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FIGHT NAZIS IN LOS ANGELES

Flint Backs C.I.O. Auto Convention

Martin's Splitting Tactics Repel Members

THIRD GROUP MEETS

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) FLINT, Mich., Feb. 20-Members of the United Automobile Workers in this city staged a mass exodus from the camp of Homer Martin this week, asserting their determination to stay within the C.I.O., and to attend the Cleveland convention on March 27.

Considered for months to be an impregnable Martin strongting away from the C.I.O. Flint auto plants were littered with discarded "I Am for Homer Martin" buttons, and even Charles E. Madden, formerly Martin's main supporter in this district, ran for cover back to the camp of the C.I.O. Executive board.

While two weeks ago Martin supporters were able to stage big meetings on his behalf, this week only 100 men attended a meeting of Chevrolet local 156 called by Bert Harris, Matin's supporter. A previous meeting of this local, two weeks before, was attended by more than 1200 workers.

Third Group Conference

Representatives of the new third group, which endorses neither Martin nor the Stalinist Executive Board majority, held a conference here to lay plans for building rank and file support for their program. The group demands rank and file control of



The Democratic horses of the Democratic Cosacks of Democratic Mayor LaGuardia are Defendhold, this auto center neverthe- ing Democracy outside Madison Square Garden by radiag down and slugging workers who tried to less has witnessed a wave of in- exercise their democratic right to assemble and picket the Nazi gangsters whom the police protected so dignation against Martin's split- tenderly. That's a Little Lesson that the workers are learning.

The anti-fascist workers, who were not sucker enough to rely on the Democratic horses of the Democratic Cossacks, are shown here protecting their rights in action, by a Little Lesson to a Nazi Storm-Trooper outside the Garden who made the mistake of provoking and attacking them in the street. The Nazi is a little sadder today, but a whole lot smarter.



Fascism is a movement of scabs and thugs.

We don't have to GUESS at what it aims to do. We don't even have to look at Europe to find out what it has been doing.

All we have to do is see what it is planning to do and what it is doing right here, under our very eyes.

It wants to smash and prohibit every labor union, every workers' organization.

It wants to smash and prohibit every labor political movement.

It wants to deprive us of our right to free speech, free assembly, free press, the right to organize, to strike, to picket.

It wants to send the Jew back to the Ghetto, or wipe him out altogether.

tion in New York.

The 50,000 workers who demonstrated against the thugs and scabs showed that they want to fight them, are ready to fight them.

How is the Fascist monster to be crushed?

By the La Guardias and their police? By the "democratic" politicians?

Foolish, criminal, fatal illusion!

La Guardia and his police PROTECTED the "rights" of the Fascists.

But they DENIED the workers THEIR right to assemble and picket.

When workers strike in defense of their jobs, hours and wages, how do they deal with scabs, strikebreakers and thugs?

By relying on the police and their political bosses,

Fascism is a national organized movement of scabs and thugs, which threatens the very existence of the working class.

The lesson of the Madison Square Garden mobilization of the Fascists is:

Labor must have a counter-mobilization!

It must immediately organize its Workers Defense Guards!

It must put the fear of ORGANIZED WORKERS POWER into the cowardly hearts of the Nazi hoodlums!

Only a fool will wait until he is in a concentration camp.

The workers of Italy, Germany and Austria are sorry THEY waited.

Don't wait-act now. Act strongly! Act militantly!

5,000 WORKERS ANSWER S.W.P. **CALL TO PICKET**

Police Battle To **Protect Bund** Meeting

MEETING DELAYED

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23 -Following the example set in New York, more than 5,000 workers responded here last night to the call of the Los Angeles section of the Socialist Workers Party and staged a militant counter-demonstration against a meeting of the German-American Bund in the Deutsches Haus.

The anti-Fascist pickets sent the uniformed Nazis scurrying. An emergency call from the Bund members inside the hall brought police cars to the scene and from that point on the police protected the cringing Nazis from the demonstrators.

