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WAR FLAMES SWEEP ETHIOPIA

Imperialist Robbers Bomb Helpless Natives As Second And Third Internationals Betray Proletariat Into New Slaughter Bureaucrats Remember 1914 Down With Imperialist Warl Iron Workers

CanDefeat Imperialist War

Form Toledo Labor Party For League Can Defeat Imperialist War Market Handle Radicals Barred From All Influence in County Congress

TOLEDO, Ohio, Sept. 30.-Hiding of Ethiopia, the two Internationals tral Labor Union and the Toledo geoisie . . . they seek to surpass have blossomed forth into indepen- to push the workers whom they predent political action. With a con- tend to represent, into a new and glomerate slate of politicians, sup- bloodier slaughter. Both the Socialposedly friendly to labor, conserva- ist and Communist parties of Brit-

tive union officials, and a couple of ain demand-demand-that their Socialists to provide a radical face, government apply sanctions against the Congress, which is completely Italy . . . they can hardly wait for dominated by the craft union offi- the blood bath. cialdom, is attempting to gain control of the local city government in and glory of the Second Internationthe next election as a "labor" tick- al now that the German Social et.

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Boasting a program of various has just voted for war, twenty to municipal reforms, the Congress is one! George Lansbury, the aged attempting to rally the support of pacifist leader of the Labor Party organized labor, liberals and re- rose at the congress and said: "I formers.

The local union leadership is takof the local A. F. of L. and Railof another race. road Brotherhood officialdom. Organizations like the Lucas County Unemployed League, and independent organizations like the M.E.S.A. and the Toledo Newspaper Guild ally. were specifically excluded from representation in the Congress. The local Workers Alliance is included in the Congress as a "safe" organization.

Union bureaucrats, such as Otto

Even as the first blood has been shed on the mountanous plateaus

WarMoves

NATIONAL COMMITTEE, WORKERS PARTY OF THE U. S., NEW YORK, OCT. 4. 1. The armies of Italian Fascism, after months

behind the innocuous nom-de-plume of betrayal, the Second and the of deliberate preparation, have now launched their of the Lucas County Congress for Third, hasten to conclude the last attack upon the Ethiopian peoples. Driven by the Political Action, the Toledo Cen- terms of their pact with the bour- intolerable strains of internal social and economic contradictions. Mussolini and the Italian bourgeoisie locals of the Railroad Brotherhoods even the capitalists in their anxiety seek a solution in open imperialist aggression against the last of the independent nations of Africa.

> 2. The outbreak of war in Africa demonstrates that the conflicts of world imperialism have reached the stage of armed struggle for a re-making of boundaries, and a re-division of territories and colonial possessions. Though the Italian campaign in Ethiopia may not lead immediately and directly to a world struggle of the imperialist powers, this delay can

The British Labor Party, the hope prove no more than temporary. The war in Ethiopia must be understood as the prelude to the new imperialist world war. Democracy has been led into the pit,

Expose the Bandit I eague

3. In the preparation for the Italian seizure of Ethiopia, the League of Nations has once more demcannot believe-nay it is impossible onstrated beyond any possible doubt its true role. The

to believe-that there should be any- | League is not in any sense whatever "the defender of ing no chance that genuine radical one in this assembly who could up preace. It is the road and prevention in the hold the opinion that there could maneuvering of the dominant imperialist powers. one in this assembly who could up peace." It is the legal and hypocritical cover for the influences will have any voice in the be a pretext-even that of counter- Since Ethiopia first invoked League assistance on Congress, and is seeing to it that be a pretext-even that of counter Since Eulogia must interest the served to attacking-to throw bombs and dead-December, 1934, the negotiations have served to ly gas on the women and children permit uninterrupted preparation for the war by Italy, and to deter defensive preparation by Ethiopia.

"I cannot see any difference be-The League has been utilized above all to serve the tween massacre organized by the ends of British imperialism. Behind its cover, the League of Nations and massacre agents of Great Britain, France and Italy have hagorganized by the nations individu- gled over the price in terms of treaties, guarantees, protection, and territories, which each was willing to A Song and a Vote pay to preserve its own interests. The threat of Says the New York Post: "Thund- League sanctions has been made not to save Ethiopia

erous applause and spontaneous -which the League report itself offered to sacrifice shouts of 'For he's a jolly good -but to safeguard British colonial possessions and Fellow' greeted the seventy-six year lines of communication, and to try to close the open-

STATEMENT OF THE THIRD PLENUM OF THE exception, is the political instrument of the class enemy, the first and implacable enemy of that na-The Ethiopian butchery begins tion's proletariat. The revolutionary party can make no distinction between "good" and "bad" capitalist states. It is the enemy of every capitalist state, to the death.

7. At the outbreak of the last imperialist war, eration by betraying the working class to the class land, the British Labour Party, by calling for govern- civilization. ment applied sanctions and the closing of the Suez Canal, once again takes the position of national unity -that is, solidarity with the class enemy-before the

war danger, and of fully developed social-patriotism. In France, the leaders of the S.F.I.O. have taken the same position-to defend the interests of the bourgeoisie against "Hitler aggression," and now to "implement the League Covenant" by government sanctions. In August, the Executive Committee of the Africans, have given up their lives ful attempts to open the factory Socialist and Labour International adopted a pro- in the last century-the right of with scabs had been defeated by gram of full-blooded social-patriotism.

struggle against the Second International.

Combat Social Patriotism

8. During the past year, the Communist Internal fore the Italian advance, concentional has passed from a policy which weakened and trating around the town of Adowa, disorientated the revolutionary struggle against war scene of one of the only successful to an active espousal of the policies of class truce and stands against an all-embracing social-patriotism. By the Franco-Soviet Pact, the imperialist civilization in the his-Stalin-Laval communique, the conduct of the Soviet tory of the last century, in 1898-Union in the League during the development of the to make another attempt to beat off Ethiopian crisis, and above all by the Seventh Con- the Italian Fascist vampires. unmasked as the heir of social-democracy's betraval depend Communist International prepares the sacrifice of the working class on the altar of imperialism.

Victorious in Minreapolis 74 Day Battle in Which

Two Were Killed Comes to End

with the corpses of hundreds of na-MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.-The 74tive men, women and children torn to pieces by bombs rained down on day strike seige of the Minneapolis the helpless and poverty stricken metal workers centering around hovels of Adigiat and Adowa. The the Flour City Ornamental Iron the Second International revealed its internal degen- great civilizing mission of the mod- Works has come to a victorious ern Caesar begins with his Italian conclusion. During this memorable enemy, by espousing the cause of national defense and son-in-law dropping T.N.T. from battle the bosses and the Farmerpatriotism, by a truce with the bourgeoisie in the planes on the uncivilized natives to Labor city administration tried interests of "national unity," by going over to social give them a first lesson in the every single trick known to labor patriotism and social-chauvinism. Already, before amenities of capitalist culture. And haters, everything from "conciliathe outbreak of the new war, the leaders of the So- the torn and broken bodies of the tion" to the outright murder of uncialist and Labour International have announced a first victims in this senseless war, ion men. The union has stood firm repitition of the betrayal, are already preparing to killed in cold blood without chance through a barrage of paid adverturn over their following to the war-makers. In Eng- of reply, are the first lessons in tisements in the yellow press, injunctions from the lackey courts,

Mud Hovels

With machine guns, artillery, strikebreaker thugs and gunmen, tanks, and airplanes the "courag- police in armored cars, "impartial boards," red scares, etc. eous" Italian generals advance

workers Several weeks ago two against a practically unarmed horde were killed and many wounded of natives swarming to the defense of those rights for which thousands when the Farmer-Labor mayor orof Chinese, thousands of Indians, dered his lawless police to attack of Mohammedans, of Boers, of the pickets, after many unsuccessnational peoples to live outside the their vigilance. But this provoca-The struggle against imperialist war means the crushing yoke of British, French, tion, like all others, only reinforced the strikers' determination to win Italian, and American imperialism. and enlisted the sympathy of the The first reports indicate that whole working class of Minneapolis. the Ethiopians are retreating be-Then Mayor Latimer tried another attack, setting up what became his Employer-Employee board, a pale attempt to mask reactionaries and labor fakers as impartial arbitrat-

Terms of Agreement

Cutting through all red tape the strikers negotiated with the real gress of the C. I., the Communist International stands The outcome of the war does not forces, the Citizens Alliance in the

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U., are backing the move, as they to one to support League Sanctions aggression. believe it will not compromise them against Italy-to support the present with the old-time political machines agent of British imperialism, the with which they have been cooper- League of Nations, in any measures ating for years. Since the elections it may take...not pledging to suppermit only "non-partisan" candi- port, but urging the League to "take dates, they feel safe in endorsing action." Thus lightly these jolly

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'Militant Socialist' Program Hedges on the Question of War

(By the Editorial Board)

A revolutionary program on which to unite: this for years has been, and still continues to be, the basic need of the left wing currents in the Socialist Party. This fundamental task has been constantly avoided by intervene in the later stages of the world struggle, the "Militant" Socialist leaders, who are a heterogeneous combination when the other powers are mutually exhausted, to which must break up once faced with the fundamental questions of working class theory and strategy. The first "Militant" program, hurriedly gotten up within a few days of the June, 1934 convention, was the work of a few individuals; it was quietly scrapped at the convention for the sake of an unprincipled alliance with Hoan and Thomas, and was never heard of again.

Now that their 1934 alliance has come to grief (which was a fore- against the right wing; and that gons conclusion, predicted by us a struggle can only be conducted on year ago, and did damage only to the foundation of a genuinely revthe potential left wing which was olutionary program.

never built because of the alliance), We shall, in a series of articles the "Militants" are again under on the new "Militant" program, pressure to produce a program. publish its essential sections in full, Characteristically, the new pro- giving an analysis of its merits and gram, again the work of one or shortcomings on the key questions two individuals, was presented at confronting the working class. We the recent "Socialist Call" Institute do so in a spirit of collaboration without any decisive action being with those revolutionary Socialists taken on it; it was referred back who are seeking the revolutionary to an editorial committee together way out of capitalst chaos. with all comments and criticisms. Our first article deals with the Equally characteristic, the draft problem, fundamental at all times. program has been distributed only but especially today when the imto a select few; it has been pub perialist hordes are already at the lished nowhere; the rank and file frontiers and on the seas; the probin the Socialist Party are in no lem which above all faces the youth way involved in a broad discussion who will be its chief victims: War. of what the finished program should * * * contain. One is startled by the extreme

brevity and abstractness of the pro-Yet only a very few months remain before the election of dele. grammatic outline of the "Miligates to the next biennial conven tants'" intentions in war. A single preparation for support of the "peace-loving nations" tion of the Socialist Party! 'The paragraph to say how war should "Militants" vacillate, while the be fought! Not a single direct ref-Old Guard, having re-established erence to the shameful past and peace-loving as opposed to war-loving capitalist naits prestige by the capitulation to even more shameful present posi- tions, like the idea that one or another nation is it of the N.E.C. majority, prepare tion of the Second International as "guilty" in an imperialist war, is at best formalistic to complete their victory at the con- a whole! This terrible weight of ethical sentimentality, not political realism. The vention. There is very little time past and present which, visibly beleft for the genuine left wing forces fore our eyes, is dragging the So- ture of world capitalism, operating within all nations. to gather strength for the struggle (Continued on Page 2)

Immediately after- ing for Germany in Central Europe. The League of Brach, secretary of the Toledo C.L. wards the assembly voted twenty Nations is the agency, not of peace, but of imperialist

The struggle against imperialist war demands the unremitting exposure of the role of the League of Nations.

