Launch United Unemployed Organization

Defense **Attorney**

Whitewash Planned in Tampa Flogging Trial

TAMPA, April 6.—The appointment of two outstanding Florida attorneys to strengthen the prosecution in the flogging murder trials is being asked of Governor Dave Sholtz by labor, religious and civic groups that are fighting Ku Klux Klan terrroism here.

by the defense.

When the first of the trials re-Florida.

The hiring of Luke Johnson in a criminal trial in Polk County constitutes the nearest thing to buying an acquittal. Johnson is reputed to have compiled a highly informative file of all the eligible jurors in the county. He knows the life history and prejudices of every man on any given venire and Tokyo on April 6 asked for a "spe- on March 12 this year, but which after the jury box is filled and before any witnesses are called. Such a convenience should bring great relief to the defendants and explains further the anxiety of Pat Whitaker, chief defense counsel, for a change of venue which meant moving to Polk County.

Attorney Paid in Cash

Johnson is said to have demanded and received \$5,000 in cash bechief defense counsel.

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Unions Flay **Grand Jury**

The following telegram was sent to Mayor La Guardia, Governor Lehman, and to Borough President Robert Ingersoll by the Conference for the Defense of the Rights of Organized Labor in Brooklyn:

April 2, 1936 The Kings County December Grand Jury presentment of April first is definite challenge to organized labor in Brokolyn. They charge that the strike at May Department Store conducted by Local 1250, Department Store Workers Union, American Federation of Labor, was organized by certain uninformed persons neither patrons of Brooklyn stores nor residents of Brooklyn consisting of a disorderly rabble of some two or three hundred young radicals aided, abetted and encouraged by the responsible heads of the Union.' The recommendation of the Grand Jury calling upon city magistrates to deal with the situation with a firm hand is direct encouragement to all antilabor forces to crack down upon nicketing in Brooklyn. Our organization, a firm supporter of the May department store strikers, and representing twenty-six Brooklyn American Federation of Labor unions with a membership of one hundred fifty thousand Brooklyn workers, maintains that the decision of the Grand Jury is in direct line with the desires of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and other anti-labor forces in Brooklyn. We demand you take action with regard to investigating the personnel of the Kings County December Grand

Conference for Defense of Rights of Organized Labor in Brooklyn, Jesse Lane, Secretary.

Klan Pays Tokyo-Berlin Alliance Sentence Against USSR Reported Chambers,

Adequate Soviet Defense Made'Extremely Difficult By Stalinist Manoeuvers With Chinese Bourgeoisie

By LO SEN

Germany and Japan have struck a virtual pargain for joint action against the Soviet Union.

This alliance, in preparation for several years and often reported consummated, was the outstanding development this week in an international diplomatic situation crammed with plans and counter-plans, notes and threats, offers and promises, under cover of which the powers of Europe are jockeying into position for war.

News of the Berlin-Tokyo pact, while not official, came through Augur, a White Russian emigre close to the British Foreign Office and These groups are dissatisfied one of the best-informed correswith the conduct of the state's case pondents in Europe. If not yet up to now by State Attorney J. Rex embodied in a formal document, The addition of new the understanding between these counsel, they feel, is essential to two Powers is complete as to milithe vigorous prosecution of the tary details. The frequent excases and to resist the introduc change of military and economic tion of false and extraneous issues commissions between Japan and Germany during the last three years has not been for purposes of opens next Monday in Bartow, courtesy or mere display. Now that Polk County, the defense will be Germany has upset the European bolstered by two additional crim- applecart by marching into the inal lawyers, Luke C. Johnson and Rhineland and the crisis brought E. A. Borsage, whose record of ac- nearer, it is logical that Japan quitals is among the highest in should seek means of correlating its own plans against the Soviet Union more closely with similar arrangements in Europe.

that the Hirota Government is car- pan, China, the U.S.S.R. and Monrying through on all fronts inten- golia, are likewise undergoing a sive preparations for war in the process of definition. East while presenting to the world purpose, frankly stated, of streng- 1934. thening the Japanese military ma-

chine on the mainland with a view to eventual hostilities against the

U.S.S.R. Japan will plan its anti-Soviet moves now in tune with developments in Europe where British support of Germany has placed the U.S.S.R. in a dangerous position. Moscow has recognized this fact by coming out for "German equality" within a general framework of collective security, another one of these hopeless formulas with which. somehow, in some way, the inevitable day of reckoning is to be postthis proposal shows to what extent and alliances has foundered.

On the Far Eastern Front

Meanwhile, on the Far Eastern It has become increasingly clear front, mutual relations among Ja-

(1, Moscow published a pact of at large a "liberal" and "moderate" mutual assistance with Outer Monfront. The Ministry of War in golia which was formally signed cial budget" of \$300,000,000 for the has been in effect since Nov. 27,

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FACTS ON TAMPA

The Background

Tampa is famous for cigars, fore consenting to help acquit the gambling and flogging. Labor in 11 ex-cops and Klansmen who are the cigar factories and in the suritial payment of \$5,000 in cash as month. As in the rest of Florida, politicians fight each other for the While the defendants may have privilege of sharing in the booty. Anyone who tries to buck this others recovered. combination of capitalists, racketeers and politicians, either by organizing workers-employed or unpolitical groups, is branded as a Florida—"where life at its best State Federations, two-score city tion" scheme since the Supreme yet produced. The police and most Klan. Nobody knows how many place. They occur regularly. Their ished by law because in Florida the Ku Klux Klan is the law.

The Crime

On the night of Nov. 30, 1935, the constitution-drafting committee of the Modern Democrats met in a private home in Tampa. In spite of any threats, they were going ahead with their plans for a progressive party opposed to the local swindlers. Joseph A. Shoemaker, formerly a member of the Socialist Party, was chairman. Others present were: Eugene F. Poulnot, former president of the Pressmen's Union, A. F. of L., Chairman of two and one-half months, a series the Florida Workers' Alliance and of indictments were returned a member of the Socialist Party; against eleven policemen and mem-Sam D. Rogers, a member of the bers of the Ku Klux Klan. The Socialist Party and an officer of indictments were for second degree the Florida Workers Alliance; murder, an assault with the intent Walter Roush and Charles E. Jen- to murder, kidnapping, conspiracy to sen, chairman and secretary, re-kidnap and accessory after the fact. spectively, of the Socialist Party The information filed on the murof Florida, and John A. McCaskill, der indictment declares that the a city fireman. Suddenly, without defendants "with force and arms warning and without warrants, did unlawfully and by an act imseven policemen entered the home, minently dangerous to Joseph Shoeconfiscated all papers and arrested maker and evidencing depraved the six men present. They were minds, regardless of human life but taken to the police station, ques- without premeditated design to eftioned for "communist" activities ect the death of Joseph Shoemaker, and "released" one by one. Roush an assault did make in and upon and Jensen were permitted to re- the body and limbs of Joseph Shoeturn to their homes. McCaskill maker, with deadly weapons, to turned out to be a stool-pigeon. whit, whips, straps and tar, a fur-Shoemaker, Poulnot and Rogers

were "released" by the police into waiting cars in front of the police flogged with chains and whips and Appeal Committee.

The Protests

When the news leaked out, a employed, or by forming opposition roar of protest descended upon lied ten International Unions, five "red," kidnapped, flogged and some- costs less." Thousands of organitimes murdered. The official flog- ations and individuals expressed of Senatory and Congressmen to its ton reduction" plan of the AAA was ging agency for the combination is their horror to the Governor and support. the Ku Klux Klan, a secret band to Tampa officials. Committees for of cowardly, sadistic degenerates the Defense of Civil Rights in unsurpassed by anything Hitler has Tampa were organized in New York, with Norman Thomas as government officials, high and low, chairman, and in Tampa, with the actionary drive is under way, fin- ford them some slight measure of are directly connected with the Rev. Walter Mitcalf, pastor of the floggings and murders have taken chairman. Protest meetings were perpetrators have never been pun- Norman Thomas addressed 3,000 underlies this harshness. Many Share Croppers Not Represented LO. addressed the Beacon-Journal enraged workers and many thousands more over the radio. President William Green announced that the American Federation of Labor convention would be withdrawn from Tampa unless those guilty were properly punished. It seemed impossible to ignore this act of terrorism as scores of similar acts before it had been ignored. State and county officials were forced to act.

The Indictments

After three weeks of investigat ing, the arrests began. Within

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Mini, et al.

Calif. Prison Board Sets Sentences for Sacramento Defendants

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 10. -The California Board of Prison Terms yesterday set sentence for tive of the Sacramento criminal syndicalism prisoners. Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson and Jack Crane were given five years, Albert Hougardy three and a half and Norman Mini three Both Mini and Hougardy inists. will serve 16 months of this period on parole. Assuming time off for good behavior, since both have alserved one year; the two have about four months more to serve in prison.

Of the 18 defendants tried, Caroponed. But coming from Moscow, line Decker. Pat Chambers and Norman Mini were special targets the whole careful system of pacts for the prosecution's mendacious wrath. The first two had led the strikes which won \$2,000,000 additional wages in 1933 for the exploited migratory workers of the State. In Mini's case what particularly infuriated Sacramento reactionaries was the spectacle of an educated, intelligent native son spurning all evasions and, in 'the face of threats and pressure, reaffirming in open court his devotion to the idea of a new social order and a particular road to it. It was because he so defiantly affirmed that "the future belongs to us" that the Sacramento Bee and other reactionary institutions have hounded Mini and the National Sacramento Appeal Committee ever since

Tribute to Sacramento Committee

That Mini has, nevertheless, restation. They were driven to a ceived a relatively short term is a lonely spot 14 miles outside of tribute to the effectiveness of the the Department of Agriculture Although its gering days, during which time his Terms knew that the N.S.A.C., campaign of terror with which the leg developed gangrene and was Mini's chosen representative, spoke landlords of Arkansas and Oklaamputated. Shoemaker died. The for a vastly broader force than did home hope to smash the organizathe International Labor Defense, tion of the share-croppers and day representing the other prisoners. laborers negro and white. In Wash-The Board has no desire to prolong ington, new plans are being laid to the activities of a body which ral- continue the subsidy to planting incentral labor bodies and s group Court has declared that the "cot-

Compared with the sentences held in Tampa at one of which unionism through the C. S. law, rights against planters.

persons expected 7-year terms. A partial victory has been won, farmers could get no justice from but the fight is not ended. The the local County Committees which ed Rubber Workers, and Wilmer lander, whose name is intimately as well as legal moves.

Muste to Speak

A. J. Muste, National Secretary of the Workers Party, who has just completed a tour through the mid-west and is at present attending the Unity Convention of the Workers Alliance in Washington, will speak at Germania Hall, 8 P.M. Sunday, April 19. Comrade Muste will speak on present trends in the labor movement, political and economic, dealing particularly with the strike of the Akron rubber workers and the Labor Party ballyhoo of the Communist Party.

Azana Speaks Firmly March on For Conservative Spain

Loudly Applauded by Stalinists and Monarchists -- Cabellero Cautious; Swing to Right Apparent

By ALFREDO ROJAS

The Azana government took another hig step to the right this week. On April 4, only eight days before the municipal elections were to be held. Azana issued a decree indefinitely postponing them. The rightists-Monarchists and Catholics-had declared they would abstain from the elections and had called upon Azana to postpone them. This leaves bourgeois-republican majorities, elected in 1931, still in control of the local governments.