Several Los Angeles Unions supported the call of the S.W.P. and workers carried banners and placards calling for a militant struggle against Fascism as the only means of defending the very

BULLETIN

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) LOS ANGELES.—Feb. 23. The following telegram was received today from the workers of the Dura Steel Shop: "Dura steel metal workers contingent, members of Local 1421 of the United

ers Party and the Young Peoples Socialist League in taking the initiative in organiz-

ing the splendid demonstra-

tion against fascist thugs on

Washington's birthday in Los

As in New York, the Com-

munist Party boycotted the anti-

Fascist struggle but numerous

rank-and-file members of that

party joined the ranks of the

Associated Press Account

NEW YORK, Feb. 23-The As-

sociated Press reported the dem-

onstration against the German-

American Bund meeting in Los

"Pelted with eggs and over-ripe

vegetables by a violent crowd of

anti-Nazi demonstrators, 300 per-

sons attended a meeting of the

"Seven radio cars of police an-

swered a riot call at the Deutsches

Angeles in part as follows:

Angeles."

S.W.P.-led pickets.

the union, adherence to the C.I.O. Industrial union movement, and a vigorous fight against the Stalinist bureaucratic machine at the Cleveland convention.

local 156 last week, the C.I.O. elections in this local will be held soon, and will undoubtedly represent an overwhelming majority of the Chevrolet workers. The third group will run its own slate for the Cleveland convention, on its own union building program, calculated to turn the union back into the hands of the rank and file.

TRIAL SET FOR **5 ARRESTED AT** ANTI-NAZI RALLY

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK, Feb. 23-A sworn statement by his physician that he had been so badly beaten by police in the street and again in the police station after his arrest that he could not appear today, won postponement until March 6 of the case of Peter Saunders, arrested at the Monday night demonstration against the Nazi meeting. ization had been run into the (See page 3 for Saunder's own story.)

Bail of \$100, medical attention, protested at the program offered and legal defense for Saunders by the national office: "For too was furnished by the American long they have answered the de-Fund for Political Prisoners and mands of the rank-and-file for a program of action that will help Refugees.

The case of George Mason, ar- fight unemployment with orders rested at the demonstration and for us to send postcards, teledeclared guilty in night court of grams and letters. . . . The inadedisorderly conduct was appealed. quacy of this program has result-

Trial for four other victims of ed only in more relief cuts, more police brutality, Michael Naradich, W.P.A. layoffs, more hunger and Peter Shotes, Lionel Sheppard, and Abe Dollinger, was set for act." March 4. Pending trial they were

released on bail furnished by the American Fund

Congressiona) appropriation of In addition to legal defense for these defendants, the American \$725,000,000 as a 90% victory" (as Lasser called it). If this appropri-Fund provided medical attention for twelve other demonstrators ation, which according to Lasser who were seriously injured when himself, means a layoff of two police protecting the Nazi meeting million W.P.A. workers by June 30 spurred their horses into crowded unless more money is appropriatpicket lines

It wants to deprive the Catholic and Protestant of the right to worship as they see fit.

Last Monday night was Fascism's first big mobiliza-

who always take the anti-labor side?

No! They organize their pickets, their defense guard.

Unite your ranks into anti-fascist WORKERS DE-Electrical Radio Machine Workers of America, con-**FENSE GUARDS!** gratulate the Socialist Work-



Essex County Majority Issues Militant "Declaration of Independence"

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

NEWARK, N.J .-- The rule-or-ruin company union policies of the Stalinist leadership of the Workers Alliance received a powerful blow this week when 8 locals, representing 75 per cent of the membership of the Workers Alliance of Essex County, adopted a Declaration of Independence, withdrew from the Alliance, and set up a new organization, the Workers Relief and W.P.A. Union.

The break was in every sense a progressive step, forced upon the rank-and-file by the decisions of the recent Camden state convention where the Stalinist-John Spain leadership rode rough-

ning.

returning later in the afternoon, to be informed that Morris was

NEW YORK-Delegations from | "attending an executive session of the Socialist Workers Party, the the City Council."