4. No less than the European powers is U.S. imperialism bound by the iron chain of cause and effect to the events in Africa and to the new world conflict which they herald. The sentimental dream of U.S. isolation, Roosevelt's promises that the U.S. will remain "free and untangled," have no more force than the unctuous phrases of Wilson in 1916. The U. S. will, on the contrary, play the dominant and decisive role in the new imperialist struggle. Behind its pacifist covering, the Roosevelt government is pouring more funds into its war machine than any other nation in the world. Both navy and army are constructed on a purely offensive strategic basis. The U. S. bourgeoisie, waiting and preparing, expects to achieve the world domination of U.S. finance-capital. The struggle against imperalist war is above all the struggle against U.S. imperialism.

Against Stalinist Betrayal

5. The U.S.S.R. cannot avoid implication in the world conflict. The very life of the workers' state is threatened by the approach of war. A central task of the struggle against imperialist war is the defense of the U.S.S.R. But, in the last analysis, this defense can be based only upon the revolutionary advance of

the international proletariat. Stalinist diplomacy, on the contrary, to an ever increasing degree, serves solely to disorient the international proletariat, break upe the struggle against imperialist war, and thus undermine the real defense of the U.S.S.R. Basing itself not upon the international working class, but upon military pacts with bourgeois states, upon diplomatic deals, appeals to pacifist and liberal anti-war sentiment, and the maneuvers of the League, Soviet foreign policy promotes the most disastrous illusions in the minds of the workers, and acts in effect to further the interests of French and British imperialism. The struggle against imperialist war requires the constant exposure of the foreign policy of Stalinism. 6. One of the most dangerous illusions fostered by the diplomacy of the Soviet Union, in company with demoralized liberals, reformists, and pacifists of all shades, is the notion that the world is now divided between "peace-loving democratic" nations and "warloving fascist" nations. This notion is part of the in the coming war. Marxism rejects and dispels this illusion or any form of it. The idea that there are causes of war are to be found in the internal struc-

The national state of every capitalist nation, without

where the relentless struggle against Stalinism.

9. Throughout the world the only organized forces conducting and advocating the revolutionary struggle against imperialist war are the parties and groupings of the Fourth Internationalists. The Workers Party of the U.S. carries on this struggle in the closest solidarity with its comrades in all countries.

Against the betrayers, the Workers Party rejects every form of social-patriotism and social-chauvinism; it rejects every conception of national unity and national defense; it rejects all ideas of truce with the bourgeois state, democratic or fascist; it exposes the role of the League of Nations as the pawn of the imperialist member states; it rejects the sentimental illusions of pacifists and petty bourgeois liberals; above all it directs its attacks against the enemy at home, against U.S. imperialism.

The Workers Party places no reliance on the "peaceful" intentions of bourgeois-democratic nations, nor upon spineless "united fronts" of liberals, ministers, bourgeois women's clubs and "anti-war" professionals

Defend Ethiopian People

The Workers Party calls for the defense of the Ethiopian peoples against Italian aggression, for the defense of the U.S.S.R., for unremitting struggle against the coming imperialist war. But for this defense and this struggle, the Workers Party calls at the same time for the sole means by which they can be, in fact, conducted; for the independent and autonomous action of the working class. It is the international working class, especially the Italian working class, together with the oppressed colonial peoples, who are the true allies of the Ethiopian peoples-not "peace-loving" Britain, nor the League of Nations, nor Stalin-Laval, nor Roosevelt, nor their own Christian Emperor and semi-feudal chieftains. It is the independent sanctions of the working class, its own and trades-unions. Not a single Francisco Mateo Escaiona was virboycotts, strikes, defense funds, mass demonstrations workers' headquarters was left tually murdered, dying from the that can aid the battles of the Ethiopian peoples, not open. Every labor party and trade beatings and tortures inpicted by the sanctions of finance-capital and its puppet states. union was outlawed. Arrests and the police. Comrade Naftali' Pern-And likewise for the defense of the U.S.S.R. and the sentences by emergency tribunals as, of the Directory of the Universstruggle against the approaching world war, it is marked the conclusive blow of this ity, was savagely tortured after his only the independent action of the working class to- bloody Thermidor. Thousands of arrest. Comrades Ramirez Cossio gether with its allies under its leadership which gives workers, students and intellectuals and Pablo Cano are ill in their cells, hope to the working and exploited masses-a struggle were given sketchy trials, and mon-victims too of mistreatment and not in collaboration with the bourgeoisie through the strous sentences. The mere suspi- torture. A devoted leader of the

on the issue of war, announcing itself as ready to do vidual battles but upon the staying concluded provides for the return the hangman's job of turning over the proletariat of power of the Ethiopians. If they of all strikers to their former posi-England, France and the U.S. to their national bour- can keep the field, constantly har- tions; for wages close to the unions geoisie in the coming war, in return for paper prom- rass the Italian army, retreat with- original demand varying from 45 to ises of protection for the borders of the Soviet Union. out engaging in hopeless battles, 67 cents per hour; for the forty In England, the Communist party applauds the posi-split the Italian army and fight it hour week; time and a half for over tion of the Labour Party; in France, the Communist in pieces, they can exhaust not only time, etc. The agreement may be party supports enthusiastically the worst betrayals the army, but more important the reopened anytime during the next of Blum and Herriot; and throughout the world the Italian nation and the Fascist re- thirty days-men discharged before gime, which embarked on this war, the strike for union activity are to in the first place, as a last resort to bakers' union. Crescencio Freire, The struggle against imperialist war means every- bolster a tottering economy and an be reinstated. The settlement covers explosive political situation. **Continued on Page 3**

> N.P.L.D. Aids Cuban Workers In Struggle against Terror Rule

A terrible picture of the terror | soever in the strike was punished waged against the Cuban masses by the American-controlled dictatorship, and an appeal to Ameri-' can trade unions for solidarity against their common oppressors, is contained in a letter just received by the Non-Partisan Labor Defense from the Committee Pro-Amnesty for Social and Political Prisoners, on which is represented every important political and trade union organization of Cuba. including the Hayana and National Federations of Labor, the Communist party, the Bolshevik-Leninist party, and the National Revolutionary party of former president Grau San Martin.

In response to this letter, the N.P.L.D. has appointed a special Committee on Cuba, of which Anita Brenner, well-known writer on Latin-America, is chairman. A campaign to aid to the struggle for amnesty has been launched. The letter gives a graphic pic-

ture of the Cuban terror: "After the strike last March, the She died a victim of the sentence entire police-system of the Governimposed on her by an Emergency ment nlunged into systematic perse-Tribunal, with no concrete proofs cusion of all revolutionary parties against her. Our brave militant

cion of having taken any part what-

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condemn the accused. In Santiago de Cuba young Jaime Greinstein (tried under the name of Angulo Terry) was condemned, with no concrete proofs against him, and ordered shot. This was done in order to terrorize and silence the protests of a people not satisfied to be the eternal sacrificial lamb. The simplest, most rudimentary civil rights-free speech, free assembly, and so on-were destroyed with machine guns, machetes, and inquisitorial trial-and-sentence methods. Savage Persecutions "These methods are functioning