Azana's postponement of the elections was preceded the day before by a significant speech by Azana before the Cortes, and which was greeted with praise by all sections of the bourgeoisie and by the Stal-

Azana's Speech

The tenor of Azana's speech is summarized by "Ahora," republican daily, as follows:

"The fear that the recent disorders (i.e., strikes and peasant seizures of land) would continue, should be dispelled by Azana's speech. In it he declared, first, that he will go no further than the limits fixed by the electoral pact of the Popular Front; second, that he, heeding the dictates of experience and responsibility, would keep control of the execution of the (electoral) program, which is equivalent to regulating the rhythm, circumstances, possibilities and consequences of it; third, that everything will be done by legal methods and within the law, punishing all who violate it. These statements are satisfactory and reassuring and demonstrate that Azana knows that it is expected of him that

he stop the excesses of the lefts which have resulted in disorders the last few weeks.' For Azana-Monarchists, Stalinists

Jimenez Fernandez, spokesman for the reactionary Catholic Ceda, said: "I support ninety percent of the speech." Gil Robles, after praising Azana's attitude, declared: "I cannot understand how some paragraphs of the speech could have been applauded by the Communists and the extreme Social-Count Romanones, declared that ned march which will protest the Even the arch-monarchist, Azana's speech would undoubtedly facilitate re-establishment of tranion." Calvo Sotelo, leader of the billion dollar appropriation for remonarchists, said: "It was the expression of a true conservative. His declaration of respect for the law and the Constitution should make a good impression on public opin-

The Stalinists were equally fulsome in their praise, the general secretary of the Communist party

issuing a statement saying: "We were pleased with the speech. In Azana we see (Continued on Page 2)

Croppers Swindled Man Fired

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Apr. 2-While terests by means of a "conservaunconstitutional.

Across the Mississippi, in the given the Imperial Valley C.S. pris- share-cropping country, poor farmoners in 1931, the Board has been ers, who hoped that the AAA conharsh. The fact that a great re- tracts of plowing under would afanced—as the N.S.A.C. has estab- by both local and Federal Courts First Congregational Church, as lished—by the State Chamber of relief have had their hopes dashed Commerce which aims to smash when they tried to enforce their

N.S.A.C. aims to upset the Mini were set up under the AAA as local Tate, president of the Central Laverdict and to fight for the free-bodies to administer controversies. bor Union, are throwing the weight dom of all the prisoners. The local committees are composed of their organizations solidly bethree women in Tehachapi have of planters and their agents. The hind Widick. yet to appear before the Board share-croppers are not represented. Prisoners now denied parole will The courts hypocritically ruled that be eligible for parole later. Even they could not entertain the disafter Mini is free, there will still putes because the contracts were be prisoners in whom the N.S.A.C. signed by the landlords and the is interested. Pressure must go on, government and not by the farmers involved in the controversies.

There was a good reason for the failure of the share-tenants to sign the contracts. To do so would have On April 19th meant that the planter had a joint interest in the crop and could dispose of it as he saw fit. In practice this would have meant that even the few dollars accruing to the share-croppers under the AAA would have passed through the hands of the landlords—and into their pockets.

Tugwell Will "Investigate" fraud by eliminating the contrac- life of the Ohio Guild.

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Akron Guild

By BLAKE LEAR

April 4.

of the Beacon-Journal, the Times-Press and the Guild unit.

Widick has a fine record in the strike in Milwaukee.

As a consequence of his record. the C.L.U. has indicated its subport of the move for his reinstatement. Powers Hapgood of the C. These disputes arose when the unit on the Widick case.

Sherman Dalrymple of the Unit-

'incompetence." but the real reason obviously lies in his pro-labor activity. As was observed at the time in Akron labor union circles, 'If it took three years to discover that Widick is incompetent, charg- Cooke of New Jersey, who led a the publisher instead!"

Akron is recognized as one of they presented their demands in an the strongest Guild centers in Ohio. emphatic manner; Charles Rossio through the efforts of Widick to- which includes thousands of jobthe Akron organizations.

tack on Widick, if successful, will the Golden Gate. be a heavy blow to the Guild here. The militant note struck by the

new contracts which are being pre- necially the rubber-workers recog- ization. pared. The share-croppers are not nize this a blow to the A. F. of L. invited to the conferences which as well. The National Office of of the sessions, resolutions and are framing the new contracts. A the Newspaper Guild has also work of the convention will be delegation was sent to see Tug-stressed the importance of this given in the next issue of the New

Capitol Is Last Act

Johnson's Rump Convention Folds Up--A Fiasco

Uniting three separate and ofttime warring organizations the organized unemployed are now concluding their business in the nation's capital by creating the most powerful fighting machine the million-headed jobless have seen since the crisis began.

With the Workers Alliance, the National Unemployed League and the unemployed councils merged into one cohesive body, the unity convention will wind up its stay in Washington with a mass demonstration around the White House and the Capitol.

More than a thousand workers, representing a force of unemployed some 200 times their number are expected to take part in the planscheduled layoff of over 700,000 WPA workers. They will demand job and social insurance and a 6

N U L Well Represented

At this writing with details not yet available, representatives to the National Exective Board of the united Workers Alliance of America are being selected in caucus by the various participating organizations for ratification by the convention.

Preliminary reports indicate that the National Unemployed League, which merged with the WAA prior to the opening of the convention was represented by close to 150 delegates, coming from their battle grounds of struggle in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and other parts of the country.

Rump Convention Fizzles

The rump convention of the NUL organized by Arnold Johnson, Stal-AKRON, O.—Branko J. Widick, inist stooge, proved to be a com-11 ex-cops and Klansmen who are the cigar factories and in the sur-indicted for the murder of Joseph rounding citrus groves is merci-flogged with chains and whins and the lard-hitting chairman of the Ohio plete fizzle. With hardly as many planting and banking interests of district of the American Newspaper delegates as can be counted on the Shoemaker and the kidnapping and lessly exploited. Unemployment is delegates as can be counted on the flogging of Eugene F. Poulnot and widespread. Relief is pitiful. In west townward and big wight less were all aimed at the fingers of your hands, this "confingers of with less were all aimed at the fingers of your hands, this "confingers of with less were all aimed at the fingers of your hands, this "confined with less were all aimed at the fingers of your hands, this "confined with less were all aimed at the fingers of your hands, this "confined with less were all aimed at the fingers of your hands, this "confined with less were all aimed at the fingers of your hands, this "confined with less were all aimed at the fingers of your hands, this "confined with less were all aimed at the fingers of your hands, this "confined with less were all aimed at the fingers of your hands, this "confined with less were all aimed at the fingers of your hands, this "confined with less were all aimed at the fingers of your hands, this "confined with less were all aimed at the fingers of your hands, this "confined with less were all aimed at the confined with less were all aimed at the fingers of your hands, this "confined with less were all aimed at the confined wi was tortured and his right leg was setting of minimum terms for all Southern Tenant Farmers' Union Akron Beacon-Journal unit of the vention" had to abandon the presam D. Rogers. Whitaker himself Tampa, the unrestrained gambling is also said to have received an inracket is worth a million dollars a garing days divising which time his the prisoners, the Heard of Prison is preparing a stiff resistance to the Guild, was summarily fired on text of representing the NUL. We learn from a Daily Worker Wash-The action came as the first blow ington dispatch that the traitor of the industrial reaction after the Johnson has been placed on the Exrecent Goodyear strike, and pre- ecutive Board slate as an "indepenceded by four days the opening of dent" from Kentucky (!). Placing negotiations between the publishers Johnson as a "representative" from Kentucky, which the real NUL was unable to contact, the Stalinists have confessed failure to realize labor movement. He was instru- their wretched scheme to capture mental in organizing Ohio for the the NUL by a too-clever maneuver. Guild, and was a leading advocate The leagues throughout the country of affiliation with the A. F. of L. Quickly realized that Johnson was On Thursday preceding the com- acting in their midst as an agent pany's action Widick spoke before of the Unemployed Councils, and the C. L. U. on the Hearst-Guild sabotaging unity in the interest of the latter, turned a deaf ear to his appeals and convention calls.

Ted Selander and Anthony Ram uglia, former officers of the NUL, were speakers at the convention. Ramuglia came to the convention fresh from the picket lines of the Lehigh County WPA strike. Seassociated with the famous Automunity of interests between em-The charge against Widick is ployed an unemployed, describing the cooperation rendered striking workers by the leagues in his dissrict.

Militant Note in Speeches

Other speakers included Ray es ought to be preferred against demonstration of unemployed into the legislature of his state where This has come about largely of the Illinois Workers Alliance gether with other progressives in less miners in its ranks, W. K. Patrick, one of the 1932 bonus It is openly admitted tat the at- marchers and others from Maine to

In view of the fact that Akron orator-delegates, the applause is the mainspring of the Ohio or- which greeted all fighting proposals ganizational campaign of the Guild, to advance the interests of the job-Now, the same interests are the successful conclusion of this less, including a resolution for a ready to consummate the same attack will seriously menace the mass hunger march of 50,000 to Washington this summer presages tual rights of the farmers in the Labor circles generally and es a great future for the new organ-

A compete account and analysis Militant by our reporters.

AMERICAN LABOR AT A GLANCE

(From Northwest Organizer) .By FARRELL DOBBS

The most pleasant surprise experienced by the Local 574 committee which was sent east to visit the national leaders of the industrial union movement was to learn of the popular national support that the General Drivers' Union was known and admired. All. inquired not about what we have done -this they knew-but what the union intended to do next. They expressed satisfaction with our account of the present healthy condition of 574 and its excellent pros-

In every big industrial center we found the workers and the progressive union leaders in very good spirits. All are highly enthused over the new possibilities of effective union organization now opening up for them through the

Craft Unionism Disastrous

bers for the various crafts, but I.O. back into the ranks of the unorganized, embittered by the experi-

The bosses seize the chance and intensify their anti-union campaign. Active unionists are fired. No organization remains to defend them. The cloak of a special "labor board," which the government has obligingly provided for the craft union officials, quickly proves its impotence. The union is gone and with it the rights of the workers. We were shown the spot where a year ago the Akron rubber workers made a huge bonfire of union cards after such an experience.

But now the whole picture is

Workers Want Action

And these are not mere words. Beginning with a series of sit-down strikes, the workers in the Good-

†574 Leader Gives His Impressions of Indus-† trial Union Movement in the East

which 574 enjoys. Wherever we dare. All eyes were on this strike. the paid-up membership of the Indemands for the elimination of the called—and we talked with many The lessons to be drawn from such ternational Unions. Hence the cam-machine control which now exists important labor tigures—we found action would have been too obvious. paign to pay in for every possible in the A. F. of L. and the restora-

example. Here again the sweep of office holders vs. the welfare of the movement was tremendous. The the workers of America. Every strike spread like wildfire. Elevator operators, caretakers, janitors, over one hundred thousand workvery effectively, against the real estate czars.

The craft unionists do not like these manifestations: they do not ers take to the ideas of industrial are downright reactionary, and to national labor movement. The C. unionism; they do not like the say the least, undemocratic. This I.O. has not, however, taken the unionism. Every sincere, intellimanner in which the workers apthey are organized industrially. majority of the workers in the But the workers do like it; they trial unionism. But their prime the movement on a national basis. have enjoyed the thrill of the first convinced of the ridiculousness of taste; they hunger for more. The craft unionism. They tell you convincing stories to show that their beliefs are not based on pure the-

"Rule or Ruin"

division. It matters not that they have been unable to organize in these plants. They poise, motion-less, like birds of prey, until they less, like birds of prey, until they because they were well aware that see a good opportunity, and then they swoon down for the bill. It has since become a staunch is a sorry sight that they leave in their wake. They gain a few mem-

from the A. F. of L. of the affiliates this form of organization creates. on the slightest pretext. of the C.I.O. (Tobin, the charter revoker, who probably still thinks that 574 is smashed because he revoked its charter. 574 has done better without him than it ever did with him. The A. F. of L. will probably some day enjoy the same pleasant experience.) There are other Tobins in the Council who also believe in "rule or ruin," who are drunk with imaginary power-Hutchinson of the carpenters, for the workers in the basic industries, tion. The order issued was a poor give us a free hand to organize compromise which will return to the basic industries, the weakness of their post-before the N.R.A. Since the N.R.A. Since the N.R.A. but a union could satisfy them.

