claimed that 574 represented the and with vice rings. They will go the drivers before 574 came on the bright spot in the industrial situascene. This was too much for the tion in Minneapolis. He declared creeping into the United States. try to get the C.L.U. to refuse to boss class. That also goes for the that the whole nation was watch-A. F. of L. bureaucracy. They ing 574. "There used to be a ments of the employers, but fought don't want organization the moment paper, the Minneapolis Labor Reright on to victory.

a union really begins to function view, which was the official organ in the interests of the workers. of the Minneapolis labor movement. They only look upon the unions as But since The Organizer has been from the workers That is why the official organ."

dorsed the union. Its death will was not the real reason. 574 Stalinists. be the death blow to the liberal wanted to, and still desires to re-

the wayside. I am willing to go down fighting with 574."

## Speech of Miles Dunne

Miles Dunne was then introduced. His speech was as follows:

months the union has taken in more the per capita tax had not been

than ever before.

"In the winter of 1933 a group These were refused and the men three-day strike; the elements were ward the wall-and went right on the scribes of the Daily Worker

days the union won a victory and tax. obtained a settlement. The union

which they called for the removal what they will try to do by what turned down the iron workers. We they take a stand and get off the of the 'Communist' leadership of they have done. They will attempt that here they have honest people 574 before they would deal with to discredit the leadership of the the union, and in which they union, to hook it up with gangsters edge of the revolution that was into the Central Labor Union and The workers never paid any attenrecognize any drivers union except tion to the radio and press state-500.

"In Chicago and Cleveland, Tobin

"Today 574 is one of the largest and gangsters to mop up on their single local unions in the United rival racketeer unions. These are try how militant industrial unions a collection agency for getting dues put out by 574, that has become States. A union is no good unless the only methods they know how to can effectively protect the rights of

Stupid as the latter's policy may movement in Minneapolis. Only main in the A. F. of L. But before be, however, they call on the workmilitant action will win. If the it could pay its per capita tax to ers to "force" it on the imperialists union is destroyed, Fascism will the international it had to meet its by strikes, etc. "over the head of triumph in Minnesota and the lib- pressing obligations to the orphans the capitalist state apparatus." eral-workers' movement will fall by and widows of the martyrs of its Stupidity is here multiplied by ingreat strike struggles. It had to sanity. Will the British workers pay the doctor and other expenses be called to strike against the handof the many victims in those strug- ling of goods destined for Italy gles. It had to pay the necessary when such goods are not being expenses of keeping together its or- shipped because of orders from the ganization-after it had been forced British government? Will the Stalinists call on the British workers to rely almost entirely upon its "Lewis announced over the radio own resources in its struggles by to boycott goods which are not bethat the men were leaving 574. The the refusal of Tobin to pay it strike ing sold, such sale being already opposite is true. In the last two benefits. The members knew that forbidden? How is it possible, except on the pages of the Daily members than in any similar 60 day paid. The matter was discussed Worker, to support sanctions by period. It has made better con- many times in the membership calling political strikes against the tracts than ever before-directly meetings. And the members all government applying them? Sancwith the employers, this time, and agreed that 574 must meet first of tions are of a military, as well as not through any government board. all its most vital obligations rather of an economic character. For the 574 finds itself in a better position than pay tribute to Tobin and crip- British workers to enforce military ple the organization, so that he sanctions "over the head of the could take more trips to Ireland capitalist state apparatus," power of people in the coal industry felt and what not. But Tobin thought must have first passed into the that wages were too low, that bet- otherwise. With him, Tobin came hands of the proletariat. How is it ter conditions, could be obtained, first; so he revoked the charter of possible for the proletariat to have and that the workers were ripe for the union. Did that make any dif- the state power and at the same organization. In February of 1933 ference? Of course not-what was time be "putting pressure" on the they were organized, and made that charter? Why, it was a framed imperialists to apply sanctions? their demands upon the employers, piece of paper, signed by Tobin, Only God, he he in heaven, or in which said 574 had a right to exist. the Kremlin can solve the insane were forced on strike. It was a 574 turned that picture, face to-riddles and contradictions which

on the side of the union. It was, existing. This made Tobin jealous. generate in justification of their be-bitter cold, and the demand for He wondered how he could get 574 trayals. coal was extremely brisk. In three to continue to pay him a per capita The essence of the whole matter, of course, is that there is no differ-"Now it is an open secret why ence between the sanctions of

organizers did not rest upon their Meyer Lewis is here. Dan Tobin, Stanley Baldwin and those which laurels. They went on and organ- the most reactionary person in the the Stalinists would. "enforce." ized the general transport workers. A. F. of L., without exception, has Stalin has subordinated the policies There followed the May, June and thrown in his lot with Green. He of the Communist parties to the July strikes. The struggle was a has said to the latter, I'll give you Stalin-Laval pact, i.e., to the interbitter one. The employers said unqualified support. That is why ests of French imperialism. The

> to deal with-people they do not know how to approach, how to talk with, how to deal with. They have dealt with gangsters too long.