by jail terms of years. Any accu-

sation, proved or unproved, made

by any police agent anxious to gain

rewards and credits, was enough,

before the Emergency Tribunals, to

still. The Reaction follows an as-

cending curve of refinement in the savagery of its persecution. Recently our comrade Georgima Gutierrez, member of a workers' party, died in prison after weeks of agony.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1935 PAGE 2 NEW MILITANT WAR AND THE "MILITANT" SOCIALISTS LEFT Comments **On Life. Liberty** use the term, "against national de-Purposely Vague Program Sows Many Dangerous use the term, "against national de-fense," without explicitly and by Program of the "Militants" and Pursuit of name differentiating oneself from Illusions Among Workers Ranks the Bauers and Zyromskis on the Happiness (Extracts from the new program presented at the Socialist one hand and the Stalinists on the Call Institute at Bound Brook, N. J.) countries either actually participate ther. The omission of this explic-(Continued from Page 1) "The World War was not an accidental occurrence, but was cialist masses into the imperialist in oppressing colonies (British La- itness is not accidental; last year, By BILL REICH logical, an inevitable outcome of imperialist rivalries. The imperialthe "Militants" (represented by camp-this lays a special responsi- bor Party, German Socialism, MEN OF GOD ... ist world aligned itself into two camps, with Great Britain and Gerbility upon a group claiming to be French Socialists of the coalition Krueger) united with the Bauers President Roosevelt appeals to many heading them. The war was not fought for "democracy", for revolutionary Socialists to break, cabinets, etc.), or make freedom of and Zyromskis in a so-called interthe "rights of small nations," or for "civilization." It was fought the clergy for advice in solving the in the fullest and most concrete the colonies contingent on socialism national left wing; they still lean for territory, for markets, for sources of raw materials, and for fields nation's social and economic probterms, with the perfidious war pro- in the home country. The colonial on these chauvinists internationalfor investments-in short, to determine which group of imperialists lems and for its opinion regarding grams of the Socialist parties. There question is closely bound up with |1y; they fear to break openly, funhis Social Security legislation. is another and equally important the theory of the state; whoever damentally, with these treacherous was to dominate and exploit the world and its toilers. "The defeat of Germany and the adoption of the Versailles Treaty Among the replies were: Rev. G. reason why left wing Socialists are does not declare his support of colpseudo-revolutionists. But those Philipps Payson, Westchester, N. did not end imperialist rivalry. On the contrary, a new and more under obligation to treat fully and onial wars has scarcely approached who will not break with chauvinintense rivalry was born, wrich could not be hidden by the setting Y., "I don't approve of the thing." adequately the war question: that the Marxian theory of the nature of ists in peacetime, will scarcely do up of the League of Nations. The loot which fell to the victorious . . Rabbi Stephen Goldstein, New so in war. They might have inis, that since the World War var- the state. ious Socialist groups, while remain- REVOLUTIONARY DEFEATISM nations was insufficient to restore their super-profits. The slow but York, "The President recognizes cluded in their program a categorthat the churches and synagogues ing essentially in the same camp are deeply concerned over social with the patriots, have developed a olutionary defeatism." One of the steady fall in the rate of profit compels the imperialist groups to seek ical statement that, in the event of new and less exploited markets, thus constantly coming into conflict, a military alliance between America mitts. conditions. The ministers of Amer- multitudinous variety of confusing greatest theoretical contributions of and the Soviet Union, they would not only with their 'esemies,' but also with their 'allies.' So long as ica are in close touch with the the capitalist system remains, it will give birth to more and more formulations which obscure their the October Revolution was the expose the treacherous aims of the Worker, Sept. 26: devastating wars. Since the close of the World War, there has been people who suffer most." . . . Rev. real position. A left wing program policy of preparing for it by work-U. S. and seek to replace the capian uninterrupted series of small wars. The rearming of Germany, E. A. Falmquist, Philadelphia, "If worthy of the name would have to ing for the defeat of Czarist Russia, talist state by a workers' regime the Italian aggression against Ethiopia. Japan's seizure of Manchuria the President really wants advice, distinguish itself from these and through disintegration of the army, which alone could make a loyal aland Northern China, and her activities against the Soviet Union, the the clergy would tell him. by and break with them. We shall deal sabotage, etc. Defeat in war underliance with the Soviet Union. Why large, to work for the restoration of with these below. endeavor of the fascist rulers of Germany to provoke an attack upon mines the prestige of the capitalist did the "Militant" leaders omit the Soviet Union, indicate that a new World War is more imminent The abstractness of the "Mili- class and facilitates its overthrow; the Eighteenth Amendment, to balthis? Why did they stick to the tant" program is particularly repel- by that token, "revolutionary degenerality which also covers Zyrance the budget and to forget the and dangerous than ever. "Only the overthrow of Capitalism can put an end to the constan alphabet," . . . Rev. Dr. John Tim- lent. Let us recall the first pro- featism' becomes a necessary workomski and Bauer? Note that the othy Stone, Chicago, "What I am gram of scientific socialism, the ing class policy in war. "If a war "Militants" do not even include a threat of war forever." (Page 2) going to do for the President is to Communist Manifesto of Marx and breaks out," says the "Militant" specific denunciation of the doctrine "The Socialist Party is opposed to all imperialist wars, and will pray for him because he needs it." Engels. It was written with an program, the Socialists "will conof "defense of democracy against do all in its power to prevent them. It can find no reason why the .. Rabbi Dr. Louis Mann, Chicago, immediate eye to the coming revo- tinue to fight it." These are radical fascist countries" under which the "I shall express the hope that the lutions of 1848; it concretely set words; but any bourgeois pacifist workers of a capitalist nation should support their government in a pseudo-lefts of European social dewar under any circumstances. It is opposed to social-chauvinism, administration should speak in no tied accounts with all other claim- can and does use them. One of the mocracy hide their chauvinism. In communo-chauvinism, or the theory of national defense. It will fight uncertain terms of its loyalty to ants to socialist strategy. The chief distinguishing marks between this connection, note that the "Miliagainst militarism, armaments, military appropriations and military the constitution and its reverence "Militant" program is written when pacifists and revolutionists is the tants'" description of the present alliances and treaties If a war breaks out it will continue to fight pression." for the Supreme Court." . . . Dr. the question of war is the most declaration for revolutionary dewar danger, where it becomes conit. It will work for a general strike to paralyze the conduct of the Cutten, President of Colgate Uni- important question of the epoch; featism. crete, lists only the activities of war. It will urge solidarity with the workers in the 'enemy' country, WAR AND REVOLUTION versity, "Nothing could threaten the when the most important immedi-Germany, Japan, Italy, precisely and will take advantage of the mass opposition to war to work for race as seriously as social legisla- ate task is utmost clarity in prepar-4. No hint that the workers' revthe "bad" capitalist powers singled tion. It is begging the unfit to be ation for the war. Those are pun-Socialism and a workers and farmers government." (Page 8) olution is the answer to imperialist out by Socialist and Stalinist chaumore unfit and inviting the fit to dits, indeed, who can settle the war. We do not refer here to the vinists, and does not mention the join the ranks of the unfit. Old question so summarily! general doctrine that only socialism equally war-like activities of France STATEMENT OF THE OWNERwill put an end to war; that doc and Great Britain, to say nothing the conduct of the war." This slogan is alien to Lenin's SHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULAage insurance removes one of the * * * But it is precisely in order not trine is perfectly acceptable to the of the most rapacious of all the imteachings on war. It is quite in TION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE points of pressure which has kept many persons up to the strife and to settle the question, that it is most pernicious pacifists who infest perialist powers, the United States. ACT OF CONGRESS OF struggle."... Rev. Julian McPheet-dealt with so summarily. Brevity the working class. We refer here San Francisco "I would like in an international burn and the particular of the spirit of Devere Allen's pacifism, which was embodied in the Detroit **MARCH 3. 1933** ers, San Francisco, "I would like is employed here only to obscure to the doctrine that, as Lenin de-BETRAYERS Declaration of Principles; it is not Of the New Militant, published went the "oppressed Jewish minorto have the President call a day of the fact that the "Militants" in- clared, the slogan of revolution by 6. No exposure of other Socialist complementary to, but a substitute weekly at New York, N. Y. for Oct. ity," Palestine, Biro-Bijan, to say prayer of all religious groups to clude anti-revolutionary elementsturning the imperialist war into opponents of a revolutionary policy for the Leninist program of defeat- 1, 1935. State of New York, County nothing of the Freiheit and the seek the hand of God in guiding pacifists of all shades, not to men- civil war, becomes the chief slogan on war. Especially with the rise of of New York. Forwards. ism and civil war. men. I would suggest that the tion a few social-patriots. Let us of the revolutionary party once war fascism, and the consequent crisis Before me, a Notary Public in MYTH VERSUS REALITY President remain true to the con- list some of the fallacies of the begins; that the war, creating the It is part of the very definition of and for the State and county aforewithin the social democracy, there immediate possibilities of the destitution."... "Militant" program. have arisen numerous centrist shad a war situation that proletarian re- said, personally appeared Arne feat of the given nation, puts the . . . PACIFISM ings: Henri de Man's followers put a war stance has been broken by propa- Swabeck, who, having been duly gimme the Daily Worker. 1. No mention of pacifism. No revolution on the order of the day; DOLLAR DIPLOMACY ... the bourgeoisie will support, they ganda, betrayal by leaders, passivity sworn according to law, deposes and "Dollar diplomacy is no longer hint of the yeoman's work for im- that, above all in the midst of war will repay by defending the father- etc. Part of the preparation for says that he is the business managrecognized by the United States perialism contributed by the paci- the revolution must obviously take land from fascist countries. Swiss, war is the destruction of potential er of the New Militant and that the government," piously proclaims fists in the last war, and undoubt- the form of stark civil war. Not a Czecho-Slovak and other Socialists resistance by the workers. That following is, to the best of his know-President Roosevelt. . . . The Batis- edly to be repeated again. We re- hint of all this from the "Milithere is a war danger today means | ledge and belief, a true statement ta regime in Cuba could not last a fer not only to the fact, so clearly tants." All we get from them is the Stalinists too since the Seventh that the German and Austrian labor of the ownership, management (and month without the backing of the established by the last war, that the very abstract statement that the Stallings too since the seventh organizations have been smashed, if a daily paper, the circulation), Herriot and Daladier, there has U. S. . . . Liberal Senators Wheeler pacifists go over to the war-makers they "will take advantage of the which Socialists should defend—as and that with the aid of Stalinism etc., of the aforesaid publication for

and Nye journey to Havana to make and put their past prestige at the mass opposition to war to work for arrangements for collecting the in- service of war. We refer also to Socialism," etc. Since presumably terest on a \$40,000,000 Cuban loan the fact that "social-pacifism," as they also take advantage of mass of the Chase National Bank. . . . exemplified by Adler and Kautsky, opposition to the various forms of American gunboats patrol the Yang- renders impotent sections of the capitalist oppression in peacetime, tze River as far as the Standard masses who would be untouched by "to work for Socialism," there is Oil concessions in central China. . , the outright patriotism of the Van- here no hint of the uniqueness of American capital controls more derveldes and Scheidemanns. Not the opportunity created by war than two-thirds of Mexican indus- a word of this in the "Militant" which, when combined with defeattry. . . . The Gulf Oil Co. literally program. Who among yourselves ism, actually puts the revolution on dictates the policies of the Venezu- | are you shielding, "Militant" lead- | the order of the day. elan government. . . . U. S. Mar- ers? ines stand ready to intervene in the

affairs of any Central American nation at a moment's notice. . . . * * *

NATIONAL DEFENSE 5. No clarification of the ques-PROGRESSIVE WARS 2. No mention of progressive tion of "national defense." The wars. Revolutionists are not only program declares its opposition to THE "GENERAL STRIKE" MYTH not pacifists because pacifism is im- it, and this, taken in conjunction

of the imperialists, are criticized by the "Militant" program.

Europe which is not part of one or workers of England and France required by the Act of March 3, another imperialist war machine! have been made ready to support 1933, embodied in section 537, Pos-There is the religious pacifism of "their" democratic governments. No tal Laws and Regulations, printed Lansbury in England—which is so imperialist nation would dream of on the reverse of this form, to wit: unobjectionable to the outright war until this necessary precondi- 1. That the names and addresschauvinists that they insist he re--and which so pervades the Socialis sheer poppycock.

At the beginning and in the first St., N.Y.C.; Managing Editor, James period of the war, the capitalist P. Cannon, 55 E. 11th St., N.Y.C.; **THE "GENERAL STRIKE" MYTH** 7. We have dealt with six major such scattered proletarian opposi-55 E. 11th St., N.Y.C. JABS

CHAMPION OF TWO WORLDS .

Joe Louis' jabbing left and powerful right not only left Max Baer kneeling on the canvas last Tuesday but incidentally knocked out "God." Yes Sir, Father Divine, "God" to thousands of his dupes and leading C. P. United Fronter, has been knocked clean out of his position as chief Stalinist hope for gaining a foothold in Harlem and replaced by Joe Louis himself. The Daily Worker is ready to make a 'people's front" broad enough to include Mrs. Hearst's Milk Fund in support of the fight racket if only they can bask for a moment in the reflected glory of Louis' powerful

Just listen to this from the Daily

"To them (Harlem fight celebrants) Joe Louis' volley of powerful right hand drives and left jabs to Baer's jaw and body were as so many blows against an oppressing nationality, against Jim Crow suppression and persecution of the Negro people in their struggle for unconditional equality, for national liberation. . . . The Jewish boxer, Baer, himself a member of an oppressed minority, had become, by virtue of the hopes placed in his fistic ability by white chauvinist elements, the symbol of Negro op-

Apparently behind the fight on that historic Tuesday evening at the Yankee Stadium lurked a diabolical plot. The Bosses put up "Jewish Oppressed Minority" Baer to battle against "Self Determina-

tion for the Negroes" Louis. It was heads I win and tails you lose with the Bosses. If Baer wondown went "self determination." If Baer bit the dust, as he did, bang

Gallico, Runyon and Pegler may write racier accounts · of sports events but for the "people's angle"

Since the French Stalinists have formed the People's Front and enrolled as comrades in arms no less than two former French Premiers, been keen competition among the which socialists should delend—as and the Socialist chauvinists the the date shown in the above caption, Stalinists in the U.S. to see who would be first to organize a similar "People's Front" in the U.S. Olgin, not content with small game, sent up a trial balloon for a united people's front with Hoover. Considering the scarcity of ex-Presimain chairman of the Labor Party! opposition had been fulfilled. Hence ing editor, and business managers dents in the U.S. as compared with ex-premiers in France, that was a -and which so pervades the Social "paralyze the conduct of the war" lishing Co., 55 E. 11th St., N.Y.C.; bold step by Olgin. Its failure Editor, James P. Cannon, 55 E. 11th should not be held against him. It was a good try but, as they say in baseball, the breaks were against him. Next came Browder in his famous interview to the World-PREVAILING WAGES ... not pacinists because pacifism is im-potent before imperialist war; with the previous sentence, which Bitter strikes of relief workers in New York, Pennsylvania, Ala-a revolutionary war is just as much

bama and elsewhere were necessary a means of proletarian policy as an any conditions, undoubtedly takes which is false in to establish prevailing wage rates uprising. We support unreservedly the "Militants" out of the class of pects. The failure to mention pacon WPA projects in opposition to the wars of workingclass states the masked chauvinists like Otto ifism and progressive wars, the the President's "security" wage against capitalist states; we sup- Bauer, Dan and Zyromski. But omission of the doctrines of revoluscale.... In Puerto Rico the "secur- port the wars of colonial and semi- since these latter also declare them- tionary defeatism and civil war, the ity" wage of \$19 a month is higher colonial peoples against their im- selves against national defense and avoidance of criticism of the varithan prevailing rates. Heeding the perialist oppressors. Especially is simultaneously support French im- ous false Socialist war programsprotests of plantation owners, Hop- it important for left wing Socialists perialism against Germany; since all this necessarily flows from the kins and Ickes, famous liberals, is- to enunciate this doctrine, in the the Stalinists do likewise and yet utter falsity of the slogan enuncisue an order withdrawing the face of the myriad forms by which disclaim the doctrine of national de ated by the "Militants" of working monthly security wage from U. S. Socialist parties in the imperialist fense, it has become impossible to "for a general strike to paralyze

territories in favor of prevailing rates. . . . * * *

JURISPRUDENCE . . .