The basic industries, tion. The order issued was a poor give us a free hand to organize compromise which will return to the basic industries. compromise which will return to industrially, and we will show the haunt them at the next session of of which has never before been the Executive Council. There will ers in 1933, then not affiliated to be much bluster and tall talk, but the A F of L started a compaign their efforts to "purge" the C.I.O. will be as ineffective as were Meyer

Another development in the fight at the top is the quiet, unadveryear plant at Akron have shattered tised and methodical manner in the fetters which restrained them, which the International Unions and, swarming to the picket lines are paying per capita tax to the by the thousands, they have dem- A. F. of L. on additional members. onstrated the value of industrial It has long been a recognized cusorganization combined with mili-tom for International Unions to tant struggle. Nobody scabbed on pay a tax on only part of their a craft union card in this strike. membership. Even Tobin that

Lewis' efforts to "purge" 574.

Southern Illinois Unions Back Kroger Strike

Southern Illinois and Missouri un- Coulter, who in the most trying ion men, assembled in conference, time of the strike tried to blackwere aflame with anger at the jack it by signing a contract with treatment accorded St. Louis ware- the boss, over the heads of the house workers, whose strike against workers, and containing none of the Kroger Grocery and Baking the original demands of the strik-Co. extends over an unbroken peri- ers. od of five months, by C.C. Coulter of the International Retail Clerks. Their resentment was expressed in renemed and vigorous support.

45 delegates from 24 unions, unemployed and fraternal organizations and over a hundred fraternal delegates and visitors heard a re- strike, enabling it to continue and port from Oscar T. Wiles, secretary of Warehouse Union 667 and unani- pany, has been manifest in a growmously decided to broaden the anti-Kroger boycott movement, to pre- throughout Illinois and Missouri by pare for a general strike movement in St. Louis and to further aid the crous financial contributions. strike by soliciting strike funds.

Wiles' Report

In a stirring speech, punctuated by vigorous applause, Wiles reviewed the long, hard-fought struggle of local 667. He reviewed the rise of the union under NRA, the attack made on it by the employers, the resistance of the workers and the outbreak of the strike on Nov. 6, 1935. One hundred and forty and kept the strike going, battling two detective agencies, the Pinkerimportation of scabs and strike should deem it advisable and nec breakers. Kroger's best ally has essary. not been the detective agencies, however, but the leader of the In- deciding to reconvene.

ternational Retail Clerks, C. C.

The demands of the union, Wiles continued, remained the following: seniority rights, higher wages, and a forty-hour week and no settlement would be made until some satisfactory adjustment is made on these demands. Support for the dealing a serious blow to the coming boycott of Kroger stores organized labor as well as by gen-

Outstanding among the organizations aiding the strike have been locals of the Progressive Miners of America who have helped finan- though all the bosses would capitucially and by lending men in the leadership and guidance of the St Louis workers.

Gerry Allard, leader of the Illinois Workers Alliance, was elected chairman of the conference. Other his President to "shoot the works," committees were elected to foster six men manned the picket lines the boycott movement, to solicit support from local trade union bodies and to prepare a general strike ton and the Ahner, and the steady in St. Louis, if the committee

The conference adjourned after

workers in New York is a second stake; the jobs of the craft union unions. vote counts.

Role of the C.I.O.

the workers are determined to have come. A union is created in a steel plant, an automobile factory, a rubber plant—it matters not where, rubber plant—it matters not where, for the story is the same. All the workers band together in one embracing unit. They prepare to do will the Executive Council take at members of the C.I.O. have declared tant strikes; a notable example is pracing unit. They prepare to do battle with the employers, to fight for higher wages, shorter hours, a decent living. Then, on the eve of section the content of the content is next session? Will it expel the its next session? Will it expel the international Unions affiliated with the employers, to fight its next session? Will it expel the international Unions affiliated with the carden to ing the leadership of this movement the C.I.O.? This is very doubtful.

As a matter of fact the order to in a cautious and hesitant manner. As a matter of fact, the order to dissolve was issued to the C.I.O.

They stand with one foot firmly the craft unionists. of jurisdiction, their program of only with great reluctance on the planted on the old; with the other

> Daniel J. Tobin came into the ultimate gains to be made through are no longer issued. The Federal his usual self-centered, narrow- thing more than industrial unions. craft Internationals wherever this minded, hard-boiled attitude. He We need a democratic freedom of can be done. These charters are

> One union for all and all on the great exponent of the sanctity of The workers should support the picket line. The craft union lead- per capita tax, has followed this C.I.O. in its stand for industrial ers would have liked very much to practice. Voting strength in the unionism, but, at the same time, pluck this union, but they did not A. F. of L. convention is based on they must constantly put forward The strike of the building service member. There is a vital issue at tion of true democracy in the local

> Our long conversation with John Brophy, director of the C.I.O., gave us a very comprehensive picture of the present activities of this group. To properly understand the role the principal work of the commiters fighting as one, and fighting of the Committee for Industrial Or- | tee is confined to the educational ganization, we must first recognize field. Books, pamphlets, news rethe background of the committee leases and editorials sent to labor members. None of these men can editors, speeches, and other mediboast of a clear record of progres-ums of expression are being used like the zest with which the work- sivis. Some of their past actions to clarify the issues throughout the is a matter of record. True, they initiative in solidifying the induscause: the movement for indus- industrial centers and co-ordinating motive is one of personal ambition. As yet the strong feeling of the The members of the C.I.O. have workers is only a seething ferment, one distinct advantage over their evidencing itself in sporadic heat fellow officeholders, the craft un- lightnings, which give warning of ionists: they have been able to the impending storm. Organized correctly estimate the mood of the action to rid the movement of the working masses. They realize that evils of craft unionism is yet to

Many worker, look upon the C. type of local was created in an at-L.O. as a messiah. There is a tempt to forestall industrial uniontract in a large measure from the movement. Federal Union charters demanded the immediate expulsion action to apply the power which being revoked on a wholesale basis

Craft Union Blocks Shirt Workers' Organization

last was the Philadelphia district, which is the biggest shirt factory production center with the possible exception of Troy, New York.

The Amalgamated had entered Philadelphia at the start of the campaign but selected the strongest factory as the first for organization and lost a drawn-out, violent strike. This probably made it change its tactics to organizing the small town factories first.

Amalgamated Progress

portant because the U. G., the United Garment Workers, which had original jurisdiction in the A. F. of L. over the shirt workes, had signed an agreement with the Amalgamated to avoid such a jurisdictional quarrel, one part of which said that the Amalgamated could organize any dress shirt area (the Amalgamated had first right in organizing the work-shirt factories) which the U. G., for whatever reason it had, would not try organizing. The U. G., a disintegrating organ-

ization, made no attempt to organize any area and so the Amalgamated had the shirt industry for itself. From the very start of the campaign in Philadelphia the response was gratifying and it looked as late without much of a fight.

When the A. F. of L. convention for his efforts. ended, as rumor has it, a Mr. Polson, organizer for the U. G. in Philadelphia, received a telegram from -in other words to smash the Amalgamated campaign and, if pos-

"Organizing" with Bosses Aid Whether this rumor is true or that way the Amalgamated help can not, the effect was the same. De- be demanded, as it could not claim spite the promise from the Amal- then that the workers are not asgamated that it could organize the suredly behind it.

dustry in the country. It is in these them the Amalgamated was a radifactories in the coal mining sections cal organization, and would make Socialist convention, which takes slightly more intelligent of the of Pennsylvtnit and in the South, excessive demands and strike to get place in June in Asturias. "Ya" changing. Hope has taken the craft unionists opposed this pro- in particular, that pay envelopes them; and in order to keep the Amparicular, that pay envelopes place of despair. "Get these craft gram. They understood better than were as low as \$4, and less, a week, algamate out for good, the workers will be the second of our backs" say a pathing union leeches off our backs," say
Tobin the weakness of their posithe workers in the beste industries

Were as low as \$4, and less, a week,
before the N.R.A. Since the N.R. would join his union, as nothing The bosses, seeing his logic, per-

The Amalagmated Clothing Work- mitted him to enter the cutting the A. F. of L., started a campaign he only sought the cutters and, into organize the shirt workers on a cidently, without them no strike national scale. The workers eager- could be successfully called by the ly responded to the Amalagamated rest of the workers) where he made wherever it went and by 1935 it had speeches denouncing the Amalgaentered practically every shirt fac- mated and told them it was foolish tory district and organized most of to stick to it, as the bosses would the shops. The one area it left for never recognize that union but would recognize his organization which was "responsible and sensible." Those workers who balked boss and threatened with the loss of their job.

Naturally the workers joined, particularily because the Amalgamated Amalgamated did was to tell the workers to remain loyal to it, but if their jobs were thereby jeopard-U. G. The workers did not hesitate When the Amalgamated entered to follow this advice, especially be-Philadelphia again about eight cause the Amalgamated OK'd it, months ago, with a big staff of which they figured foolishly was a organizers and plenty of money, it clever maneuver by the Amalgawas a member of the A. F. of L. mated, and also because they got a This A. F. of L. affiliation is im- \$2 raise (but that was all the U. G. got them in improved working conditions).

Polson Finishes His Work

Polson then went around to several other shops and put the fear of the Amalgamated in the hearts of the bosses and by showing the agreements of the other shops to the cutters, made them feel it was useless to fight the U. G. and the boss alone.

The Amalgamated soon left town with the lame alibi that if it continued organizational work, the rest of the shops would be forced by the osses into the U. G., and it didn't wish to organize for the U.G.

The bosses in the other shops did not even bother to get their workers into the U. G., as it would mean a raise of \$2 to all the cutters. Polson did not object, probably because he was already so well rewarded

With the Amalgamated definitely gone and the U. G. rejected by the workers, the only perspective of the cutters, who should enlist the support of the operators, pressers, etc. in their shops, should be one of insible, get the workers in the U. G. dividual shop organization, and of striking when strong enough. In

The very air is charged with a feeling of impending change. Events are moving at a rapid pace. The next period will see many significant happenings. Labor is preway, for a tremendous stride foron the side of progress.

Azana Speech Conservative (Continued from Page 1)

firm intention of carrying out the People's Front pact, and the Communists will loyally support him throughout (en todo momen-

This is true enough: the Stalinist Mundo Obrero" has been more lavish with praise of Azana than even The men were first arrested in San the government's own papers dare Francisco in April, 1934, on trump-

to the Young Socialist meeting in tions of the country. Madrid, in a speech bristling with revolutionary phraseology, served notice on Azana that if his government does not solve the political will remain open" for the dictatordeclared that the Azana government the last bulwark for the derule by cannons and soldiers.

he Socialist masses.

bceause Spanish socialism is transforming itself into revolutionary Socialists actually have at present on the National Executive Committee, and control the daily "El Socialista," Prieto's threats are undoubtedly merely a maneuver to scare into line waversentiment in the ranks.

were called into the office of the President Zamora, which had been o January 26, William Gallagher had strangely failed them. All the of the American, or the German under the Weimar republic. He is similar to the French president. Zamora has been succeeded by ized they should sign up with the Martinez-Barrios, who was elected Speaker of the Cortes by almost unanimous vote, including the rightist deputies.

which receives the United Press service, suppressed the full U.P. dispatches describing Azana's speech and its friendly reception by the rightists and Stalinists. Their only story this week on Spain was one hailing the ousting of Zamora.