"But do not think this is going to be an easy battle. They will continue to fight the union, and they will fight bitterly to the finish. and his henchmen sent in mobsters | They are determined to crush 574because they are showing the coun-

it produces results-unless it is use. They don't know, however, the workers.

By BURKE COCHRAN

The Auto Union Amalgamation

Automobile Labor Board, and tried

to take the whole A.A.W.A. in tow

with the company union. The work-

ers refused to follow. And since

then they have been feeling their

own way along, step by step, and

are cautiously moving to a realiza-

tion that the only unionism worthy

of the name must be based upon a

clear-cut fighting policy predicated

on the fact that a class struggle

The Coughlin Union

The evolution of the Industrial

Automobile Workers Union takes on

mobile Labor Board. The Dodge

instructions of the Automobile La-

tion that re-elected Angelo Rossi,

Mason, innocuous head of the

number of votes, with the exception

municipal judge. Anderson, active

drive that followed the general

strike last year, was the only can-

didate opposing the incumbent, and

counted 37,673 votes as compared

in defending victims of the 'red'

strikebreaking incumbent.

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#### The Elections

THE day following the elections brought a sharp rise in the stock market. The rise was led by General Motors, Bethlehem Steel, U. S. Steel, N. Y. Central Railroad and Chrysler. The turnover was more than three million shares, the biggest since July, 1934, and in breadth of stocks dealt in etc. the session outdid anything since February, 1934.

In other words the U.S. finance-capitalists and big industrialists take the election to mean a swing to the right, pressure on the Roosevelt administration to give business a longer and deeper "breathingspell," the probability that labor militancy will not interfere seriously with output and profits in the next period

The facts cannot be said to cast serious doubts upon this estimate. The Republican Party on a platform of opposition to the New Deal and to social legislation, etc., demand for lower taxes and for letting business alone, made substantial though not phenomenal headway compared to the last election in the East. The N. Y. State Assembly is again Republican. Philadelphia elected a Republican mayor. Assuming that business continues to improve somewhat, there is no reason to think that last Tuesday's election results presage Roosevelt's defeat in 1936; but as already suggested, the pressure to let business alone will measurably increase.

The chances that Roosevelt will get the liberal and trade union vote next year have been if anything increased, since there are no convincing indications that any third-party-Labor, Farmer-Labor. Socialist, Communist-will gain a substantial national following. Liberals and the A. F. of L. will under the circumstances stick to Roosevelt rather than take the chance of seeing a reactionary Republican elected.

In places such as Reading and Bridgeport where the Socialist Party has had years to build a machine and is in any event essentially a left-wing New Deal party, and where there is a large working class population, the party rolled up a good vote. In New York City the Socialist vote was less than last year, the Communist somewhat greater, but the combined vote

dence that Communist support of Socialist candidates resulted in general increase in the vote for such candidates. In the case of Samuel DeWitt running in the Bronx as a Socialist, with no opposing Communist candidate, the vote dropped below the last election, which may perhaps be accounted for in large part by sabotage of DeWitt's campaign by Old Guard Socialists.

The Daily Worker is having a tough time also in for industrial unionism at the 55th supporting its Labor Party ballyhoo by actual cases convention of the A. F. of L. gave of local Labor Party gains in the election, though there are a few such instances. It may be argued trade union progressive for the es- ism. that the traditional oscillation between the Republican and the Democratic party still dominates among the American masses and that a swing to the right with the temporary upturn in business, affects all labor activities. Such factors must not be underestimated. We may ask, however, whether there is not also a realization, partly conscious and partly unconscious, among the advanced workers that Socialist parties, Communist parties turning Social Democratic and projected labor parties born out of the wedlock of the two, do not provide the working class with

an instrument to fight capitalism. The focal point of the class struggle in the U.S. in this period is in the movement for organization in the heavy industries, the battle for genuine indus-

trial unionism in the A. F. of L., the building of the left wing in the unions, support of such struggles against red-baiting reactionary trade union bureaucrats as the one now being waged in Minneapolis.