Fifty-six patriotic lawyers, handsomely paid by the Liberty League, have prepared a \$100,000 brief which has been sent to 4,500 corporations and which will enable any third-rate local lawyer to obstruct the operation of New Deal coast to coast tour on October 15, labor legislation. . . E. F. Reed, which will last until December 13 for Wierton Steel, announces a new in the country. He will speak on legal practice: "When a lawyer various current topics, the Seventh tells a client that a law is unconstitutional, it is then a nullity and he need no longer obey that law." ... Thirteen Missouri farmers were sentenced to one to three years in prison for opposing a federal farm foreclosure sale and preventing the eviction of a destitute family. . . In pronouncing sentence, Judge Albert Reeves stated, "Your action is dangerously near to treason and certainly rebellion and insurrection." . . . With the sanction of bishops and priests, Al Smith at the Eucharistic Congress establishes the divine right of property: "The right to hold property is a Godgiven right and the Constitution of the United States declares it is a God-given right." . . . * * *

Brownsville Lecture "The Seventh Congress of the Communist International" Speaker: **James P. Cannon** Friday, Oct. 11th, 1935-at 8 P.M. 1776 Pitkin Avenue-near Stone

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Schedule of Tour Philadelphia-Tuesday, October 15. Pittsburgh-Wednesday, October 16. New Castle—Thursday, October 17. Cleveland-Saturday, October 19. Toledo-Sunday, October 20. Detroit-Monday, October 21. Chicago-Tuesday to Sunday, Oct.

Davenport-Monday, October 28. Austin-Tuesday, October 29. Albert Lea-Wednesday, October 30. tions for the coming N.U.L. conven-

Oct. 31-Nov. 2. Fargo—Sunday, November 3. Williston—Tuesday, November 5. Plentywood-Wednesday, Nov. 6. Salt Lake City-Saturday, Nov. 9. San Francisco-Monday to Wednes day, Nov. 11-13.

Kansas City-Tuesday, December 3. ate an open forum. St. Louis-Wednesday, December 4. Springfield-Thursday, December 5. Akron-Sunday, December 8. Pittsburgh-Monday, December 9.

Washington-Thursday, Dec. 12. Allentown-Friday, December 13. groups will also join the local committee. A. F. L. CONVENTION REPORT IN NEXT NEW MILITANT

gin in Atlantic City, N. ., get a cational program has begun consist-copy of the next issue of the NEW ing of a study class on Tuesday the hilt. MILITANT. We expect to have a evenings and a public forum every reporter present at the sessions, Friday with a national speaker who will give the NEW MILITANT once a month. readers a first-hand account of the

JOIN THE WORKERS PARTY.

general strike to paralyze war is a 11th St., N.Y.C. myth; a vicious myth, for it sows the worst kind of illusions since it gives no hint of the fact that such a "general strike" can only have meaning if it is in reality, preparatory to an armed insurrection.

The Washington, D.C. branch is The revolution which comes in the offering splendid cooperation to Arnold Johnson, the Secretary of midst of war will undoubtedly, as the National Unemployed League, in the last war, be accompanied in above, giving the names of the ownwhich has recently moved its head- its earlier phases by mass strikes. ers, stockholders, and security holdquarters from Columbus, Ohio, to Such strikes are however, merely Washington. A committee to con- one of the tactics employed in mo- of stockholders and security holders tact persons who may be able to bilizing the workers for the revohelp in setting up a Research Bu- lution and civil war. They are not the company but also, in cases reau of the N.U.L. and another a substitute for revolution.

THE ROLE OF ZAM

committee to help with the prepara-Let no one be under the illusion Minneapolis—Thursday to Saturday, tion, has been set up. The Organ- that the "Militant" program at this izing Committee of the branch re- point merely suffers from unclarity, ports activity and the Educational and that when they write "general Committee is making plans for a strike" they really mean revolution. study class, a forum and a party | The fact that Zam, the ex-Lovestoneite, had a hand in writing the program, alone precludes such a The Utica, N. Y., branch plans to possibility; Zam knows better; but Los Angeles-Friday to Monday, open its own headquarters on Oct. he has adapted himself to the non-1 and shortly thereafter will initi- revolutionary views of the "Militant" centrists who are, largely, still no further advanced than the Progress is being made in Los pacifist Devere Allen on the war Columbus-Saturday, December 7. Angeles in setting up a sub-commit-question. In thus adapting himself,

tee of the National Sacramento Ap Zam rendered a disservice to those peal Committee. The Socialist Party "Militants" who honestly seek the Charleston-Tuesday, December 10. and Y.P.S.L. are cooperating and right road, and produced a program the indications are that other which is a mockery of the name by him. "revolutionary."

Let the honest Socialists, however, ponder on the lessons of the Boston is still looking for a loca- October Revolution and read Lenin For a complete report of the A. tion for its new headquarters and on war. They will find our criti-F. of L. convention, shortly to be expects to be located soon. An edu- cism of the "Militant" program,

> NOTE: Next week we shall discuss the trade union section of the new program of the Socialist me this 30th day of September, 1935 "Militants.

again the possibility of sharpening diately thereunder the names and leaders, the lesser bureaucrats were the class struggle, by economic addresses of stockholders owning or on their toes and it was not long strikes, fights for economic rights, holding one percent or more of total before a real "People's Front" was etc. By these means the working amount of stock. If not owned by in the bag.

class morale is built up again. But a corporation, the names and ad- That Long Island would bring no capitalist nation would submit dresses of the individual owners home the bacon might have been to a general strike "to paralyze the must be given. It owned by a firm, foretold. Was it not here that the conduct of the war." For in a war, company, or other unincorporated Daily Worker proudly announced the fate of the capitalist interests concern, its name and address, as that a Red baiting Daughter of the of the nation are at stake, as much well as those of each individual Revolution-a lady prominent in as in a revolution; and any threat member, must be given.) New Mili- the Catholic church-had agreed of a general strike would be an- tant Publishing Co., 55 E. 11th St., that the C. P. program was also swered with systematic civil war N.Y.C.; James P. Cannon, 55 E. 11th hers and had joined the C. P.? Yes against the strikers. Hence the St., N.Y.C.; Arne Swabeck, 55 E. -Long Island took the lead and before me lies the fruit of their

3. That the known bondholders, toil. It is a leaflet announcing a mortgagees, and other security hold- meeting: "In support of the "Peoers owning or holding 1 percent or ple's Candidate for Alderman in the 58th Assembly District-Mrs. Germore of total amount of bonds, aldine Chaney." The lady is the mortgages, or other securities are: candidate of the "Independent Citi-(If there are none, so state.) None. 4. That the two paragraphs next zen's Party" and, according to the highly original and profoundly revolutionary principle of "equal rights ers, if any, contain not only the list for all citizens." The speakers list represents a truly broad people's front freed from all remnants of sectarianism: J. Dalmus Steele, where the stockholder or security District Deputy I.B.P.O. of Elks holder appears upon the books of (oi! oi!); Thomas A. Baker, Chairthe company as trustee or in any man Corona Progressive Republican other fiduciary relation, the name Club; Paul Crosby, Communist of the person or corporation for candidate for County Judge in whom such trustee is acting, is Queens: Mrs. Geraldine Chaney, Ingiven; also that the said two paradependent Candidate for Alderman; graphs contain statements embrac-Dr. Wm. Lefkowitz, Secretary of ing affiant's full knowledge and be Committee for Equal Opportunities; lief as to the circumstances and Austin A. Mills, Près. Mills Citizens conditions under which stockholders League; Chairman, Rev. Richard and security holders who do not A. McCarthy (it couldn't go on appear upon the books of the comwithout benefit of clergy). pany as trustees, hold stock and That's the set-up. The leaflet securities in a capacity other than adds: "Read it and judge for yourthat of a bona fide owner; and this self." affiant has no reason to believe that To that we say, Amen! and judge any other person, association, or the "Communist" Party that supcorporation has any interest direct ports it. or indirect in the said stock, bonds,

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A CASE FOR A LABOR JURY Against All Types of Gangsterism in the Working Class Movement; On the Murder of the Italian Stalinist Montanari

By L. TROTSKY a patent absurdity. The author is pelled to state that "We are taking assassination who were in no way On August 9, according to a news unable to present his own version under consideration the declaration implicated in the murder. item in l'Humanite, the Italian consistently. of the Italian Trotskyist group.' But l'Humanite would have re-

As Clear As the Kirov Case communist Montanari was murdered in the Metro Belleville. On As the anonymous article pro- mained true neither to itself nor to that crumble into dust, one thing August 12, l'Humanite printed an ceeds it becomes more and more en- its lord and master had it simply stands out each time, namely that altogether monstrous, but, of course, tangled. We read that the "provo- bit its tongue and kept quiet. No. Guido Beiso came into some sort in no way unusual explanation for cateur was never a member of the This rag immediately adds that it of a sharp conflict with the organthe murder. The anonymous ar- C. P. (yet we had just been told has in its possession certain letters ization of the Italian C. P., or some ticle appeared under the title, "Lav- that he belonged to a group of ex- or the murderer which clearly in- of its members. If one were to al and the Fascists Swell the Pro- pelled "Trotskyists" - L.T.), this dicate that Beiso "was imbued with leave aside the all-embracing and vocations." This headline which is agent of Fascism among the Italian the counter-revolutionary Trotskyist therefore in no way illuminating part of the official campaign against emigres naturally found sympathy ideology." On the heels of all they "ideology," then any normal thinkthe Laval ministry and the Fascists and shelter among the Trotskyist had said previously, this rings a ing individual would ask the queswas accompanied by a sub-head, groups." . . . And in this manner trifle over-strained. "Ideology"! We tion: What was it that really drove "Montanari Murdered by a Trotsky- we get a new version: he was not are well aware what can be done Beiso to commit murder? If we ist Provocateur." Fundamentally, a "well known Italian Trotskyist," with this subtle substance in the do not proceed from the assumption the juxtaposition of these two head- as was originally stated, who be chemical laboratory of Messers lines is quite characteristic of the came a Fascist provocateur after Duclos and Co. article, the author, and the news- his expulsion from the party; so! paper itself. But the text contains he was a Fascist provocateur, never entirely amorphous and elusive in clusion that he must have been subnot only vile but innumerable as- a member of the party, who "na- sinuations, in which impotence is jected to an extraordinary painful sertions which are downright con- turally" (of course! of course!) mixed with malice, l'Humanite con- personal experience which he found tradictory. "The murderer is Guido found sympathy among the Trot- cludes, "Naturally, the tie up be- insufferable, which finally threw Beiso, the well-known Italian Trot- skyists. And to leave no further tween the murderer and the Trotskyist who has been carrying on doubt as to the source of the in-skyists (who have just categoricalprovocateur activities for a long formation nor as to its purpose the ly denied it-L.T.) does not exclude time among the Italian emigres." anonymous author appends to this an understanding between Beiso ferable experience? Was it the and the bourgeois press, support object to analyze here the perspec- Stripped of its protective coloring, What is implied by "provocateur the following "it was almost (!) and the Fascist provocation. It all activities" in this connection? Has in the same way that our comrade ties together." he been making speeches against Kirov was murdered." Almost! why do these bold cowards now social-patriotism or is he in the But Kirov was indeed murdered by say that "it does not exclude"? Is whose name l'Humanite speaks? employ of Mussolini? We are kept a party member as was established it only a question of something not Thus, and only thus does the quesuninformed on this score. Further by the official documents, no one being excluded? On August 12 they on we are told that Montanari "had had placed the blame on Fascist did indeed proclaim that Beiso, this become the target for the hatred of provocation.

the Trotskyist elements who had been expelled from the party, and the article concludes with an utter- who "lived like a lord," obviously who subsequently (that is, after |y amazing political moral: "The on Mussolini's gold. Now it ap- without any evidence at all, i.e. made most frequently of decayed their expulsion-LT.) resorted to French workers made more cautious pears only that the large and nice open and criminal provocateur ac- and wiser by the lessons of Austria ears of l'Humanite are able to dis- which serve these people as polities is her by hard labor on the rocktivities."