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Ferrero-Sallito Denied Writ By Federal Court Judge

the meantime the two defendants against our department". have been imprisoned in Ellis Is- Sec'ty Perkins "Has No Authority" land. Immediate steps have now been taken by the Ferrerro-Stallito Defense Conference for an appeal, and for obtaining the release of the two innocent men on bail pending action on their appeal.

The case has aroused widespread protest in labor and liberal circles, partly because of the openly antagonistic attitude taken by the U. S. Department of Labor in this case. ed-up charges, and taken before a Largo Caballero, whose strength minor functionary of the District fied groups believing in the overin the Socialist Party rests on the Office of the Department of Labor. growing Left Wing, was wiser than This official, acting as prosecutor, the Stalinists. Asked to comment judge and jury all in one, after a on Azana's speech, he reserved de-perfunctory "hearing" on practicalcision: "It's much too soon to give ly no evidence, ordered the defendan opinion on the speech." When ants deported. The action caused Azana, twenty-four hours later, immediate protest by labor elements called off the municipal elections, who formed the Ferrero-Stallitto Caballero, speaking the next day Defense Conference in various sec-

Nation-wide Protest

Thousands'of protest letters, telephone calls and personal communications from all over the country and economic problems, "the road have swept in to the immigration and labor authorities from such outship of the proletariat. Caballero standing organizations and individuals as the American Civil Liberment will not solve the problems ties Union, the American Commit 'easily." Azana was right, said tee for the Protection of the For-Caballero, in terming his govern- eign-Born, the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, the Amalfense of the right of the bourgeoisie, gamated Clothing Workers of Amerand that the government could not ica, the I. W. W., the International Labor Defense, the League for In-At every step of Azana against dustrial Democracy, The Non-Partithe masses, Caballero delivers him- san Labor Defense, the Workers' self of such "left" oratory, but Alliance, the Workmen's Circle, takes no action toward breaking many central trades ond labor bodwith the bourgeois-republicans. So lies in Philadelphia, Baltimore, far, this has enabled him to ride Cleveland, Toledo and elsewhere most of the workers are driven back into the ranks of the unormates the Socialist ranks, especial- painters, teachers, cement workers, ly the youth. But other leaders, cooks and waiters, textile workers,

> "virtually expelled from the party" ed to Commissioner D. W. McCor- and activities in Cleveland, Chicamack in October 1935:

After two months of procrastin- "Some of the newspapers out ation, Judge Francis G. Caffey of here are calling frequently inquirthe Federal District Court of the ing as to whether or not there has Southern District of New York fi- been a final decision on these cases. paring, in its gigantic, lumbering nally handed down his reactionary There are also a number of civic decision in denying an application organizations showing unusual inward. Local 574 can look ahead for a writ of habeas corpus by Vin- terest in the two cases. . . Should with complete confidence. We are cent Ferrerro and Dominick Salli- they succeed in overcoming the orto. The hearing was held on Feb. der of deportation, we shall have to 4. 1936, and the decision was not be prepared to take it on the chin, rendered until March 26, 1936. In as the publicity will be very much

In reply to the demand of a delegation from the Conference that she review the cases of Ferrerro and Sallitto and intervene in their behalf, Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, wrote the Conference as follows on February, 1936:

"In reply, you are advised that the two aliens named have been ordered deported under the provision of law which requires such action where it is found that an alien belongs to any one of certain specithrow of organized government or advocating measures having that end in view. Where charges of this nature are found to be sustained by the evidence, the Secretary of Labor has no authority under existing law to avert deportations".

So flimsy was the so-called "evidence" submitted in Sallitto's case, that after the hearing had been closed, the record was sent back from Washington with a request for more convincing evidence. Whereupon these stool-pigeon inspectors of the Labor Department called another hearing and calmly introduced into Sallitto's record excerpts taken from the record of another case.

Such is the "evidence" which Madame Perkins is willing to accept as a basis for deporting workers to Mussolini's Fascist dungeons.

The Italian Fascist government has asked to be notified when Ferrerro and Sallitto are to be deported. Every worker who knows what is going on in Italy today

will realize what this means. Help Defend Ferrerro and Sallitto! The Ferrerro and Sallitto case involves the freedom of expression and association which is a life and -death necessity for all workers in their struggles. Every workers and with a more consistently militant furriers, jewelry workers, pocket- every labor organization should ralposition, like Javier Bueno, Social- book workers, carpenters, etc., and ly solidly behind the Defense Con-

ist leader of the Asturian rebellion, Norman Thomas, John L. Lewis, ference. Get your organization, are being heard more and more by Tom Mooney, A. F. Whitney, David your union, your cooperative, your Dubinsky, Joseph Schlossberg, Hey- club, to send delegates to the meet-Threats of a split by the Right wood Broun, Kirby Page, Upton ings of the Ferrerro-Sallitto De-Wing Socialists, led by Indilecio Sinclair, Albert Sprague Coolidge, fense Conference in your vicinity. Pricto, are reported by the conser-Robert Lovett, Roger Baldwin, and vative republican organ, "Ya," hundreds of others.

Which offices that The conser-Robert Lovett, Roger Baldwin, and Joint Board of the I.L.G.W.U.. 218 PHILA, Pa.—The men's shirt G.'s interference, this Mr Polson other deputies plan to unite with shown in the following the follow rilla, ra.—Ine men's snirt went around to all the bosses, told industry is the most sweated in-District Commissioner of Immigra- Box 181, Station D. New York, tion in San Francisco, referring to N. Y., for information concerning the Ferrerro-Sallitto case, address- the Defense Conference meetings

John Bull Model

In its sharp turn toward collaboration with the Labour Party. ing elements who are impressed by the British C. P. finds it necessary the growing strength of Left wing to concentrate a sharp fire against the I.L.P., particularly because of Stalinists, Right wing Socialists the latter's position on sanctions the bourgeois republicans and the imperialist war. Lacking joined together to peddle to the for arguments, the Stalinists have masses as an extraordinary and to resort to invective. Thus, at a significant victory the ousting of meeting at City Hall at Glasgow a foregone conclusion after the flung an "annihilating" charge February elections. Under the against the I.L.P. It appears that

Spanish constitution, the President Maxton and Buchanan are continhas no power comparable to that ually in the company of Tory M. P.'s and refuse to associate with Labour M.P.'s. Gallagher further charged that on the day of the Hoare-Laval debate, Maxton "had ed to the House? his hands on the shoulders of two Tory members." No more, no less! John McGovern, M.P., retorted with "a hard hitting reply" in the

The American Daily Worker, February 14 issue of the New Leader. Says he, "Such an attack demands a forthright reply. Gallagher has asked for it, and he shall have it." And McGovern proceeds to list the following facts:

1) Harry Pollitt appeared on the platform at Edinburgh with and he got it! the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Mr. Guy, M.P. (Tory K. C.) and Sir Archibald Sinclair, M.P., the Liberal leader and land-

owner of 23,000 acres. Commons on the day of the Hoare-Laval debate, the same day on which Maxton was observed in a will be host to all Milwaukee newscompromising embrace with two papers at a party at 10 P.M. Satur-Tories. Adds McGovern, (the trio in the gallery) appeared will be a midnight supper. Heyto be enjoying themselves immensely.'

state secret in telling that Galla- here Monday with five other pergher himself had asked Maxton sons arrested during a mass dem-"to speak to Tories and Liberals onstration a few weeks ago. Broun to get a requisition signed for the is charged with resisting an officer.

Anti-Communist Union." 4) He furthermore charges that \$500.

during the Scottish Hunger March communism. Since the Right Wing Peoples Front Gallagher who was sent to Edin-Socialists actually have a majority ourgh, room.

5) Next, in Gallagher's election address, the latter also preferred to remain incognito. He never mentioned that he was a Communist candidate nor did he even mention the word Socialism. Comments the irate McGovern, "It was the poorest document I have ever seen and could have been issued by any Liberal."

McGovern then asks Gallagher some very embarrassing questions: 1) What have you to say about all that, comrade Gallagher?

2) Why did you, Gallagher refuse to vote for the right of the unemployed agricultural worker to receive the ordinary unemployed benefit, when the bill was present-3) "What do Gallagher and Pol-

litt have to say about Maisky and Litvinov's part in the late King's funeral and their presence at dinner with the new King at Buckingham Palace?" Adds McGovern, "The truth is

that they dare not criticize these Russian representatives, because they are their bosses and paymasters.

In short, Gallagher asked for it,

GUILD STRIKE SOLID

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Apr. 7.-Striking editorial workers of the Wisconsin News and hundreds of 2) Mr. Maisky, the Soviet am- their supporters from the ranks of bassador, was chatting with the labor will stage a mass demonstra-Prince of Wales on his right side, tion at 8 P.M. Friday in front of and Signor Grandi (Fascist am- the News building. It will be the bassador of Italy on his left side first night demonstration at the in the gallery of the House of News building during the strike, which is now in its eighth week.

The Milwaukee Newspaper Guild "They day at the Hotel Schroeder. There wood Broun, national president of the guild, will be speaker. Broun 3) McGovern reveals another will appear in the district court

purpose of having the Daily Work- J. Nash McCrea, strike chairman, er in the library of the House of and Jonathan Eddy, national sec-Commons; and even secured the retary, returned from the Twin signature of Mr. Marcus Samuel, Cities where the guild pledged M.P., secretary of the anti-Socialist \$400 more for the strike fund. The Twin Cities guild has already given

MARCH OF EVENTS

By JACK WEBER

America Plans for War

pends on the home front as much plants. But it would be quite inif not more than on the battle front. correct to assume that the only The availability of resources at the reason is to assure a supply of tin beginning of, and during a war, and for the war. That is a relatively the level of the technical productive minor purpose. The real motive forces are vital matters that enter must be sought in the process of into all the plans and preparations detinning, in the chemicals formed of the General Staffs. Thus one during the process of recovering tin large section of the United States from scrap. This process uses War Department has as its task the chlorine in considerable quantities. keeping of up-to-the-minute files of Chlorine is one of the elements that statistics and technical information enter into the production of certain on every raw material and com- of the poison gases. The tetrachlormodity that enters into military use, ide of tin, one of the chemicals proeither directly or indirectly. These duced, is used in explosives to pro-Commodity Files show the annual | duce a concealing smoke, and is also needs of the country, both civilian used in producing glares. It is for and military, the sources of supply, these purposes that the war departthe stocks on hand in warehouses | ment is anxious to keep going these and in factories, the possibilities detinning plants, and not for the but agree on the following measures for quick expansion of production, tin primarily. Of course tin enters the available substitutes in case of into the making of all Babbitt bearshortage. Where certain materials ings which are so essential to all necessitate importing from abroad, machinery, particularly on ships and particularly from South America, in mechanized warfare. But Bolivia fenses after November 1933, and the navy is assigned the duty in ad- is a source of tin that is under the "those of a similar character" not vance of keeping the sea lanes open direct control of the United States to protect the ships delegated to navy, a source that could not poscarry these materials. The war sibly be closed to American imperioffice keeps a watchful cyc on the alism in wartime. No, it is poison stocks on hand so as not to be gases and the materials for produccaught with a shortage of some ing glares and concealing smokes strategic commodity on the outbreak | that motivate Hull and Roosevelt. of war. Naturally in carrying out this phase of its imperialist duties, PREPARATIONS FOR WAR the War Department is in close touch with the capitalists who con-the utmost need of technical pretrol the supplies, with the trusts paration, the careful planning of

port of tin scrap is an indication of for a country to build up the stocks dustries shall have their rights tivated for some time shall be availthe mutual helpfulness of this in- necessary and to see that the plant protected by the labor boards. timate relationship. At the out- equipment is adequate. The United (Though the clause referring to break of war certain factories will States today is engaged in these be immediately mobilized according technical preparations, just as is those preceding it, apparently prito prearranged plan to start pro- every other power. The rivalries, vate industry followed the rest in duction of military supplies. These the competition for markets and reinstating the workers.) strategic plants are naturally sub- colonies, the need for expansion on sidized and given every assistance in the part of each national branch of time of peace.