## Support the Southern Miners

E SUPPORT heartily the proposal advanced L. has chopped up the automobile by John L. Lewis, president of the United industry into half a dozen different Mine Workers, to call out the 400,000 members of the union in a one-day demonstration strike and to ask the entire A. F. of L. to join in, if the murder of striking miners in Alabama and Tennessee does not stop and those who have perpetrated recent killings are not promptly prosecuted. Such a demonstration wulod do more than an ocean of words to put "the fear of God" into bourbon coal operators. It would, moreover, give labor a feeling of its own strength which would have a tremendous effect upon organizing work and upon coming strike struggles in steel, automobiles and other industries.

The NEW MILITANT some weeks ago, however, pointed out that Lewis' own course in the "settlement" of the soft coal strike was exposing his membership in the South to precisely the vicious attack which they now encounter. If Lewis, when 400,000 miners were out solidly had expressed the real desire of the men and demanded settlements in the Southern fields-nation-wide recognition of the right of miners to organize-before any return to work, there would be no murdering of miners down there now.

Let all trade unionists regard the fight of the Southern miners as their own! Pass resolutions protesting against the reign of terror by the coal and for both parties was 117,479 this year as against strike demonstration in support of unionization of 136,522 last year—a drop of 19,043. There is no evi-the Southern coal fields!

encouragement and hope to every for an aggressive, militant union-| got hooked up with Byrd, of the tablishment of a more aggressive Background of the M.E.S.A. and a more militant unionism in The Mechanics Educational Soci-America in the future. But the ety of America is well known to all decisions of the convention gave no automobile workers in the Detroit immediate encouragement to unionarea. It arose on the crest of the ism in the automobile industry. The first strike wave at the inception industrial union struggle may give of the NRA; tied up with mass renewed courage to workers already picket lines all four Briggs plants inside the A. F. of L., by revealing in the Detroit area and held up proto them the possibilities of cleanshave an increasing sympathy for a ing the unions of the rotten and duction of the Ford model for over cowardly bureaucracy that today a month. Basing themselves upon

holds the leadership, but it is althe key men of the industry, the most impossible to rouse the still tool and dye makers, they led a unorganized workers with the series of daring and spectacular an added importance from the repromise of a better unionism in the strikes which electrified the whole cent events in Akron and the com future. labor movement and provided the pany union steel convention in Can-

Workers Split Into Crafts basis for the further organization ton, Ohio. This union originated In Detroit, the shameful scene of of the automobile workers. The during the great days of "union the first constitutional convention American Federation of Labor, building" of Wolman and the Autoof the United Automobile Workers quick to seize the opportunity, sent is still fresh in the memory of the automobile workers. It is enough charters with a liberal hand. After tives to the collective bargaining for them to know that the A. F. of the first major betrayal of the au- board of the Dodge plant, as per

tomobile workers by Collins and Green on March 25 of last year, the bor Board. After a month of this crafts with half a dozen different M.E.S.A. proved too weak to act as unions, one overlapping on the an independent factor and suffered that they could register their comother one, claiming jurisdiction. Because of the timid and cowardly policies of Dillon and Green, the situation has only become more confusing, more involved. Everywhere there is an element of uncertainty, of hesitation. Every move of the automobile International in Detroit bears a temporary, provisional character, as if Dillon himself realized that the last word has not yet been said in automobile

unionism. At Atlantic City there was exstagnating. In Toledo and Clevepressed a certain concern over the recent excursion into the field of have been built up and have reland comparatively strong locals cruited a considerable number of "Labor Party" unionism on the part of the Sage of Port Royal, Father Coughlin. Today, Dillon, just returning from