Jig-Sawing the Facts

involved. It seems that not only Austria and Spain which even the "does not exclude" (that is all: most violently against the accusa-Guido Beiso, but an entire group social-patriotic and pro-coalition does not exclude) the tie up beof expelled Italian "Trotskyists" Congress of the Communist Inter- tween Beiso and the Fascists. "It with death. No provocateur who Isle of Pines the political prisoners, was engaged in "open (!) provocation." In the service of the Fascist as heroic actions on the part of the of white thread. police? Again no direct statement. proletariat-these in the judgment But in order not to leave the reader of l'Humanite were in reality the

in doubt as to the meaning of the product of the activities of Fascist ite published a proclamation of the finding no other means of defense word "provocation," the article adds provocateurs, the very same ones Central Committee of the Italian against the slander campaign. By that Beiso has been living "like a who had killed Kirov in Leningrad C. P.: Montanari was the victim of these hypothetical considerations labor organizations joined in July lord." Finally we discover that in and Montanari in Paris. This ab- a "murder which the agents of the (and it is only a question of hypo-Nice Beiso had been "exposed as a ysmally profound moral of the Fascist reaction had prepared for thesis) we do not mean to cast the of the social and political victims

provocateur (by whom?) who was Marxists from l'Humanite is obvi- their counter-revolutionary mission bound up (??) with the entire Fas- ously especially intended for the in the circles of the Trotskyist and Montanari. It is entirely possible mittee Pro-Amnesty for Social and hope from you your best efforts to cist work of penetrating the anti- workers of Toulon and Brest. Bordiguist emigre groups." No Fascist masses." This confused The Diary of a Lunatic more, no less! This information is The reader will agree with us if all the more interesting because in the alleged "provocateur"—he did fore, concrete enough. It does not statement contains already a direct charge of a connection with the we say that this article resembles it the Bordiguists appear on the so in good faith because he trusted Fascists. Let us bear this in mind. a page from the diary of a lunatic. scene for the first time, a group his party and its thoroughly demor-From Nice, Beiso arrived in Paris Only, there is method in this mad- which is neither ideologically nor alized leadership. But Montanari's and murdered Montanari. It is ness, and it has not yet said its organizationally connected with the personality does not solve the queswell known that the Fascists mur- last word. So let us pursue the so-called "Trotskyists," but whotion of Beiso's motives der communists and particularly further developments of this case. and we have not the slightest doubt Let the Workers Judge! revolutionists. It is quite in the The Italian Bolshevik-Leninists about it,-had as little to do with Scoundrels will say that we adnature of things for a Fascist pro- against whom the anonymous au- the murder as the Bolshevik-Leninvocate or justify murder as a methvocateur to pose as a "socialist" or thor had levelled his anonymous ists. The Bordiguists are dragged od for solving conflicts within rev-"communist" or a "Trotskyist." charges, declared on August 14, in so as only to widen the radius olutionary circles. But we are not But we have been told beforehand through comrade Jean Rous, a lead- of the calumny: the Italian Stalinwriting for scoundrels. The Monthat the murderer was a "well ing member of the French Socialist ists have to reap a little additional known Italian Trotskyist." Does party, that "Beiso was never a profit on their own account. But tanari-Beiso case is important precisely because a conflict on the po this mean to say that he turned member of our organization, nor what is most remarkable about the litical plane has led to a supremely from a Trotskyist to a Fascist, i.e. did we have any sort of relations communication of the Italian C.P. changed his revolutionary position? with him, and we never even heard is that it does not at all mention senseless act of murder of one em-Such cases are not unknown. But his name before." Isn't that clear in any way Beiso's connection with igre by another. In this there lies l'Humanite does not raise this ques- enough? On August 15, l'Humanite the Fascists. No, the matter is an ominously serious warning, and it is necessary to grasp its signifi-In harmony which had flung twe litical denui wich more in cance in time! headlines, it proceeds to develop ciation full of lies, finds itself com- mdch simpler: the Trotskyists and The matter is now in the hands the dual version: simultaneously THE VOTING IN MEMEL . . . of the bourgeois law courts. The both a "Trotskyist" and a Fascist Hitler is taking full advantage N.Y. District School to Open Oct. 21 official investigation is obviously This amalgam is the pivot point for not intended to cast light on the the entire indictment. bloody tragedy from the standpoint Further down we read not withof revolutionary morals of the pro-The week of October 21st will course conducted by A. J. Muste on out surprise, "His explanation that "Trends in America" every Wed. letariat. The prosecution will probhe wanted to avenge himself for mark the opening of the Fall 1935 unjust charges is only a screen in- semester of the International Work- nesday evening at 8:40 beginning ably try only to compromise the tended to hide the truth." We are ers School in New York City. The proletarian emigres and the revo-October 23: I. THE ATLANTIC CITY CON- lutionary organizations in particunot clearly and expressly informed schedule for regular courses is: Monday, 7-8:30 P.M.: ORGANIZ- VENTION OF THE AMERICAN lar. But the agents of the Cominas to what this "truth" is Instead we shortly and incidentally discover ATION PRINCIPLES, STRUC- FEDERATION OF LABOR. An tern will also try to exploit the that the murderer felt himself to be TURE AND METHODS OF PARTY evaluation of the past year of the trial for every vile purpose, as they are obliged to do. The duty of WORK. Martin Abern, instructor maliciously slandered, had protest-A. F. of L. II. THE ATLANTIC CITY CON- workers' organizations, without Monday, 8:40-10:10 P.M.: FUNed, and in revenge used the revol-DAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF VENTION OF THE AMERICAN any regard for political banners ver. At any rate that is the murderer's own version. Let us keep MARXISM. Ben Borkeson, instruc- FEDERATION OF LABOR. A fore- lies in one thing: in shedding the cast of the coming year of the Fed- greatest light possible on this case, this in mind as well. tor. and thereby, insofar as it is pos-The anonymous article proceeds An elementary course which will eration. III. TRADE UNIONISM IN THE sible, to prevent the repetition of to state further that the Italian trace the basic economic and polit-THREE BASIC INDUSTRIES. A gunplay in revolutionry circles. C. P. had long since issued a warn- ical features of capitalist society, In our opinion the labor organizing to be on guard against the the development of the modern review of the past attempts to or-"dubious actions of this individu- class struggle, the need for the ganize the steel, automobile and ations must establish, without any al." Why dubious? Only dubious? revolutionary overthrow of capital- rubber industries and a forecast of further delay, an authoritative and non-partisan Committee which Hadn't we been just told that Beiso ism, the dictatorship of the work- the coming period. was "exposed" as a Fascist provo- ing class and the role of the revowould go over the entire material IV. THE NEEDLE TRADES UN-IONS AND THEIR ROLE IN THE including Beiso's letters mentioned cateur in Nice? Exposed! The lutionary party. vented "cooperation" between the ing class. The solution for the work of a provocateur has never Wednesday, 7-8:30 P.M.: PRO- AMERICAN TRADE UNION in l'Humanite, to examine all the yet been assumed to be dubious. A GRAMMATIC FOUNDATIONS OF MOVEMENT. witnesses and representatives of provocateur is a mercenary scoun- THE WORKERS PARTY. J. G. the parties and groups who are V. THE CAPITALIST POLITIdrel, nothing more. If one main- Wright, instructor. concerned or interested in the case CAL PARTIES. VI. THIRD PARTY MOVE. so that the political, moral and An advanced course which will tains that another's activities are personal circumstances in the case dubious, then it means that one has analyze the contradictions of the MENTS. be clearly established. This is neconly suspicions but no proof. In imperialist epoch, the rise and de-VII. THE SOCIALIST PARTY essary not only in memory of Monsuch cases, genuine revolutionary generation of the Second and Third IN THE UNITED STATES. tanari, not only to reveal Beiso's organizations gather the necessary | Internationals, the struggle against VIII. THE COMMUNIST PARTY. real motives but also to purge the evidence before proceeding with Fascism and war, the working Also to treat the Lovestone, Weisatmosphere of all working class oropen indictments. That has been class struggle for power and the bord and Field Groups. ganizations of treachery, calumny, the revolutionary tradition from need for a Fourth International. **Registration fees are one dollar** per course, fifty cents payable at hounding and gun play. Naturally time immemorial. And yet from Thursday, 7-8:30 P.M.: THEORthe words of l'Humanite itself we ETICAL SYSTEM OF KARL time of registration. For inforthe interests of the case would be citizenship may be reassumed at a will not be solved by aiding Hitler have to draw the conclusion that MARX. Rubin Grote, instructor. mation write to: International best served if the representatives of l'Humanite and of the Central Com- later time. The vote is also denied to regain Memel for Germany but only by raising the technical and Beiso was not exposed as a provo- An advanced course which will Workers School, 55 East 11th St., cateur, but only suspected of being | treat the philosophical and general mittee of the Italian C.P. were to third floor, N. Y. C. take part in this Committee. But have been condemned for working ian revolution striving to bring of the countryside. Under capitalone (by whom? for what? when?), theoretical basis of the modern we may safely predict that they against Lithuanian independence or about the Soviet United States of ism this could have been partly acand that besides he himself angrily revolutionary labor movement as objected to these charges. And on established by its founders, Karl Minneaplis Iron Workers which call for the alienation of a Europe. will most certainly refuse: these politicians stand only to lose from part of the Lithuanian state. All (Continued from Page 1) top of this we are also told that Marx and Frederick Engels. of which is quite obviously aimed RALLY SUPPORT FOR THE an impartial investigation, and "Beiso decided to come to Paris Friday, 8:40-10:10 P.M.: STATE nine factories in Minneapolis. much more than would appear on at the "treasonable" Nazi elements. EIGHT PAGE NEW MILITANT! where he did not conceal his mur- AND REVOLUTION. Jack Weber, While the settlement leaves a good deal to be desired it provides the surface. But the investigation derous intentions." At this point instructor. we become entirely perplexed. Had | Will explain the origin and devela firm basis for further consolidaought not to be wrecked by their Beiso really been in the employ of opment of the state from the earli- tion of the union, and for future refusal to participate. Every honthe Fascists, had he "lived like a est times to present day capitalism. gains on the basis of a strong and est participant in the labor movelord," had he really been exposed A detailed discussion of the capi- militant organization. The present ment is deeply interested in seeing as a provocateur and arrived in talist state machinery, the attitude strike committee continues in office to it that this abcess is opened Paris in order to perpetrate a Fas- of the working class towards the until a solid shop committee organwhich can otherwise develop into cist murder how could he have caitalist state and the role of the ization an be set up in every fac- gangrene. The tragic case of Montory. Considering the overwhelming | tanari-Beiso must be brought before failed to hide his murderous inten- workers' state. tions? Here the version provided In addition to these regular forces mobilized against them the a labor jury.