DETINNING AND WAR

venience in modern life than a wars have as their aim the bolsternecessity. Substitutes could easily | ing-up of a decaying and tottering | mobiles. It seems strange, at first of the working class at home by (the Supreme Court, which is elec- omy to the general interest. As a sight, therefore, that Secretary of extending their field of operation to ted by an intricate system which consequence it is in order": State Hull in his capacity as Secre-other lands and to other peoples. gives undue weight to universities tary of the National Munitions Con- If. workers once learn that such and the upper classes) shall be retrol Board, should have seen fit to wars are aimed just as much at vised so as to prevent that the deendorse the protest of two detinning them as at the "enemy" abroad by tense of the constitution from fall- tariff laws, tax exemption, methods firms and place an embargo on ex- the home capitalists, then all the ing into the hands of those conport of scrap tin for three months, technical preparations of the war trary to the regime. to be followed by licensing of such mongers and their military servants | 2. Laws necessary to implement tance which the state may conceive exports. The Vulcan Detinning Co., will come to nought. For in the the constitution shall be passed, es- of interest to national production. of Sewaren, N. J., and the Mutual final analysis, the primary and ab- pecially the municipal and provin- To promote the national recovery and Thermit Co. of N. Y., the two solutely essential productive force major producers of tin from scrap, is the man-power of the worker him- the constitution (local government). load of speculation that has hamclaim that the running of their busi-self. The capitalists can conduct Reform of the rules and regula-pered industry. ness profitably is being threatened war only so long as they can sucby Japan's extraordinary purchases cessfully suppress the militant workof scrap metal here. Therefore, in ing class, only so long as the proleconformity with the War Depart- tariat is forcibly prevented from ment plan for mobilization of in- taking the means of production out a small of taking the means of production out are is bound up with full recognitions. dustry in time of war, Hull took of the hands of the exploiters and quick action. Evidently the war into its own.

The outcome of modern war de-|department wishes to maintain these

Precisely because war involves

the complete industrial life of the The news of the embargo on ex- nation, it takes a number of years capitalism, have reached the ex- victims of revolutionary events returned or paid for grandees' land plosive point. The capitalist world is on a volcano ready to blow up "victims of illegal acts of the puband to destroy civilization. The Tin is not an essential or "strat- workers of all countries will be the egic" commodity. It is more a con- victims of imperialist war. Such

Tokyo-Berlin Alliance

(Continued from Page 1) newed pressure on Nanking, once in the United States, the Stalinists move circulated the report that a now seek to do in China. Soviet-Nanking pact was likewise in the offing.

There has never been any basis for previous Japanese reports of has not gone as far as actual consimilar tenor and the sharp denials tact between Nanking and Moscow. issued at Nanking and Moscow on Nanking is Tokyo's vassal and too this occasion can be taken at their subject to Tokyo's pressure, espeface value. Japan still stands too solidly athwart the path of possible Japanese circulate such reports Sino-Soviet rapprochement. The only to use them as a lever to press present regime at Nanking is committed to a policy of capitulation it demands. to Japan and there is no sign that it is prepared to swerve from that report of a Nanking-Soviet agree- bad treatment done away with; no orientation. The Nanking govern- ment, Nanking forwarded a protest arbitrary solitary confinement. ment, or any other similar Kuomin- against the Soviet-Mongolian pact tang regime, will tread the danger- of mutual assistance, claiming that ous path of resistance to Japan it infringed Chinese sovereignty. only when it is assured of power- Moscow replied on April 8 with an ful support from the outside, pre- attempt to justify the pact in terms ferably from other imperialist pow- of the Sino-Soviet treaty of 1924 ers, primarily Britain and the in which Chinese sovereignty over

Offer to Liquidate Red Army

party in China, the offer to liqui- tive by the Mongolians themselves, date completely the peasant Red who established their own indepenarmies and to suspend entirely all dent regime. We would refer Chirevolutionary struggle within the nese claims of sovereignty to Urga country (if it can), represents an |-but Moscow, you see, is commitattempt on the part of the Soviet ted to the inane notion of the "inbureaucracy to find possible allies violability of pacts" so the myth in Nanking or in other sections of of 1924 has to be repeated in 1936. the Chinese bourgeoisie.

For such is the nature of all Stalinist pacts. There would not nor could be any objection to a Soviet pact with Nanking or any other bourgeois government if required Published weekly by the New Miliby the diplomatic and strategic intant Publishing Co., 55 East 11th terests of the Soviet Union. But St., N. Y. C. Phone: ALgon. 4-9058. the Stalinist quid pro quo is always Entered as second class mail matter the suspension of the class struggle in order to conciliate the bourgeois ally. That is, Stalinismwhich rests on the theory of socialism in one country-establishes a Subscription rates: In the United farmer ("cultivador directo," ap- numeration of examples, we point contradiction between the interests States \$1.00 per year; 65c per six parently the farmer, peasant, or out the following measures: of the international proletariat and months; Canada and foreign \$1.50 the supposed interests of the Soviet per year; \$1.00 six months. Bundle Union, a contradiction which in the rates: Two cents per copy end has always proven fatal for both, a fact which the "realists" in Moscow cannot understand. As they have done in Czechoslovakia and in

France, as they will seek to do to-(2' Tokyo, preparing to bring re- morrow (indeed, already today!)

The Treaty Myth

But in any event, this process Nanking harder for the concessions

Outer Mongolia was specifically recognized. That clause of the

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THE ELECTORAL PACT

Full Text of the People's Front Agreement in What Happened at the Trade Union Unity Spain for the Elections to the Cortes

many requests for the full text of the Spanish electoral pact, we publish it below as translated from El Socialista (Jan. 16, 1936), organ of the Socialist Party of Spain. All remarks in parenthesis are editorial comment, not contained in the pact, but which will facilitate the understanding of the reader. Only material in quotation marks is directly quoted, but the rest is carefully summarized.

The pact begins with a few sentences that the undersigned organas necessary to "public peace":

1. Amnesty for all political ofreleased by the April, 1934 amnesty. 2. Public functionaries (munici-

pal and provincial officials) fired or suspended for political reasons to be returned to their jobs; workers (bank of Spain and other institugovernment holds shares or has a voice), and from public services (refers notably to the postoffice vhere many were fired after a those unjustly fired in private inprivate industry is weaker than

adequate reparations to families of (those killed in October, 1934) or lic authority and the police."

1. The constitution to be re-es-

tions of the procedure of the Cor-

3. "The principle of authority is 3. "Adopt necessary measures and justice." Revision of the law out martial law too long!).

4. Reorganization of the courts The Republicans consider public lays down. Civil procedure shall private entrepeneurs. be simplified. Speed up the civil courts and increase their power; dants in criminal cases: cut down of guards from civil courts, prose- ments. cution of civilians assaulting guards in military courts, etc.). On the very day of the Tokyo Prisons "shall be humanized and

5. Police abuses under the reacsponsibility; guilt shall be deterofficers to be re-examined and all prejudice to be dismissed. Reorabuses from November 1933 to February, 1936.)

or officials who abuse their power.

basis for national economic reconstruction":

landworker indiscriminately, only 1. Direct the Bank of Spain in differentiating them from the non-such a way as that it shall fulfill taxes and tributes; special atten+ it according as the interests "of tion to the repression of usury; our economy shall dictate," losing lowering of abusive rents; increase its character of partner of the READ THE NEW MILITANT o. agricultural credits; re-valori-banks and liquidating its frozen

Editor's Note: In response to | zation of the products of the land, | assets. especially of wheat and other cereals (in Spain, the government fixes the price of wheat); adopting meamiddleman; doing away with the the millers; and stimulation of the export of agricultural products (this last is bait for the small landowning farmers of the Mediterranean coast, who depend on export of olives, grapes, etc.).

2. As measures to improve the condition of agricultural production: agricultural instruction and technical aid to be organized by izations retain their own principles the state; plans for rotation of crops; development of pasture lands, cattle industry and reforestation; water works and dams and irrigation works to reclaim land; roads and rural construction.

3. As measures to reform the property of the land: the law of tenantry (passed by the reaction) shall be immediately cancelled; all evictions shall be re-examined; old and small renters (sharecroppers) shall be aided to buy the land they fired from public utilities, railroads till on a plan of long-term liquidation; pass a new tenantry law ions and industries in which the which shall guarantee tenure (stabilidad) on the land; rents subject to revision shall be made moderate; prohibition of sub-renting and its concealed forms; indemnification of strike) shall be reinstated; and all useful and necessary improvements carried out by the renter; land culable for acquisition by the cultivator. Cooperatives (consumers and agricultural) shall be stimulated. Colonization of peasant families with necessary technical and financial aid. Measures for recovery 3. Laws to be passed, granting of the communal land (the commons). Laws to be cancelled which

"Our industry cannot raise itself from the depression in which it

1. To dictate law or system of more concrete than this). laws which shall fix the basis of of coordination, regulation of markets, and other methods of assiscial regulations as provided for in of industries in order to lighten the

2. Institutions to guide industry tes (not clear for what purpose). | (dept. of commerce, labor, etc.)

"to free them from the weights of works not only as a public service social hierarchy, tradition and eco- or an imperfect method of unem-"Justice, once ployment relief, but also as a poreorganized, shall be given the in- tent means of developing sources dependence that the constitution of wealth not being developed by

1. "Great plans" of construction of urban and rural housing, also and greater protection for defen- cooperative and public services, ports, communications, irrigation special privileges (such as freedom works and other land improve-

2. To carry these out, legislative and administrative arrangements to be made, which shall guarantee the usefulness of the work, its good administration and "its contribution of the same to the tion to be investigated to place re- private industries directly favored." "The Republicans do not accept

mined and punished. Commanding the subsidy to unemployment rhythm as in the first years of the might imagine, after all the talk. The "People's Front" electoral those guilty of abuse or political delegation. They believe that the measures of agrarian policy and (for schoolchildren), school colon- chance to demonstrate their pro- Communist Party-14. The seats ganization of the guards (vigilan- those which are to be carried out ies. Private eduction shall be sub- gressive ideas on trade union or- that fell to the share of the petty cia) with officials loyal to the re- in industry, public works and, in ject to vigilance in the interest of ganization. And, indeed, they did bourgeois partners in the electoral The new turn of the Stalinist treaty has been rendered inoperations the stalinist treaty has been rendered inoperations. (This section deals with sum, the whole plan of national reculture analogous to that of the propose a "reform." Speaking in bloc, the party of the Left Republication of the stalinist treaty has been rendered inoperation. construction, will fulfill not only public schools. its own ends but also the essential 6. In future, grave punishments task of absorbing unemployment." VI.