Evaluation of the Associated Atlantic City, has even greater cause for concern. His office has The Associated Automobile Workjust informed him that three indeers of America has a novel history. pendent unions: the Mechanics Ed- It was first organized as a federal Automobile Workers of America son plant. There the workers, un-(Greer Union) and the Industrial der the careful tutelage of Collins, were initiated into the mysteries of third in yesterday's municipal eleclin Union) have been conducting class collaboration. About a year negotiations for amalgamation. ago the local seceeded from the A. These three bodies have agreed on F. of L. and formed the Associated

duct a referendum vote among with a strong local in the Hudson their respective memberships for plant and a base in several of the Hearst's Examiner, polled 14,267 protesting a wage cut gave further Workers; Representative Sam Bell- ratification. The program of the other Detroit plants. Under the man (F.-L.); Pat Rogers of the new union is understood to be sub- guidance now of their president, stantially the old program of the Arthur E. Greer, they were care Pew. Mick Dunne and Farrell M.E.S.A., which is based upon the fully coached in the spirit of humil-Dobbs of the General Drivers. Joe, recognition of a class struggle in ity; grievances were to be adjusted

## New Pamphlets

We are now embarking on a new program of pamphlet publication to be issued and distributed by the NEW MILITANT business office. The first pamphlet to be published under this arrangement

to his opponent's 102,904 ballots. This pamphlet will retail at 10 cents and party branches should The United Labor Campaign send in their orders right away. "united front" of more than 70 Better yet, any orders paid in advance will speed the actual appearance of this pamphlet. The

Emergence of New Union and Fusion with A.F.L. program of militancy, class strug-TOLEDO, O., Nov. 5.—The fight May Have Far Reaching Effects for Auto Workers gle, a fighting determination to win, and a trade unionism based upon such principles.

**Green Policy Repuises Independents** Under ordinary circumstances. independent unions in their natural evolution would gravitate towards the A. F. of L.; and unless insuperable obstacles were placed in the way of their joining, would become a part of the official family. The A. F. of L., by its size, its prestige, tradition and treasury, is naturally the main attractive force in the trade union field. The fact that these independent unions at Dodge and Hudson are looking instead to an amalgamation independent of the A. F. of L. is striking proof that Collins, Dillon and Green have in the course of a year and a half run through all of their accumulated credit and will now have to take the path of some real, old fashioned organizing in the automobile field or lose all standing in the Detroit in organizers and granted federal workers elected their representa- area.

The emergence of a powerful, aggressive, fighting union in the automobile industry (it is estimated the amalgamated union would number "collective bargaining" they found 40,000) can have a highly salutary effect upon the automobile workers as heavily as the federal unions plaints and had the power to air First, it will clear the field of all themselves. The M.E.S.A. soon their grievances before the manage- the different small independent unrealized that it could not survive ment, but beyond getting a light ions and will eliminate a considerin the industry if it was limited to bulb replaced or a water bubbler able amount of the confusion. Sectool and dye makers; it therefore repaired, their power did not ex- ond, and this is the more important broadened its jurisdiction to in- tend. So having passed through reason, the pressure upon the clude all workers engaged in the all of the devious mazes and wind- treacherous bureaucracy of the A. metal industry at its second con- ings of the New Deal merry-go- F. of L. from within and without vention in Cleveland. Since then it round, they found themselves in will become enormous. With the has had a similar experience to that the same place where they started proper perspective and strategy, the of the A. F. of L. unions. In the from; only more experienced, more possibility will emerge of forming Detroit area the union membership hardened, more suspicious of the a powerful, fighting union through sharply declined and the unions are glib promises of employers and an amalgamation of the independent government officials. Today they union and the A. F. of L. International on the basis of a convention, democratically called, democratically selecting its own officers and commanding jurisdiction over all em-Poor3rdInS.F. maining jurisviction over an all ployees working in or around all automobile and auto parts plants.

> SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 6.—Red-Prin Mason, candidate for mayor Rubber Union fern Mason, candidate for mayor on the Communist Party-controlled United Labor ticket, ran a poor In 2 Hr. Strike

#### By JACK WILSON

AKRON, Ohio, Nov. 11 .- A two-Northern California Newspaper | hour "strike" of all workers in the Guild and ex-music critic for truck tire department at Goodyear votes out of a total 185,566 cast. impetus to the organization drive Others on the United Labor ticket of the United Rubber Workers of received approximately the same America this week.

A special meeting for the truck of George Anderson, candidate for tire builders was held at the Goodyear local hall which resulted in additional members for the union a day after the "strike."

This was the third department in Goodyear which sat down at work while a delegation went to the management to demand a restoration of wage rates in the past Committee, claiming to represent a few weeks.