the Bordighists are "in general" the agents of Fascist reaction and Beiso prepared himself for his mission in these "circles," i.e. within both these circles which are fighting one another. Now, at last, we can grasp the meaning of the words, "It was almost in the same way that our comrade Kirov was murdered." That is to say: it was al-

most in the same way that scores of people were indicted in the Kirov

Out of this entire snarl of interlinking calumnies and insinuations that he was mentally unbalanced (there is no evidence for this as

After several new and this time yet), we can only arrive at the conhim off balance and drove him to tion" a large quantity of palmawhom Beiso had had no relation sion with silence. "Naturally"! But whatsoever, or the organization in tion stand. Doesn't there follow from this the supposition that the the most frightful conditions. They well known Trotskyist," had been After several more new zigzags, exposed as a Fascist provocateur, whom they despise, of provocation lacking the simplest hygienic con-

and Spain, will not be led into this tinguish notes of a Trotskyist ideol-ical arguments for the most part? pile. This happened at the Castillo criminal trap." A remarkable rev- ogy (ideology!) in the letters of As is evident from l'Humanite it- del Principe a short time ago to a The case becomes more and more elation! The defensive uprising of the murderer, which circumstance self, Beiso had himself protested large number of political prisoners,

revolutionist would act that way

New Criminals Found Finally, on August 18, l'Human- emigre could act in this manner, Yana swamp.



or social reasons. This is part of (Continued from Page 1) was arrested during the March our daily task, for we believe that

His body was discovered with thirty the freedom of social and political bullets in it and the reactionary prisoners; for the return of the express called it a suicide. In the iles; against the expulsion of for-Guanabacoa jail there are more eigners, are closely connected parts than twenty women imprisoned for of the same urgent question of workers' defense. social and political 'crimes.'

"Torture goes on systematically "This is, broadly, the present sitin all the jails of Cuba. Among uation. Nevertheless on the margin the methods there is, for example, of it an apparent change of meththe favorite of Caraveo, the Super- ods has occurred. The Government, visor of the city of Camaguey. This preparing for the elections, has petty official is very proud of his changed its tone. Attempting to not break the pledge given by Litinvention, which he calls "tortoise- create an apparent "legal" basis to vinov to Roosevelt. It is true that fishing.' The prisoner is thrown guarantee its electoral aims, it has a "congress" was held in Moscow into a tank containing two tortoises, proclaimed a Constitution and "reand ordered to bring up one of established' civil rights, which of the American C. P., but there was them, specially the male, or female. course, has been no obstacle to the no meeting in that city of individ-As soon as his head shows above arbitrary arrest of three of our uals, or groups of individuals, who the water he is beaten down again, comrades, members of this Commit- had as their aim the overthrow of, and is not pulled out until he is tee, carried out during a lecture- or the preparation for the overgiven with a permit of the Secretardead or near it.

"In Oriente, Lieutenant Pino liat of the Interior—in the Barrio of likes to start off by shaving the Luyano. The government has furprisoners' heads, and then tarring thermore talked of forthcoming ocratic remnants" of capitalism and their backs. After this "prepara- amnesty for the political prisoners, for harnessing the workers to the a senseless and criminal act. But cristi oil is poured down their who drove him through this insuf throats. The Machadista parties, "Trotskyist" organization with the official policy of brutal repres-

Mistreatment of Prisoners

"In the Isle of Pines the prisoners, both in the jails and in the Presidio Nacional, are living under We have stated that the problem Italian Stalinists accuse Beiso are jammed into narrow galleys, mediate and COMPLETE amnesty ers' State, it is necessary that the without any real evidence, perhaps veniences. Their rations are messes utilize those poisonous weapons food. Any protest about it, is punve want to emphasize.

among them several widely known of amnesty to some of the prisoners,

national was compelled to recognize all ties together" . . . with stitches had undertaken the murder of a intellectuals included, are obliged Law." This is so defined as to keep to work in the marble quarries and under arrest, hundreds of revolubut an unknown and a hotheaded in the stinking mosquito-ridden La tionary militants and labor leaders.

oppose with all our might, for our tion, a number of trades unions and object is decisively: Not an inch ceived nothing in return, the Stal-"Aware of the intolerable situaless than complete amnesty.

Demand Complete Amnesty

Our best greetings.

Hitler, with that twisted sense

THREAT OF WAR . . .

"Engaged in this tremendous task, we can only repeat the words slightest shadow on the murdered of the Terror. The National Com- that began this letter-report. We that he fell an accidental victim, or Political Prisoners was built for wards popularizing these matters that purpose. Its object is, there-among all the political and trades union organizations of your counfight under the banner of any one try, as well as a campaign to bring of the technical, and flowing from party or organization; but is guided by the united effort of the thirty- crusading with letters, telegrams, one workers' groups that came toand all other possible methods. Our gether to form it. agitational work in this sense is being carried out on a larger and

MARCH OF EVENTS

Aims of Pro-Amnesty Committee "This Committee struggles furto Cuba, of political exiles-again all your powers. we do not extend our protection to Machado butchers-and against the expulsion of foreigners for political



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strike and murdered by the police. each of our three objectives: For M. Z., NEW YORK—

Question: Does not the recent statement by the Soviet government that the Roosevelt-Litvinov pact did not refer to the Comintern refute the contentions of the "Trotskyists" that Litvinov had signed away the

rights of the C. I. in the Soviet Union in return for recognition of that country by the United States? Answer: The fact of the matter is that the Soviet government did which was attended by leaders of throw of, American capitalism.

The Seventh Congress of the C.I. came out for defendiny the "dem-These maneuvers always arouse imperialist aims of the capitalists certain democratic illusions among of those countries which are the some of our people. It is not our temporary ally of the Soviet Union. tives and the true position of the therefore, the Seventh Congress, in government, nor can we in one word the final analysis, came out, not to describe its aims with regard to overthrow capitalism, but for perpetuating capitalist slavery outside the coming elections. We have answered its talk with the organizathe Soviet Union.

The Stalinists, however, require tion of the Committee Pro-Amnesty. a formula for their deeds; and becan be solved only through the im- cause the Soviet Union is a Workof all social and political prisoners, formula for a crass betrayal of the excepting the Machadistas. But workers be a C.I. congress which nevertheless there are some things has the form, if not the substance, of the Comintern of Lenin. When Litvinov signed the Roosevelt pact, he was quite ready, as the wording "The Mendieta government is preparing to extend a certain kind of the agreement shows, to give up this formula. At that time, howtions, and threatened the authors intellectuals. In the Presidio at the but it will leave out those who fall ever, he expected economic concesunder the so-called "Gangsterism sions, particularly credits, in return. The credits did not materialize.

For reasons of imperialist and personal policy, however, Roosevelt-The governmental formula we shall Hull still wanted the Stalinists to surrender the formula. Having reinists refused.

L. .N, NEW BEDFORD-

Question: What is meant by the "antagonism between city and country"?

Answer: In general this term implies the antagonisms arising out out responsibilities and realities by this, the cultural backwardness of the rural as compared to the urban regions.

The basis for any well developed social division of labor is the division between the city and the counlarger scale. We assume you will thermore, to insure the safe return take part in this movement, with try; the latter producing and exchanging raw materials, food, etc. in return for the manufactured products of the city. Economically, The National Committee therefore, the antagonism is that General Secretariat" between buyers and sellers and is reflected in the prices of commodi-

> ties. The technical development of agriculture is subject to natural obstacles which are not present in the factory. If the economic incen-

tive had existed for the ruling

classes, however, there would have

by l'Humanite contains a fresh and courses, there will be a lecture strikers have won a notable victory. August 29, 1935

against Ethiopia as well as the capitalist defenders, at the same "moral" weapon made to order for time that he disenfranchises the of the Lithuanian government. It down by the League of Nations for

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been a tendency to overcome this of the Italian imperialist threat of justice typical of reactionary handicap. Under capitalism, the tendency on the part of industry to outstrip agriculture in its developrabid nationalism by the actions Jews violates the conditions laid ment is accentuated by the necessity of paying ground rent to the is not hard to understand that the the Saarland, raises a great outcry landowner. A capitalist farmer, Lithuanian bourgeoisie, seizing Me- against the Lithuanian oppressors. who rents land, will refrain from mel by force in a desperate effort T'. Nazis have massed troops at putting any sort of permanent imto break through the strangling the Lithuanian border to take adprovements into it because eventugrip on economy of its own national vantage of any eventuality. Should ally the extra profits thus made boundaries, would hardly scruple a world war break out immediately, will go to the landlord who raises to maintain that conquest by sup- the German Army will have an in- the rent as soon as the "earning pression of the Germans opposed to itial objective in the taking of power" of his land has been inthe seizure. Since the balloting for Memel. Even without the outbreak creased. Where agriculture is carthe Memel Diet to take place on of war elsewhere, the threat of war ried on under modes of production Sept. 29th will be interpreted, par- exists in this struggle over national which are less advanced historicalticularly by Hitler, as a form of boundaries. For the workers the ly than capitalism, e.g., forms of plebiscite, the Lithuanian ruling struggle over national boundaries, chattel slavery or serfdom, it is class tried to prevent a "German" even where a small state like Lith- self-evident why its technical develvictory, or at least to minimize it, uania is involved, can be viewed opment is outstripped by capitalist by means of a new electoral law only as part of the general clash industry, even in the latter's inpassed August 27th. The purpose of different imperialists. Each rul fancy. In the final analysis, thereof the law was to disenfranchise ing class is trying to extend its fore, the relative technical backthe pro-German majority which pre- sphere of exploitation of the workwardness of agriculture is due to

social and not to natural causes. Memel Diet and the government proletariat lies not in defending the In class society the more adofficials appointed by Lithuania. national boundaries of the capitalvanced exploits the backward. Un-The Nazis have encouraged Germans ist state, which can only mean der capitalism the advanced city to become Lithuanian citizens in support of the national bourgeoisie, exploits the country. This is acorder to vote Nazi, with the ex- but the revolutionary overthrow of complished through the disparity of press promise that they would re- the national bourgeoisie, German prices resulting from the tendency cover their German nationality with- or Lithuanian, by the workers and towards an average rate of profit out difficulty once Memel had been the setting up of a proletarian state. for all capitals; the products of the recaptured by Hitler. Hence the Extension of the rule of the worktechnically advanced industries new law denies the right to vote to ers would mean the wiping out of selling above, those of the backward those naturalized Lithuanian citi- national boundaries, themselves industries selling below, their valzens who hold a promise from a one of the symbols of class rule. ues. Monopoly further increases foreign nation that their original¹ The problem of the Memel workers this price disparity.