The Treasury and the banks "The Republicans do not accept shall be at the service of the effort more adequate ones. the principle of the nationalization of national reconstruction, without of the land and its free distribution | slurring over the fact that such | guarantee to the youth of the work- | from proportional representation, | to the peasants, solicited by the subtle things as credit cannot be delegates of the Socialist Party forced "outside of the sure field of They (the Republicans) consider profitable and remunerative effort." desirable the following measures "The Republican parties do not acwhich are aimed at the redemption cept the measures of nationalizaof the peasant and the medium and tion of the banks proposed by the small farmer, not only because it workers parties. They know, how-(the land program) is justice, but ever, that our banking system rebecause it constitutes the strongest quires certain perfectings if it is to fulfill the mission that is put in its hands for the economic recon-1. Measures to help the direct struction of Spain." As mere re-

working landowner); lowering of its function of regulating the cred-

sures for the elimination of the the "basis of the classic principles which have been emphasized by agreements (confabulaciones) among the experience of the last crisis," in order to guarantee depositors' accounts, etc., etc.

them. Equalize taxes, and stop increasing the public debt.

(1) Direct taxation to be completely revised and reorganized on a progressive basis;

"aiming at cordination" — (completely unclear) (yet the one point important to workers);

fected to serve as an efficient instrument.

of democratic liberties impelled by phere of "mutual trust." considerations of public interest and social progress. But precisely production permits," without stop- rigid bureaucratic control. ping at making all the sacrifices that may have to be imposed on economic and social privileges. The Republican parties do not accept syndicate. In the majority of cases the workers control solicited by these local syndicates are quite the socialist delegation."

They (Republicans) agree to:

now finds itself unless we revise lation "in the purity of its princi- hand, they are also united territorithe complicated system of protec- ples" for which they will dictate ally into Departmental Unions, one tablished; al violations of it to be tion by the state, according to a the necessary dispositions in order for each district, or "Department." be found for tin in the food indus- capitalism. The capitalism aim to revised. The law governing electric criterion of the coordinated to cancel all the laws which detries and in the manufacture of auto- maintain the system of exploitation tions to the tribunal of guarantees subordination of the national econ- tract from upright sense of justice, or small, can send one delegate to revising all the checks and punish- the Congress, and each has but a ments established . . . (nothing single vote (the National Federa-

2. Reorganize the jurisdiction of protection to industry, including labor (labor boards) in conditions of independence, in order not only that the interested parties "may partiality of their decisions" but

> ing minimum salaries in order to proportional representation. guarantee all the workers a worthy institutions of planning and insur- with a single vote). ance which, promised by the constitution, should be begun.

to the public welfare and health ministrative Committee (about the attention they deserve in any 35), primarily selected from among civilized land, without stopping at those functionaries who reside in sacrifices. They will unify under Paris. This resident Committee the direction of the state private then handpicks a small Bureau (a welfare and health institutions secretariat, headed by Jouhaux) ceased" (this refers to church in- the C.G.T. stitutions).

VIII.

cation as the inalienable attri-structure, so ideally suited for bubute of the state"

((dole) solicited by the workers' Republic the creation of primary about rank and file rule, that the bloc won 263 seats. The Socialist schools, canteens, clothing depots Stalinists would seize upon a Party obtained—94 seats. The

2. develop intermediate and professional education. 3. Amalgamation of universi-

ties and superior schools to obtain

of capacity, access to intermediate of Eight, with Jouhaux as Genenral and superior education. The signatories shall replace in

all its vigor the autonomous legis- and the hoary, reactionary struc- right wing led by Prieto and the lation of the Constitutent Cortes. "International policies shall be oriented in the direction of adhesion to the principles and methods of the League of Nations."

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WORLD OF LABOR

Congress in Toulouse, France

—By JOHN G. WRIGHT—

The Congress held in Toulouse, March 2-5, was not a fusion Con-2. Subjecting the private bank- gress, but the first Congress of an already united trade union moveing system to rules of organization ment. The Toulouse Congress only ratified formally the already effected which shall benefit its liquidity on merger between the reformist C.G.T. and the Stalinist-controlled C.G. T.U., which took place last September, when, after both the C.G.T. and the C.G.T.U. had held their conventions, the parallel units of these organizations merged on a local, territorial and national scale.

The membership of the new Gen-3. Improve the functioning of eral Confederation of Labor is patible with the traditions and the savings banks in order "to make about 1,000,000 (in 1920, on the principles of the labor movement them fulfill their role in the creation eve of the split, the old C.G.T. had for a trade union functionary to of capital," dictating also those a membership of 1,500,000). More occupy an important political post measures necessary to protect pri- than 1,700 delegates attended the The Congress recorded itself overvate savings and the responsibility Congress to deal with the two ques- whelmingly in favor of the "inof the initiators and promoters of tions that were before the Con- compatibility' clause, and Frachon gress: (1) the statutes of the uni- and Racamond, who by previous ical policy to be pursued.

Under the organizational quesleading functions in political or are members. (3) Fiscal administration per- ganizations, and, finally, which international affiliations to maintain.

Jouhaux and Co., the leadership of the old C.G.T., stood pat on the 'old' traditions; the leadership of "The Republic that the Republi- the Stalinist U.C.G.T. went through an parties conceive of is not a the motions of attempting to inrepublic directed by social or eco-stitute "progressive" reforms. The nomic class motives but a regime debates took place in an atmos-

The structural make-up of the because of this, the Republican hidebound C.G.T. appears on the policy has the duty of elevating surface to be very loose, very authe moral and material conditions tonomous and quite de-centralized, of the workers to the maximum but, in reality, its so-called Federlimit "that the general interest of alist structure is ideally suited for be more reasonable? Yet, Jouhaux production popular," with a structure is ideally suited for in his speech simply possed in a

The basic, and "traditional" unit of the C.G.T. is the local trade work for international unity. union organization known as a small. Nationally, these syndicates are united into Federations, one for 1. Re-establish the social legis- each industry; and, on the other

Each syndicate, however large can send delegates to the Congress, but only with consultative votes).

Obviously, therefore, the Congresses of the C.G.T. are not representative democratic bodies. In require a consciousness of the im1925. the representation of the the struggle of the organized worklarger syndicates was increased to ers." Jouhaux and Co. spoke for the general interests be minimized." make up for this crying discreptance, but this purely formal gestates and co. space for the general interests be minimized." and the Contact and co. space for the general interests be minimized." and the Contact and co. space for the general interests be minimized." 3. Rectify the process of the ture was intended only to screen tion (to quote the dispatch in falling salaries of the land work- the fact that the Congresses are a ers, truly starvation salaries, fix-democratic sham-tar removed from that: "the General Confederation

The Congresses play on the surexistence, and creating the offense face the role of the highest direct. the People's Front . . . the resoluof dragging down salaries, which ing organs. But that is another tion goes on to point out that the shall be prosecutable before the sham. Between the Congresses, program of the People's Front "To elevate the activity of courts. Although policy of econo- the C.G.T. is directed by the joint should include the specific demands our fundamental industries by mic reconstruction is aimed at the Central Committees of the Nation- of the working class formulated in of public order (the laws which means of a plan of public works." absorption of unemployed, it is also al Federations and the Department the Labor Plan of the C.G.T." empower the government to quickly Organization and assistance to the necessary to organize administrated tal Unions. This joint Committee institute state of alarm, state of siege, and martial law) to avoid "abusive uses" of it (i.e., don't drag classification, employment agencies all the Federations, and of the working class in 1914. The united and workers exchanges, with spe- Departmental Unions (which are trade union movement in France cial attention to the unemployment themselves made up of a single will march to victory only in the of youth and without forgetting the representative from each syndicate, irreconcilable struggle against the

The joint Committee (which is not a representative democratic The Republicans shall dedicate body), in its turn, selects an Adwithout violating wills of the de- which is the actual leadership of

It goes without saying that Jouhaux and his associates were ada-The Republic must consider edu- mant in preserving this antiquated and of the Center. reaucratic machinations and so of the elections as reported in a 1. "shall impel with the same obviously in need of "reform." One Havas dispatch of March 3rd. the name of democratic centralism licans, were 85. (no more, no less!) they proposed the Administrative Committee be Robles) getting 99 of them. henceforth elected by the Congress and that this Committee, to be 10 seats. 4. The necessary methods to elected by a Congress far removed ing class and in general to students then proceed to select the Bureau seats. Secretary. But even this sham re- parliamentary fraction of the Soform was overwhelmingly defeated, ture was preserved intact.

> troversy was over the decree of Praesidium of the Socialist frac-Jouhaux and Co. that it was "in- tion: in the voting, 49 votes were compatible" for a leading func- cast for Caballero and 32 for Prietionary of the C.G.T. to be a rem- to. ber of the leading body of any political party.

Semard, one of the Staliaist argued that it was entirely com- capitalize on these policies.

fied Confederation; (2) the polit- agreement were slated for the Bureau, proceeded to declare demonstratively that they considered the tion, the following three points decisions of the Congress as absowere in dispute: what the struc- lutely binding, and in proof of (2) Indirect taxation reformed ture of the Confederation should their good faith immediately rebe, whether it is "compatible" to signed from the N.C. of the French combine trade union posts with Communist Party of which they

> The third and final organizational dispute revolved about international affiliations. Jouhaux and Co. proposed affiliation to the Amsterdam International. Once again the Stalinists were most modest and reasonable. Far from proposing affiliation with the Red Trade Union International, they pleaded that the Confederation adhere to neither International, but maintain connections with both, and work for the calling of an International Trade Union Unity Congress as soon as possible. Could anything in his speech simply passed in silence over the proposal to maintain any ties with the Profintern, and

The Congress once again voted overwhelmingly against the Stalinist proposals. The purely formal character of the Congress is best illustrated by the fact that after the stage play, speeches and votes for the record, the Statutes were referred back to the Commission and were then accepted unanimous-

The self-same procedure was tions and the Departmental Unions of the agenda, pertaining to the "political policy." Racamond made an impassioned speech, pleading that the Congress solemnly proclaim that the program of the People's Front "is the program of Pravda, March 4) to the effect of Labor will struggle decisively for the demands in the program of

Thus, the social-patriots of 1936

policy and practice of Jouhaux-Racamond and their associates. RESULTS OF THE SPANISH

ELECTIONS

We have received an inquiry relating to the results of the last Spanish elections. The reports as to the outcome in the American bourgeois press appear to conflict primarily because the various reporters in recording the results of the elections differ in their manner of listing the parties of the Right

We print below the final results

The three parties of the extreme --in sum and substance—not pro- Right obtained 135 seats, the C.E.D. portional representation, but that A. (the concentration led by Gil

The Basque Nationalists obtained

Listing all the other parties in the Center, the latter obtained 65

The relationship of forces in the cialist Party of Spain between the left wing led by Caballero can be gleaned from the results of the The second lively point of con- contest for the election of the

The elections show that as a result of the People's Front policies not only did the petty bourgeois leaders, made an eloquent speech parties obtain representation far in which he declared that such a exceeding their actual social and proposal was tantamount to "sanc- political weight in the country, but tions" against the leading workers also within the Socialist Party itin the trade union movement, and self, the Right wing was able to

The 'Suicide' Advice of the Prospects for a Farmer - Labor German CP in Plebiscite

masses into support of the government and its war plans and policies, in Germany they accomplish the same purpose by the slogans non-aggression pacts if, for Chan-|man workers on the present distriment under Adolf Hitler.

According to Ralph W. Barnes of the Herald-Tribune, "Communists" an integral part of Versailles. were very active in the plebiscite. recently concluded for the purpose Soviet Union is quoted by Mr. Barnes. It reads as follows:

"Of what importance are nonaggression pacts, if for Chancellor Adolf Hitler, they are only a scrap of paper? . . . No country on earth entertains aggressive designs against Germany. Fascist Germany under Hitler is the instigator of war in Europe. The German people are being driven toward catastrophe.