Two well attended meetings for working class and liberal organiza- all Akron rubber workers were adtions with a total membership of dressed by officials of the United ore than 50,000, nominated a tick- Rubber workers union as each local prepared to resist any company atlist of candidates included Uto- tempts to follow Goodyear's policy Meanwhile the "Big Five" tire manufacturers made a temporary truce in the price war which means they'll reap more profits since they've reduced wages in some departments in the plants.

## Mpls.LaborSlamsUnionBustingCampaign

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represent the workers, to enforce drawn together to fight for militant the contracts with the employers, trade union policies and the reinand to fight for reinstatement in the A. F. of L. The courageous The revocation of the Laundry and clear-cut position maintained by the laundry workers was a bombshell to the Lewis camp, and contributed greatly to the mighty growth of organized opposition against the union breakers which has sprung up in the past few days.

Citizens Alliance Delighted Needless to say, Lewis has found his strongest support from the tion, the notorious Minneapolis

fi teen progressive unions who have | Earl Martin of the Structural Iron Firemen and Oilers; Shorty Destatement of 574 in the A. F. of L. Workers charter was an empty gesture, the charter having been prev-Candy Workers also spoke. This is iously suspended. He has been unthe youngest union in town, having able to make a dent in the iron been born three weeks ago through ranks of the progressive unionists. the efforts of 574. Early this week Daniel Tobin's rep-

resentative, Gillespie, came to town. The meeting did not disband Gillespie, the biggest faker that until after midnight, and was wildever skidded off a Boston oyster ly enthusiastic throughout. When dock, conferred with John Geary of Miles Dunne gave the record of labor-hating employers' organiza- St. Paul, an international official of Local 574, each achievement was the Teamsters Union, and then greeted with a storm of applause. Citizens Alliance. The significance shook his head dolefully. He hur- And when Bill Brown, 574's presiriedly left town, completely bewild- deut, asked for a rising vote of

steel companies! Call for a nation-wide one-day ucational Society, the Associated local of the A. F. of L. in the Hud-Automobile Workers Union (Cougha program and are shortly to con- Automobile Workers of America

# Williams of the recently organized modern society and the necessity by arbitration, etc. Greer finally

local workers even more suspicious against Lewis' protestations of "working for the good of the entire labor movement."

In a statement issued two days ago, the Citizens Alliance "notes with hope and encouragement that the American Federation of Labor, through a personal representative of William A. Green, its president, has announced the determination, even at this late date, to purge the local labor movement of communism and communistic leadership." The Alliance proceeds to bemoan the fact that "it was the leaders of certain local A. F. of L. unions who brought into the picture the forces of the General Drivers Union Local No. 574 and the Workers Party of the United States to forcibly close the ornamental iron plants and the Strutwear Knitting Company," and ends up by pledging to "cooperate to the fullest extent in cleaning up the intolerable conditions existing here."

ered and very pessimistic over the confidence, every worker for a block chances of Lewis to succeed in his around jumped to his feet. A large union-smashing efforts. The truth collection was taken for the "North-

of the matter is that the opposition | west Organizer." It was a thrilling is becoming panic-stricken and demonstration that Green has taken doesn't know what to do. So far, on the toughest job of his career every one of Lewis' shells has when he set out to lick the greatest proved to be a dud. When he reads labor movement Minneapolis has the following it will probably take ever been able to build. the heart right out of him. All

It is apparent that the fight is during the week a stream of unnot in the bag for Green—not by a solicited lists-long, wide and very long ways. The progressive unions dirty-have come in from the 574 haven't won yet, either, but with shop stewards on the job. The lists continued solidarity, this militant were headed something like this: bloc of unions cannot be whipped.

"We don't believe our leaders The fight against Green and his are bad. We think they are good. allies in Minneapolis today is right-We want them and we don't want ly considered to be of even greater any other leaders." Each list significance than the great strike would be signed by every man on struggles of the Minneapolis drivers in 1934. A victory in Minneapolis