The antagonism could be removed to members of organizations which can only be solved by the proletar- correspondingly the cultural level

> complished through the nationalization of the land (theoretically possible under capitalism) so that ground rent, and with it the obstacle to the technical advancement of agriculture, would have been removed. Such nationalization would thus have been a progressive step. Capitalism, however, has proceeded too far into its decay stage to be capable of such a step, and it remains the task of the proletarian revolution to complete this unfinished work of the bourgeois revolution.



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Statement of the W.P. on War

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national state, but in ever sharper attack against the bourgeoisie and the national state.

The struggle against war is not and cannot be conceived as an "independent" struggle, having a special status above class conflicts. It is an integral part of the revolutionary struggle for workers' power. The struggle against imperialist war means the day by day building of working-class strength, meansnot suspension of the class conflict until the war crisis passes-but the intensification of class conflict and the preparation to turn the imperialist war into a civil war for the overthrow of the bourgeois state and the victory of the workers.

More clearly than any other phase of revolutionary activity does the struggle against war attest the international character of the revolutionary movement. It is an international struggle and must be conducted in terms of an international strategy, through an integrated international organization. Thus the struggle against war poses, in the most intense form, the central task of the present period: the building of the Fourth International, the dynamic generator to drive forward the revolutionary advance of the working class. Threatening as is the oncoming of the new war, relatively weak numerically as are the forces now ranged against it, there is no reason to despair. Out of the last world war came the first great step of the world revolution. Yet, in 1914, the internationalists were an organized force in only one nation, and the betrayal of social-democracy came to the great mass of the workers as a shock that was unexpected and not prepared for. Today, organized groups of revolutionary internationalists exist in nearly every nation, and are actively forging the parties of the Fourth International; today the Second and Third Internationals have annouced their betrayal beforehand, and we will thus not be trapped by surprise; and today we have the rich experience and lessons of the past generation to draw from.

The struggle against imperialist war is the struggle for socialism; the struggle for socialism is the struggle for the Fourth International, for the world revolution.

Support French Bolshevik - Leninists

RANCE today is the most important battle ground of the classes, the key to the fate of Europe and perhaps of the world. Should Fascism add this country to its list of conquests it will hurl the proletarian cause back for decades and mortally injure the existence of the Soviet Union. On the other hand, the signal of the French working class revolution would arouse the oppressed of Germany, Austria, Spain and Italy and forever destroy the fabric of Versailles and Hitler's vision of Mittel-Europa. At the same time it would ensure the existence of the Soviet Union by extending its base.

The Bolshevik-Leninists constitute the spearhead of the revolutionary forces in France today (of active resistance to Fascism and the revolutionary assault on capitalism). They have raised in the French labor movement the demands for workers' militia. the general strike, workers' and peasants' government, socialization and workers' control. They have challenged and are challenging the social patriotism of the People's Front and its agents, the reformist bureaucracies of the Communist and Socialist parties. These bureaucracies are making the sharpest attack upon the Bolshevik-Leninists who advocate a complete break with the bourgeoisie, a slogan of revolutionary defeatism as against truce with the bourgeoisie in the imperialist war, the need for the struggle for power as the only means to defeat Fascism as against the betraying policy of unity with the bourgeoisie to uphold bourgeois democracy and capitalism. The Workers Party is pledged to give its fullest support to the French Bolshevik-Leninists in this struggle. Consequently the Workers Party is responding immediately to the appeal of our French comrades for financial support for La Verite, organ of the Bolshevik-Leninists and their most important single weapon in the struggle in which they are now engaged. Additional funds to maintain La Verite and to enable it to greatly increase its circulation are particularly necessary according to an appeal just received from our French comrades "because the formation of the new revolutionary party in France has now become an immediate task. We call upon all our branches and members to make the utmost sacrifices in order that a preliminary installment of our contribution may be sent to France immediately. Collection lists are being sent to the branches and should be widely circulated among the workers and all our sympathizers. We do not hesitate also to call upon those who are not members of the party but who realize that in the present tense international situation nothing is more important than the defeat of social patriotism in France, to

forward their contributions in response to the appeal from La Verite. For convenience in transmission remittances should be made out in the name of A. J. Muste and sent to 55 E. 11th St., New York. Please hesignate clearly the purpose for which the contribution is sent.

For prompt and enthusiastic support of our French comrades! For the building of the Fourth International!

What the Miners Did Not Get by Fakerdom

AST week the NEW MILITANT prophesied that Ly the bituminous coal strike called by John L. Lewis would soon be over, that it was a shadowboxing act to give the operators a chance to get rid of some of their surplus coal, Lewis to bluster and show that he was "not to be trifled with" and Roosevelt-McGrady to put on their act and save the country once more from "bitter industrial strife." Our prophecy and analysis were quickly and completely vindicated for the paper was hardly off the press before

the settlement was announced. Despite the magnificent demonstration of solidarity by 400,000 miners who came out 100 percent in the union fields and nearly as solidly, it would appear, in the partly unionized fields of Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky, despite the prompt settlement on the basis of a union contract in most of the fields and the concessions won, the strike was not a real victory for the miners. On Lewis's part it represents a fresh betrayal of the workers.

1. THE MINERS FAILED TO GET THE SIX HOUR DAY AND FIVE DAY WEEK, FAILED, IN 17,605. FACT, TO GET ANY REDUCTION IN HOURS. Al-30-hour week. But a reduction in hours represented the one really important gain which they might have won. Without that, further reductions in the working force are bound to come, an increase in unemployment, and with it wage-slashing and incalculable misery at the first let-down in the industry.

Had the miners led a real fight for the 30-hour eek, which the A. F. of L. has put forth as the major forecast by the adoption of a resoplank in its platform against unemployment, other lution asking local unions to expel Freidl's infamous "beef squad" At the subsequent inquest the cor- The I.L.A., the union, immediately workers would have followed. At once reality and Communists and members of allied vigor would have been given to the whole 30 hour week movement. But this the employers, once again ship. That this move is aimed not piling up profits during a temporary and spotty upturn in business, did not want. The Roosevelt ad- but at all militants is made clear A. F. of L. bureaucrats yielded to these interests, made clear to brand all militants as surrendered before the battle had begun, betrayed allies of Communism. the interests of the workers. The miners' strike thus signalizes the end of the movement to reduce hours for the time being at least. In many industries em- the rejection of the idea of political ployers are already increasing them. Soon this will happen in other fields as well.

2. THE MINERS DID NOT WIN ANY REAL INCREASE IN WAGES. It is true that there is a taining economic security. nominal increase of 50 cents a day for day workers providing a \$5.50 basic rate in the Appalachian area. forts of President Roosevelt on be A similar nominal increase of about 01 percent was given in other rates. But this will not even cover the demanding the freedom of Tom increase in the cost of living since the last contract Mooney, repeal of the Criminal was made. The miners have thus barely held their Syndicalism law, and condemning own. The operators, especially the bigger ones, can vigilante terror were adopted. go on unmolested, making profits out of the sweat of

the miners while the mines are running and throwing them on the scrap-heap whenever it suits them to activities of Capt. William ("Red") shut the mines down.

3. THE CHANCE TO FORCE THE OPERA- squad" of the Los Angeles police TORS IN THE NON-UNIONIZED FIELDS OF TEN- department was demanded in a res-NESSEE, VIRGINIA AND KENTUCKY TO SIGN A olution recently adopted by the UNION CONTRACT AND THUS TO EFFECT A Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. NATION-WIDE 100 PERCENT ORGANIZATION OF The resolution, submitted to the THE BITUMINOUS MINERS, LEWIS SURREND- mayor, chief of police, board of po-ERED WITHOUT PUTTING UP EVEN THE SEM- lice commissioners, and the city Political Prisoners, and League of BLANCE OF A FIGHT. This was done in spite of council, cited the payment of Struggle for Negro Rights. Mary the fact that the union today is so strong and the \$7,393.69 by the Los Angeles Rail- Struggie for fregro fugue. operators themselves are so averse to a real battle way for Hynes' strike-breaking serthat the union scale may be paid in these fields even vices during the street car strike if no contract is signed. Had Lewis delivered an last fall.

labor fakers, the operators and the Roosevelt admin- employer, the general public." istration. that union clean, militant, progressive. Once again the report be made public. we say to the progressives throughout the trade union country in order that the native militancy and grow- city. ing solidarity of the American workers may not be * * *

NEW MILITANT **STRUGGLERAGESONWESTCOAST**

Cal. State Fed Union Militant Murdered Showdown Is Is Dominated In L.A. Vigilante Terror Close on Cal. Waterfront By EARL LANE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 23.- | ia vigilante terror claimed another | was an outstanding progressive. The cause of progressive unionism victim on September 4, when Ar- On Sunday, September 1, in front The question of war or peace on suffered a number of severe defeats thur G. Ross, member of the I.W.W. of the I.L.A. hall in San Pedro, he the waterfronts of the Pacific coast at the thirty-sixth annual conven- and the International Longshore- assaulted Ross, striking him twice will in all probability be decided tion of the California State Feder- men's Association and for fifteen and knocking him to the pavement. ation of Labor held at San Diego years an outstanding militant fight- Fellow union members picked Ross last week.

president and secretary-treasurer strike last summer. respectively.

Vandeleur was re-elected without ing to concentrate their fire on gressive forces in the labor move- a search which ended with their tively easy. Scharrenberg. The vote for the of- ment of California. Upon the con- locating him in the jail. They of-

F. Dodge. bitter warfare which ensued the regained consciousness.

A "red hunt" of major proporbosses and their labor lieutenants tions that will have as its goal the of course had the co-operation of mitted having struck Ross, claim- that office boy of the bosses' governousting of every militant from the the "law enforcement" agencies. ing that he was drunk and did not ment ruled that the longshoremen labor movement of the state, is The police were always busy else- know what he was doing. He was were breaking their agreement if organizations from their memberterrorizing and slugging militant only at members of radical parties The reactionary nature of the convention is further evidenced by sult of some private feud.

action by labor and the adoption of a resolution endorsing collective

bargaining as the sole means of ob-Resolutions "commending the efhalf of the workers of the nation,"

Investigation of the scab herding Hynes, head of the infamous "red

beaten that they had to be taken

to the hospital when strikebreakers

attacked a picket line at the plant

of the Morris Furniture Co. last

The strike at the Morris plant

has been in progress since April

29th, and has been characterized by

the grim determination of the work-

ers to stay out until better condi-

Determined to initiate a reign of

terror in order to break the spirit

Thursday evening.

tions have been won.

ultimatum: Recognize the right of the miners to bar-gain collectively, sign a union contract in every field, "It is the expressed opinion of "It is the expressed opinion of calling on the governor of Georgia mitting them specifically to the en-wages." or we will strike until hell freezes over, it is well this organization (Pacific Electric to release Herndon from the 20-year dorsement of a Labor, or third out. As it is, the threat to the union and to the Railroad Trainmen) that public miners' standard of living involved in the existence servants, either elected or appointof even a relatively small unorganized sector remains, ed, are bound to serve the entire and the unorganized miners can point to another public and the action of a public instance of failure on the part of Lewis to back them official in lowering the dignity of up effectively in their struggle against the brutality his office by resorting to the activand terrorism of the Bourbons of the mining industry. ity of herding scabs is repugnant No, this is not a victory for the miners but for the to every sense of decency of his The resolution further demanded Once again we say to the miners: Awake! Build a an investigation of the activities of single united miners' union and a left-wing to make the "red squad" and demanded that 17th St., N. Y. C. Every union in the Los Angeles movement: Expose the fake progressivism and "in- area should pass similar resolutions dustrial unionism" of Lewis and Company! Build and continue the fight until this the left-wing in every union and every section of the scourge of labor is driven from the

maritime unions of the Pacific LOS ANGELES, Cal.-The con- Coast. He conceived a bitter hattinually mounting wave of Californ- red for his former friend Ross, who

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 30.within the next few days.