"Halt the enemy of the masses! Hitler means war; Stalin means peace! Socialism means prosperity, freedom and peace; Fascism means misery, slavery and war!

"The Reichstag elections are war elections. Every vote of 'no' is a vote against war, against misery, against the Gestapo (secret police), concentration camps and murders.

"Therefore, away with Hitler! Long live the united people's front for peace, freedom and bread! Long live international proletarian solidarity! Underline the vote 'no'!"

Before examining the policy advocated in this leaflet, which it is our contention cannot but strengthen Hitler's hand in Germany, it will be profitable to analyze the insane advice offered the German

workers for the plebiscite. It was common knowledge, widely publicized by all capitalist reother of Hitler's great Barnum ing historical notations to the why they find it necessary to seek acts, that all conceivable methods October Revolution. (Written in for inspiration from Aldanov-Bothof force, terror and intimidation, Paris in Miliukov's paper—Ed.) In mer. direct and indirect, would be emonone of his feuilletons, basing himploved to insure a unanimous "ja" vote. Post-election dispatches tell budget of Pravda for the year 1917, of summary dismissals from their he attempts to prove that the Bolstor of belial odw stearow to sdot specific qui alor the same, Leceine and that these "recalcitrants were German money. To be sure, in the visited by black-shirted or brown-

The Stalinist Suicide Advice And the Communist Party adequipment of the historian himself of a rumor alleging that General

vises "Vote 'no'!" In other words, rises to its heights. it calls upon the very workers, whom it dissuaded and prevented from fighting when they still had ov recounts how Trotsky, in June, a chance, before the Brown-shirts 1918, informed the German diplomat, 16 months after the alleged declartook power, to take their lives in Count Mirbach, that we, Bolsheviks, ations of Trotsky to Mirbach, the their hands today for the sake of "are already dead, but there is as a futile demonstration. It would yet nobody around able to bury us" have been another matter if this Mirbach himself as is well known, were a free, Australian bailot, then was killed shortly after June by the a large protest vote might have left S. R.'s. This story, retailing had a powerful effect in rousing the words of one Bothmer, who in the German workers. But this turn quotes the dead diplomat, is so ballot was a mockery. An armed absurd in itself that it is hardly Nazi stood at the elbow of every worthy of notice. In June, 1918, voter and saw to it that the vote and, therefore just in the period beaw to it that the vote was cast in the right way. A Nazi tween the time the rapacious Brestteller counted the votes. Nazi elec- Litovsk peace was signed and the tioneers "dragged" the voters to day he left for the front in Kazan, the polls. Which leads us to the Trotsky gave secret informationfollowing conclusions: First, it was sheer, voluntary su- | zollern !-- to the effect that Bolshe-

icide for any worker to follow the vism was "already dead". This is advice of the C.P., an advice so a case of slander passing into criminal that if carried out would raving. have led to an even greater decimation of the ranks of militant labor than the frightful condition for anything vile. And one was prevailing mood in the party than the department's archives in orthography arisks that already exists.

Secondly, suppose a sizable number of "no" votes were cast. Who several yards of Demyan Bedny's Trotsky, there's our deuce." How some millions of share-croppers. would have known about it? Does jingles in which the account of is that? How could a man who strength and courage to revolutionwere counted as "ja" votes.

Thirdly, any party which advocates such action, and thereby yet to carry verses relating how it is even told, used to sup in the saves the Gestapo the trouble of Lenin and Trotsky received money dining room of the Council of Peohunting for the underground mili-tants but could find them at the the moral evolution of the Borapar—Demyan Bedny remained unaware livelihood and a planter himseft. polling booths, is consciously or the moral evolution of the fact that the "deuce" wasunconsciously cooperating with Hitler in destroying whatever re- Aldanov, at any rate, the receipt of Demyan Bedny was unacquainted as follows: mains of the German labor movement.

Meat for Hitler

Now, what is the policy for which constitute an entity. In Pravda, haps even earlier. He was well Stalinism called upon the German together with its "poet," the single workers to risk their skins in this whole does not emerge as yet. But, futile gesture? Implicit 'in the never mind! The order was fulcontents of this leaflet is a support filled. The meaning of the order of the Versailles Treaty. The same is expressed in the following quarobber pact, assailed from its in-train: ception by revolutionists as the basis for a redivision of the world by the leading imperialist buccanneers. The same robber pact which constituted the most potent weapon in Hitler's demagogy and which enabled him to dupe the middle classes disgusted with the social democratic support of the treaty. It says: "Of what importance are course based not upon a fictitious ses from Demyan Bedny—we had Memphis, Tenn.

If in France, Stalinism drags the A Counterpart to Social Patriotism in France, Equally DisastrOus

A Jingle of Lies to

Please the 'Master'

The reactionary literateur Aldan- the actual events in our own time.

they employ against the govern- cellor Adolf Hitler they are only bution of the world's colonies? Will scraps of paper?..." This undoubt- he fail to say that German economic edly refers to the Locarno Treaty, life is crippled by its lack of col-

aggressive designs against Ger- against Germany, even if negativeof endorsing Hitler's Rhineland many," it continues. "Fascist Ger- ly? policy. A leastet charging Hitler many under Hitler is the instigator with preparing a war against the of war in Europe." "Halt the enemy of the masses! Hitler means war; Stalin means peace."

> bels! We sincerely hope a copy of hands for he will certainly use it signs, they will ask. to a fare-you-well against the

> > Arguments on a Platter

signs against Germany." Cannot not a revolutionary internationalist Goebbels point out that France through the Versailles Treaty with all its oppressive clauses keeps Germany "paralyzed" for imperialist reasons? Can he not pick up any organ of the French Front Populaire and read a call for a 'preventive war" against Ger-

Or cannot Rosenberg punch holes in this leaflet by lecturing the Ger-

By ALPHA

process, the many-millioned subsidy

is reduced to a very modest sum,

but, in return, the moral and mental

In a subsequent feuilleton Aldan-

to whom? to a diplomat of Hohen-

A Consumer for the Garbage

"To bad, forsooth, that in Berlin

They got the news we so late

Brief judgment: we such leaders

To Limbo, whence there's no re-

onies and that therefore this situa-"No country on earth entertains tion constitutes a war threat

Not that alone, however. The Hitler mob will print figures running into seven or eight ciphers representing the expenditures on What a hopeless muddle! And armaments in France, England, what ammunition for Herr Goeb- Czechoslovakia, Italy, etc. Are these the expression of peaceful this leastet does not fall into his intentions and of un-aggressive de-

But the choicest morsel for them s undoubtedly the counterposing of Stalin to Hitler. Because, what they have to contend with here is policy against nationalist militarist ambitions. On the contrary. Stalin's support of imperialist France, its little Entente and its colonial property lends plausibility to Hitler's demagogy.

What Are the Conclusions? nany is oppressed by the internathe Versailles treaty. The German tury alliance with France. . . .

A Compromising Par

same Bedny also wrote about Trot

sky in a somewhat different tone.

the Civil War, at a time when men

and ideas found themselves sub-

jected to a serious test. A propos

have himself crowned, Demyan

Bedny published in Izvestia, some

"Strike no hero's poses, king!

Our deuce will do the covering.

When we hit we are no chumps

For ours is the deuce of trumps.

Why, Denikin, the sudden blues?

There is no covering our deuce."

not happen to be an invention but

an absolutely genuine product of

printed in Izvestia, Oct. 19, 1919.

Repulsive as it is to probe into

acquainted with Stalin, with Stal-

in's past, his specific weight, his

intellectual resources. Demyan

knew very well what he was writ-

ing. And if he did not know, how

did Izvestia, the official Government

organ, happen to print verses in

which Trotsky's name creeps in by

mistake instead of Stalin's? Or,

was it merely done, perhaps, for

Lenin-Trotsky, there's our deuce,

Try to match it, if you choose!

Aldanov, incidentally, also quotes

following verses:

proceeding in this direction. To Lenin-Stalin? Or, it may be that

the Hohenzollern subsidy by the with Stalin? No. Bedny worked

Bolsheviks and Trotsky's conversa with Stalin in the legal Bolshevik

tion with a Hohenzollern diplomat publications back in 1911, and per-

Yet, once upon a time, this self-

worker objects that the international working class and Soviet Farmer-Labor Party convention tion policies and outlook for the Roosevelt, he suggests that this blesses this arrangement and bely illogical that the German workceptions about the class struggle? it carried by a fair margin. Would he be entirely impervious to the propaganda that the days of class war are over and the days of race war have begun? Unfortunately the German workers have been taken in by this pap. If the "plebiscite" means anything at all it means just that.

The conclusion is inescapable: When the French Stalinists be came sponsors of the shibboleth "démocracy" against "fascism," they inevitably became agents of French imperialism and Hitler can point to the absence of class struggle in France to those who agitate for class war in Germany. When the German Stalinists employ the same sionans, now can in escape being called-by Hitleragents of a foreign governmen Hitler tells the workers that Ger- France? They will say they at for the defense of the Soviet Unio tional bankers and Jews through But the Soviet Vinion has a mili

> occasion for different things at that time, and, besides, the people were different-the verses simply ex-

pressed what was in the air.

History is not a heap of old rags that can be placed into a boiler and mashed into clean paper. A Russian proverb says: "What is conversation years ago but upon be hacked away with an axe." The history of those years was written plore the possibilities of a national said wounds the said Joseph Shoeov, who writes historical novels The Fourth International is a dire not merely with a pen, at any farmer-labor ticket in 1936 does maker did languish and on the 9th which treat the emancipatory move-threat to these gentlemen. The rate not only with the pen of not cost very much. And if this ment of mankind from the stand- growth of the Leninist ("Trotsky- Demyan Bedny. If, in 1919, Bedny, ean be utilized as an implied die." point of an alarmed philistine, has ist") Opposition in the U.S.S.R. picked up by the great wave, on his threat to gain some extra support, porters, that the plebiscite was an- occupied himself of late with writ- frightens the usurpers. That is own initiative executed the liter- they will consider this so much ary order of the masses, then, in 1936, he fulfills only the order of be expected that anything in par-Stalin. This customer pursues aims which are not at all literary but purely practical. Demyan Bedny. as we already know, was ordered to provide the formula for the necessity of sending Trotsky to a place. "whence there is no return."

> Stalin is obviously making pre parations to entrust the fulfillment of this task to the "poets" from Denikin, the Chief of the White the school of Yagoda, the General Army, was making preparations to Commissar.

> > And that is how we note it down

Croppers

(Continued from Page 1)

this ditty; but in contrast to the Liberty League. He granted a symconversation with Mirbach, it does pathetic audience and listened patiently to the grievances of the amongst the elements sponsoring ring. The defendents are representfarmers as they were developed by these local movements ordinary the representatives of the S.T.F.U. penny-ante politicians who expect his brother Tom Whitaker, Charles Demyan's creative efforts. It was The result was an empty promise to find a new field of operation. to look into the matter. Tugwell this mess, we hope that the reader need only consult the official Delines can convey much better the partment of Agriculture report will bear with us: a few rhymed, which reposes in some remote file But there is always a consumer atmosphere of 1919 and the then found in this case also. The Jan- all the latest luxuriant growths of der to verify the story of tragic uary 30th issue of Pravda carries falsifications and calumny. "Lenin- horror which is the daily lot of

Mr. Roosevelt has expressed some anyone believe that the Hitler-con-Bothmer-Aldanov is taken to be an gave out treacherous statements to concern over the fate of these fartrolled press would have publicized incontrovertible thuth, and as the the august ambassador of the Kaiser mers, their children and wives. In such facts calculated to give final proof of Trotsky's "permanent turn up on the same "deuce" with fact, even the President himself treachery". Today, Pravda is the Lenin? And where is Stalin? Is has been moved to action. He ists? Why, even the blank ballots personal organ of Stalin. Demyan it possible that Demyan Bedny who asked that an inquiry be set afoot Bedny fulfills a personal order. lived in the Kremlin, who met all by a commission whose members Today, Pravda does not venture as the top leaders in the party, who, were to be appointed by the Gov ernor of Arkansas, Futrell, notoriously unsympathetic to the claims

The demands of the Union are

The Union's Demands

"Just and adequate settlement at end of season, legal rates of interest on advances made sharecroppers and tenants, wages of \$1.00 per 10 hour day with 15c per hour overtime for all work done by day laborers, and a written guarantee binding owners not to interfere with union organization or discriminate against union members.