On Friday night the greatest will be a mighty blow to Green "neace-time" meeting the Minnea- and all he stands for, and will polis labor movement has seen was bring forward in the struggle every held by the bloc of progressive un- progressive in the entire labor ions in the headquarters of Local movement. 574 intends to carry on 574. The large third-floor auditor- its uncompromising, unrelenting

ium was packed, the crowd over- and bitter fight to drive Meyer Nothing need be added to expose flowed to the second floor and Lewis out of town; it will resist the truly monstrous nature of the spilled out in the streets, where a every attempt to expel good, honest game that Green-Lewis-Tobin are battery of loud speakers carried to fighting union men from the labor playing in Minneapolis today. The them pledges of solidarity with 574 organizations which they have labor fakers have been smothered in the fight against the reaction- helped to build up, and together under this praise from labor's dead- aries. Among the speakers were with its brother progressive unions will seek to rally every force in the Youth Bureau meeting in Oslo for liest enemy, the Citizens Alliance, V. R. Dunne, Bill Brown, Alderman the main body responsible for the L.G. Scott, Rubin Latz, Ace Brewlabor movement in an iron front of refusal to obey the ultimative debloody attacks against the living er business agent of the Musicians; solidarity against those who are mand of the majority of the Secrestandards of the working class. B. Katoski, of the Electrical Workworking to undermine and destroy tariat (S.A.P.; Mot Dag, Swedish Lewis has so far centered his ers Local 160; Robert Bergstrom of labor's organization and to water Youth) that he dissociate himself

the job.

hands and should be out within a couple of weeks. Into its forty-eight pages is crammed a thorough Marxian analysis of imperialist wars. It is entirely up-to-date, dealing with the issues involved in the war in

Ethiopia and the present conflicting imperialist interests that threaten to expand this war into a general world conflagration. The role of the League of Nations, the role of social-patriotism and the agents of social-patriotism in the present war situation is thorough ly dealt with.

In this pamphlet by comrade West we have a veritable arsenal of unassailable Marxian arguments. In sum and substance it plants the banner of revolutionary Marxism right in the teeth of the imperialist war mongers.

I. C. L. Resolution

wholesale price is 7 cents per of war, written by John West. copy for 10 copies or more, with It is already in the printers' special arrangements for special sized orders; but credit will be given only to a limited extent.

It is important to remember, however, that the distribution of this pamphlet is considered a very important part of the party's campaign against war. It must therefore be given the widest possible circulation. Branches would do well by assigning to themselves a definite quota of pamphlets to distribute and set to work without delay.

Other pamphlets are on the schedule and will follow in short order. From comrade Trotsky we receive a promise of manuscript for a pamphlet on the Seventh Comintern Congress. A pamphlet on the A. F. of L., by Arne Swabeck is also in preparation. Others will be ansounced subsequently.

The I.S. points out that simul-

aneously with the expulsion of the

et and drew up a platform. The pians, Epics, liberals, and just as agreed. plain Democrats and C. P. mem-

bers. The platform enumerated 22 demands of a reformist nature, ranging from the elimination of one-man streetcars to the payment of the bonus by Congress.

The United Labor party plans to maintain itself as a permanent organization. The basic program, announced as permanent objectives of the party, contains three major points:

1. For 100 percent unionization of San Francisco. 2. For defense of democratic

rights, and against vigilante terror. 3. For lower taxes.

campaign, the United Labor party season gains weight since only makes no mention of the ultimate through a well-planned strike can aim of the working class: the at- the United Rubber Workers resist tainment of socialism.

The Goodyear workers' "strikes" brought temporary withdrawal of the wage cuts but in each instance the company slyly reduced piece work rates individually in an effort to prevent wide-spread protest.

However, resentment continues to increase among the workers and the union obtains new members..

These developments indicate that the possibility of a strike in the Continuing its policy of the past rubber industry during this peak the rubber barons' ruthless policies

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On October 12, our comrade Held was expelled from the Stockholm Laval, the S.A.P. through its reprefrom the criticism of the I.C.L. of

internationalist revolutionary wing On Youth Bureau of the Socialist Youth of France by the bureaucracy of the S.F.I.O. acting on orders of Stalin and sentative on the Youth Bureau makes an alliance against the I.C.L. with organizations (such as the Mot Dag of Norway) which defend Stalin and the union sacree: the

the Youth Bureau.

I. S. characterizes this as a policy of betrayal. Following the split the I.S. declines all responsibility for the policy of the Stockholm Youth Bureau and calls upon all organizations to protest vehemently against the attitude of the secretariat of the Youth Bureau and to refuse all collaboration with the majority of the secretariat. The I. S. wishes to make the observation to the vouth organizations that this treacherous policy of the S.A.P. in the Youth Bureau is the result of its hostility toward the creation of

the Fourth International, and calls upon all organizations affiliated to

the Youth Bureau to rally to the

Open Letter to all working class

organizations in the world for the

Fourth International and to set to

work for the creation of the youth

sections of the Fourth Internation-