The battle over the question of er in the labor movement of South- up in an unconscious condition. whether or not the maritime unions Despite a bitter fight on the part ern California died as the result After a cursory examination by the will handle "hot cargo" is being of militants to oust them, two arch of a beating received at the hands police he was turned out to wander fought out in San Francisco, with foes of progressive unionism, Edwin of Edgar Rueb, a fellow union mem- the streets all night and half the the I.L.A. bearing the brunt of the D. Vandeleur and Paul Scharren- ber who had fought side by side next day in a semi-conscious condi- employers' attack. Because of the berg were re-elected to the offices of with him during the maritime tion. Later he was picked up by strength of the militants in this the police on a DRUNK CHARGE key port the bosses have chosen it The death of Ross is but one in- and thrown in the drunk tank. His as the battleground, feeling that if cident in the attack that the boss fellow workers, having become they are successful there, the fight opposition, the progressives decid class has launched upon the pro-alarmed at his absence, instituted in the other ports will be compara-

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The dispute over the handling of fice of secretary-treasurer was: clusion of last summer's memorable fered to bail him out but the police hot cargo was placed in the hands Scharrenberg 54,178, A. C. Rodgers marine strike the bosses determined would not accept bail and refused of the labor relations board that to drive out of the maritime unions to allow them to see Ross. After was set up under the 1934 award. In the Ninth (San Francisco) every militant worker who showed a night spent lying on the stone When this committee came to a most before the negotiations began Lewis gave up this District, where four vice-presidents capacity for leadership, in order to floor of the drunk tank he was re- deadlock last week, the matter was were elected, three incumbents were strengthen the hands of their agents leased to his wife and friends who put into the hands of Federal arbire-elected and Harry Bridges was within the unions, "Pedro Pete" rushed him to a hospital where he trator, M. C. Sloss. After a great defeated for the seat vacated by B. Peterson, Freidl, and Co. In the died on September 4, never having show of considering the matter from all angles in order to be able

Rueb, placed under arrest, ad- to render an "impartial decision," where while vigilante bands and held on suspicion of manslaugther. they refused to handle hot cargo. roamed the streets of San Pedro oners jury ordered that he be held. asked for a rehearing on the ques-This case is more than the iso- tion. Sloss lost no time in denying workers, raiding meetings, and kid- lated death of a militant worker. this request.

napping and beating workers' at It is part of the campaign of the On Sunday the bargemen's and ministration did not want it, being bent upon giving by the phrase, "members of allied victim of the wave of terrorism vanced workers in the ranks of the ban on goods produced by the Santa the employers a "breathing spell." Once again the organizations." Thus the way is that he had helped to launch, being unions and thus to strike terror Cruz Packing Co., and cargo transkilled by the police. His death has into the hearts of the rank and file. ported by the River Lines, Inc., never been satisfactorily explained, It is hoped that by the use of these pending the outcome of negotiations but in all probability was the remethods that the workers will be with the employers and the labor terrorized into submitting to the relations board.

Sometime during the course of domination of their unions by the this bitter campaign against the labor lieutenants of the bosses with the employers announcing militants Rueb deserted his former Every class conscious worker must through their spokesman, Thomas friends and became a tool of the consider well what these attacks G. Plant, their determination to dark forces that had as their ulti- on the vanguard mean to him and hire scab longshoremen to replace mate goal the smashing of the his union.



THE SACRAMENTO APPEAL

In response to a call from the Francis Heisler, attorney of the International Labor Defense, the Chicago N.P.L.D., is now in Bis-Joint Committee to Aid the Hern-| mark, N. D., to argue the appeal don Defense has been set up by the of the Fargo strikers to the State I.L.D., League for Industrial Demo- Supreme Court. cracy, Non-Partisan Labor Defense

General Defense Committee, National Committee for the Defense of **Form Labor** secretary.

The committee announces several immediate activities to aid the drive



HEISLER IN BISMARK

Party in Ohio

There the situation rests today. the union members refusing to scab This morning it was announced that 1,440 longshoremen were on the blacklist and that 29 ships were tied up directly or indirectly because of the "hot cargo" dispute. Ample proof that while they consider "impartial arbitration" an ef-

fective opiate with which to dull the fighting spirit of the workers, they do not intend to rely on it as their only weapon, but intend to launch a campaign of vigilante terrorism against the maritime workers if they consider it necessary, is contained in an article in a recent issue of the San Francisco "Shipping Register," organ of the waterfront employers,

Call for Vigilantes

Under a caption "Are All the Vigilantes Dead?" an editorial complained that maritime workers are "asking for abortive increases in

'There are hundreds of thousands

of red-blooded Americans here in

prostituted as it was in the recent miners' strike, Five members of Furniture Workbut may be organized and directed to victory! ers local No. 1561 were so severely

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Two Int'ls For to preserve peace [!] ... the com-League Moves

(Continued from Page 1) good fellows of socialism cheer the sentiments of pacifism in their ranks and then vote to send their workers off to the slaughter in the defense of British robber imperialism. Incredible hypocrisy, worse than capitalist, socialist hypocrisy. The moldy Second International rises out of its grave to grasp another million mass of workers and carry them down into blood and mire . . . a vampire international. And the Third International? Its efforts are just as energetic in the

...[!!!]" service of the British bourgeoisiebut more ludicrous, if there can be anything ludicrous in this monster good fellow" before they order the betrayal. workers out to the butchery. "The

We take the line from the Daily pressure of the English workers has Worker question box for October 2: driven the British government to "The sim of the communists in the point where it may" . . . defend the present situation in Africa is its colonial loot against Italy's in-

munists urge the working class degenerates of Stalinism boast that gang of scabs armed with clubs, parties and organizations to they are forcing the British govern- monkey wrenches, and screw driv-FORCE their capitalist government into imperialist war! ments to act collectively through International at least kept up ap to the men taken to the hospital the League against Italy, even to pearances and spoke against war over two dozen others were injured. the point of applying sanctions, until the very last moment. But in Police rushed to the scene of the closing the Suez Canal, etc. [Etc! these times the two Internationals battle in several cars and took the In that little etc. is contained the don't wait for war to betray the most seriously injured men to the word war . . . no more than an workers, they urge the capitalists hospital. Of course none of the etc. to the degenerates of Stalinon. They can't wait for the debacle, strikebreaking thugs who perpetratism] . . . the capitalist governthey can't wait to send their work- ed the vicious attack were arrested. ments are not anxious to use ers out to die, they can't wait to sanctions. The British governrevel in the blood of millions of ment has repeatedly offered to "women and children of another carve up Ethiopia with Mussolini race"... and workers of all races . . but the pressure of the English workers has driven the Eng-

lish government to the point where they may apply sanctions. name on the wrapper is 41 The Stalinists are not even willing to vouchsafe Lansbury a "jolly

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chain-gang sentence imposed by an party.

Atlanta Jim Crow court. The new Local Socialists, emboldened by San Francisco," the editorial decommittee, in addition to publish- the favorable glances of the union clared. "What say we take a day ing and circulating its own peti- officials, are running up a temper- off from our regular business and tion forms bearing the names of ature in the campaign and are all attend to the matter in a proper its constituent bodies, will during heated up about their inclusion in manner?" the coming week publish a new 16- "big-time politics." The Communist

page pamphlet on this important Party is going through some amuslabor case. Already 20,000 copies ing contortions trying to squirm have been ordered by various orinto the picture. ganizations. It will sell at 2 cents

per copy. Send orders to the Non-Partisan Labor Defense, 22 East amble full of vaguely radical

New York City Action Conference in the city. It is pretty generally formed with the following organiz-October 19 at Imperial Hall, Har- understood, and the leaders of the ations participating: the I.W.W., lem. Angelo Herndon will partici- Congress are making no efforts to the Socialist Party, the Workers pate and the new pamphlet will be

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on sale.

PHILLY WORKERS FREE Five members of the Philadelbhia Retail Fruit Clerks Union of Philadelphia, held on charges rigged against them by the bosses' association during the recent strike, have been freed.

of the strikers, a sudden attack was Since the last report in these colfringements by sanctions, etc! The launched on the picket line by a umns, a defense committee was organized by the union, with Lou Roberts, union secretary, in charge. ers, as the day and night shifts Attorney Frank Nowve of the N.P. Before the last war the Second were changing places. In addition L.D. of New York aided in organizing the defense. On a visit to

New York Roberts, aided by the N.P.L.D., secured financial aid for the defense from brother unions.

HARLAN MINERS Another drive is being made for the pardon of the six U.M.W.A.

MINNEAPOLIS N.P.L.D.

Having become a power in the murder growing out of the historic labor movement through its great ["Battle of Evarts" between miners mass trial of mayor Scab Latimer, and deputies. A committee has the Provisional N.P.L.D. Committee been appointed by the N.P.L.D. to of Minneapolis has now been given aid this defense; Adelaide Walker, a charter. Among those on the who was a leading figure in the National Executive of the N.P.L.D. caravan of writers which went into for the charter are Henry Schultz, Bloody Harlan four years ago and secretary of the State Employees who was indicted for criminal syn-Assn.; Elmer Huset of the Farmer- dicalism, is chairman.

Labor Veterans Assn; Farrell Funds to aid the Harlan miners Dobbs, secretary of Local 574; Mrs. should be sent to Herbert Mahler. Carlson of the F.-L. Woman's Aux- General Defense Committee, - 94 Fifth Avenue, N. Y. C. iliary.

Preparations were made for a vigorcus, campaign to secure the freedom of the victims of the Sac-Although the Congress has put ramento conspiracy at a conference forth a platform containing a pre- held in Los Angeles September 25. As a result of this conference the phrases, no particular fear is being Los Angeles section of the National The new committee is calling a evinced by the reactionary elements Sacramento Appeal Committee was dispel this understanding, that the Party, Spartacus Youth League and bark of this movement is out of all the Young Peoples Socialist League.

proportion to its bite. Commenting A steering committee consisting of in an editorialized news story on the following members was elected: the formation of the Congress, the Chairman, Gardner Wells, Socialist sheet, stated: "While the preamble Workers Party; Treasurer, Claude

didates are campaigning leads off An effort to draw every labor and with a Socialistic doctrine, it is liberal organization in the Los Anlikely that most of the candidates geles area into this fight for the signed the platform as a matter of rights of labor will be made. Each political expediency rather than a organization participating in the pledge of conversion to the doctrine Los Angeles local of the N.S.A.C. of Socialism." has pledged itself to circulate col-

Clyde Kiker, free-lance politician, lection lists and to widely circulate perennial office seeker and state the pamphlet "Union Smashing in secretary of the Ohio Federation of Sacramento." A mass meeting to Teachers, is campaign manager for | bring this case to the attention of the Congress' slate. Kiker ran in the public at large will be held in the last congessional primaries for the near future.

congressman on the Democratic Similar committees already exist Party ticket. in San Francisco and Oakland.