Union leaders have asked for the sake of a rhyme? And, finally, support which should be generouswhy and how did the party keep quiet about these sacrilegious ver- ly forthcoming. Send all contribuses? We ought to add that in those tions to the Southern Tenant Farm-This "poetical" conclusion is of days no one ordered laudatory ver- ers' Union, 2527 Broad Avenue,

SPEAKER

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Party in the 1936 Elections

Russia is not in this category adopted a resolution committing building of the trade union move set up may later be utilized as the Whereupon Hitler points to the the party to "cooperate with other ment, which insofar as these ques- basis for a labor party. In real People's Front where workers join progressive, labor, farmer and po- tions are concerned, divide them life this would be an out and out with capitalists in national unity litical organizations and leaders in along lines of progressives and re- third bourgeois party. And while and Soviet Russia, through Stalin, calling a national conference to ex- actionaries, in regard to questions in appearances such an initial atplore the possibilities of a national of basic class ideology they are tempt may seem radically different comes a partner to it. Is it entire- Farmer-Labor ticket in 1936." This firm supporters of the capitalist from the objectives set forth by the resolution met with considerable system. This in essense determines present Stalinist campaign, in its ers should revise some of his con-opposition, but in the final voting their attitude on whom and which practical reality this will be found.

> The Minnesota Farmer-Labor tions. Party is among the oldest and best established state parties of its kind in the country. Over a period of vears it has held control of both branches of the state legislature and the major state offices; its decisions will therefore arouse interest among both friends and opponents of the idea. The important question, however, is what will it mean.

What the F.-L.P. Move Means

In the Daily Worker columns it new era. Other editorial writers, equally cynical but less credulous, seem to think that the politicians in control of the Minnesota F.L.P. sponsored this resolution merely as means of impressing upon the Roosevelt administration the need of supporting them in the local elections. This appears to be the most logical explanation.

In any case this would be typical of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party leadership. No doubt leftward tendencies are asserting themselves within the ranks of this party, the same as within the labor to the Solicitor unknown and in inovement in general. To satisfy furtherance of said assault they the demands of these tendencies by with the said whips, straps and tar written down with a pen cannot favor of a national farmer-labor then and there strike, beat, bruise, better. At any rate it need not ticular will be done about the carrying out of this resolution.

> party. Various attempts have been made in several parts of the country toward the creation of local have not brought great results.

or local conferences have been held on the question of formation of a the fact. Swindled labor party. In most cases these attempts are sponsored by local trade union leaders, who in this manner seek to translate their concessions by parliamentary action under their own name. But very

The Stalinist Fiascos Most outstanding, however, and

at the same time the most ridiculous, are the Stalinist attempts to create labor parties made to order, put together out of nothing and baptised as a bulwark against the growing menace of war and Fascism." A veritable hurricane campaign is being conducted by these strategists of social-patriotism. strategists of social-patriotism.
Resolutions litter the tables of Klan Pays workers clubs, conferences are held, regardless of whether or not the workers are represented. If these stategists were to set out deliberately to destroy the very idea of the labor party, they could not do become moderately well-to-do by any better than the way they are supplementing their regular salanow proceeding.

nis pseudo people's legislation. Was police. not the United Mine Workers conten man" is more clever.

Campaign for Roosevelt If a Labor Party is to have any meaning as a political force it is ballot. clear that it must have the trade union movement for its basis. Its top leadership, however, is already indicted, an effort was made to levy busy campaigning actively for a percentage of the wage of every Roosevelt. And this is true not only city employee for their defense. of the dyed-in-the-wool and reac- Such a levy was enforced before tionary craft union chiefs; John L. the last municipal election to pro-

Two weeks ago the Minnesota | they have differences on organiza-) "Non Partisan League" to support party to support in the 1936 elec- not to be the case. There is no

ership in the main line up on the same basis. In Illinois, for example, a conference is held for the formation of a labor party and attended by representatives from a few unions scattered over the state, while the Chicago Federation of Labor went on record to support Roosevelt. A conference held in Springfield, Mass., for the formation of a labor party, it is reported, s greeted as the beginning of a failed to draw a single representative from the central bodies of the

his support of the trade union road.

reason why this could not be a Coming down closer to the rank just as bona-fide People's Front and file, the local trade union leads party as the concoction presented reason why it should not fit in admirably with their social-patriotic aims.

But what would it mean to the working class? For an answer to this question, it is important to remember that the leadership of the trade union movement could not at all be expected really to become supporters of a labor party until they become motivated to doso by fear of the growth of a serious revolutionary movement. A labor party brought into being un-Roughly, this is how the labor der such conditions will function party question stands today. For not as a progressive force for the the future, the best indication is realiation of the aims of an awaperhaps given by the idea advanced kening working class. In actuality by Sidney Hillman. Proclaiming it will become a barrier on the

FACTS ON TAMPA CASE

(Continued from Page 1) assigned Judge Robert T. Dewell of ther description of all of which is Polk County in his place. adopting a resolution declaring in had and held in their hands, did party and appearing ready to ex- wound and ill-treat him, from which day of December, A. D. 1935, did for the state "committed suicide"

The Defendents

Those indicted on the murder and kidnapping charges are: Police Sergeant C. A. "Smitty" Brown, leader of the raid and one of the best kins, on desk duty the night of the The reason for this is the fact pistol shots in the country; Patrolthat there is not yet a serious men Sam E. Crosby, John E. third floor window of a Tampa hosmovement afoot for a national labor Bridges and F. W. Switzer, the lat- pital. party, or a national farmer-labor ter also under indictment for the kidnapping of Robert M. Cargell, a St. Petersburg lawyer: C. W. Carliste, former employe of the city labor parties. But so far these tax department; Robert Chappell, attempts are entirely localized and former employe of the city water C. W. Carlisle and John P. Bridges department; A. F. Gillian, Ed Spiv-In Toledo and in Akron, in the ey and James Dean, Orlando Klans- kidnap Eugene Poulnot. The trial state of Connecticut, in Massachu- men and special policemen during setts. in Detroit. Mich., in Illinois the Tampa primary election. Chief Petteway had denied defense moand elsewhere, referendum votes of of Police R. G. Tittsworth and Manlocal unions have been conducted uel Menendez, police stenographer, for a change of venue. were indicted as accessories after

The Attorneys

ney R. M. Huntley and County Solicitor C. Jay Hardee, the latter said often there are to be found also to be tied in with the gambling ed by Pat Whitaker, chief counsel, F. Blake and L. E. Womack, all in-

The Judge

Judge Raleigh Petteway of Hills- man, or Mary Fox, Treasurer, Naborough County disqualified himself tionalCommittee for the Defense of as trial judge on March 17, on mo- Civil Rights in Tampa, Room 1106, a candidate for Governor. Sholtz | City.

The Witnesses

Nearly 100 witnesses will be call-

ed by both sides. They include Mayor Robert E. Lee Chancey of Tampa and other state and county officiails. Two important witnesses under mysterious circumstances before the trial began. They are Robert P. Fariss, to whom a receipt was issued for a P. O. Box used by the Klu Klux Klan, who died of monoxide poisoning in his garage, and Police Sergeant H. Carl Tomperime, who "jumped" from the

The Present Trial

The state has decided to try first the cases against "Smitty" Brown, for kidnapping and conspiracy to began on March 24 after Judge tions for a four month delay and

The Need for Continued Support

The progress already made in running down the perpetrators of By direction of Governor Dave this deed is no guarantee against views of a progressive stand in col- Sholtz, the prosecution is being a whitewash. The fight against the lective bargaining with the employthe "red bogeyman" of the ers into politics to gain further Rex Farrior, Assistant State Attor-racketeer-politician combination in cessful conclusion before any workingman in the country can call himself free. Protests and demands for action from individuals, unions and other organizations should be sent to Governor Dave Sholtz, Mayor R. timately associated with the Klu E. L. Chancey and State Attorney J. Rex Farrior. Financial contributions to carry on the fight should be sent to Norman Thomas, chairtion of the defense, because he is 112 East 19the Street, New York

Attorney

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As matters stand today the over- they could hardly have made whelming majority of the working enough to pay these fancy legal class, including the trade unions, fees. The expenses of their defense do not give a serious hearing to are being met by the citrus growthese pleas. In the main they still ers, cigar manufacturers and shipsupport Roosevelt and they are ping interests who must maintain still carried away by illusions of the Ku Klux Klan as their private

The heavy bail bonds which give vention practically unanimous in the defendants temporary freedom velt? And this is really not sur- owns the 100 percent non-union velt proposals does not differ es- to the defense, are also working off in the fact that Roosevelt's appeal the repressive legislation they for support still proves more effect wanted. One of Whitaker's babies tive than the appeals for the is the so-called 30 percent law People's Front labor party. In- which makes Florida elections as

Administration Tries Shakedown

When the policemen were first and make it unanimous. While the city administration stole its re- teresting.

election. This second shakedown, however, is being successfully re-

While the indicted policemen have been surrounded with the most effective, if not the most scrupulous lawyers in Florida. the state has added lawyers to its staff whose reputations embrace ries with \$50 flogging honorariums, neither effectiveness nor scrupulousness. Governor Sholtz has directed Manuel Glover, Solicitor of Polk County, and Assistant State Attorney J. C. Rogers, also of Polk County, to assist Chief Prosecutor

Glover, who is said to be connected with the gambling ring in his county, will replace Hillsborits approval and support of Roose- were supplied by Eli Witt who ough County Solicitor C. Jay Harprising when it is borne in mind Hav-a-Tampa cigar factory. The gamblers in his bailiwick—for a that the ideology behind the Roose- anti-labor groups, by subscribing price. About a year ago, Glover was arrested in Kissengen Springs. sentially from the ideas of the a debt of gratitude to Pat Whitaker a resort six miles south of Bartow, people's front. The difference lies who, as state senator, fathered all and charged with being drunk, disorderly and nude. He was not

Glover's fellow-celebrant on this spree was County Judge Mark sofar as the phraseology is con- democratic as a Hitler referendum. O'Quinn, predecessor of Judge Rocerned, the appeal for the "forgot- Under this law, a party must poll bert T. Dewell who is presiding at at least 30 percent of the total the present trials. O'Quinn's drunvote in one of the two preceding ken escapades with women ultielections in order to get on the mately caused a grand jury investigation and his removal by Governor Sholtz. Dewell, a classmate of the Governor at Yale, was one of Sholtz's few pre-election supporters in Polk County. He was appointed to redeem the bench that O'Quinn had so engagingly defiled.

In general, the processes of the Lewis and Sidney Hillman join in vide the campaign fund with which law in Polk County are very in-

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