Young Peoples Socialist League, Demand to See Mayor and the American Fund for Po-Mayor La Guardia, his aide litical Prisoners and Refugees said, would not be back until went to City Hall last Tuesday Thursday. The delegations deafternoon, to protest against po- manded that his aide arrange for lice brutality at the anti-Nazi an interview with the mayor. demonstration the previous eve-But Tuesday evening, La Guardia returned and immediately is-

sued a statement to the press City officials claimed that Acting Mayor Newbold Morris was exonerating the police from the "not in." The delegations left, charges of brutality. The text of the protest handed (Continued on Page 3)

Fink Leaders Drop Last Vestige of Action existence of workers' organizafor Unemployed Workers ions.

by BILL MORGAN

thing the Communist Party touch-(Special to the Socialist Appeal) es turns to lead." could easily be NEW YORK-The Stalinists applied to this phoney gathering. staged a state "convention" of the All the delegates were hand-picked Workers Alliance here last week, in advance, so the convention was and from reports, including the nothing more nor less than a full Daily Worker, the rule-or-ruin unit meeting of the party mem-

gang has made short work of what | bers. was once a strong militant organization,

Activists Absent Absent were many well-known workers whose untiring efforts and organizational abilities built the Alliance and established its reputation as a class struggle weapon second to none before Mr. Browder's wrecking crew took it

The often-heard remark, "Every

German-American Bund here last The absence of these workers night at which Adolf Hitler was was explained in part in the report likened to George Washington. of the Executive Board on membership. "It is true," said one of the organizers, "that many locals Haus as booing pickets outside and hundreds of workers left the smashed windows with rocks and W. A. under the influence of drove uniformed Bund members Trotskyites." "The split which to cover. occurred last fall in New York City left the Alliance with only a nia, was beaten. Another man was few scattered locals and most of these are behind in dues. . .

said another. ..

this convention.)

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hit by a flying rock Meeting Held Up

"One man, wearing Nazi insig-

"Once during the meeting, which (The Workers Alliance dues was delayed more than an hour system is a sore point with the by the demonstration, a wedge of Stalinists and they suffer untold pickets attempted to gain enembarrassment whenever the trance through a side door, but question is discussed out loud. were stopped by police.

The continual jacking of dues, "Officers said Bund members initiation fees, and the many armed themselves with clubs for "special" assessments lead many use in event the crowd surged inworkers to believe that the Alliance is nothing but a collection pipe was taken from one of them. agency for Mr. Sam Wiseman "The anti-Nazis carried placards and his stooges. Needless to say, of the Socialist Workers Party the question did not arise at with the exhortations: 'Smash Hitler', 'Fight Against Anti-Sem-The frantic haste of the Com- itism', 'Build Workers Defense

munist Party to hog-tie the un- Guards'. Girls and youths were employed and W.P.A. workers to prominent in the picket line, which sang the 'International.'

To Members of the Communist Party

the Nazis and Fascists staged their greatest concentration so farin the history of New York City.

This meeting of the fascist thugs and gangsters was a deliberate provocation to every New York worker. This meeting, with its uniformed storm troopers and its wild hymns of hate, was laying the basis for terroristic assaults on the Jews, the unions and the other labor organizations of New York.

Where was your Party on that night? Where were your leaders

tions that proved the will of New York workers to fight fascism, were with us while La Guardia's police, guarding with tender care from exercising their own elementary right to picket, and launched dozens of brutal attacks against the anti-fascists.

We were warmed and heartened to find thousands of rank and file members of the Communist Party and Young Communist League fighting side by side with us at the demonstration in spite of the sabotage of their leadership.

You want to fight fascism: we know that. But your Party, your leaders, will not, cannot permit you to fight in the only way that can promise victory. Their advice was: Stay at home! Let the Fascists mobilize their gangsters in peace!

The Danger Is Here At Home

Have we learned nothing, comrades? Have we learned nothing from what has happened in Italy, in Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, in Spain?

Have we not learned that liberals, "democrats," capitalistdemocratic governments will not, cannot fight fascism; that only the workers, relying on their own strength and their own organizations and their own socialist program will and can really fight fascism?

Will La Guardia and his cops-and all the other La Guardias and their cops--fight fascism? You saw the answer with your own (Continued on Page 3)

meet the state relief crisis and the coming flood of W.P.A. layoffs. In the Declaration of Indepen dence, the grievances set forth against the national and state boards showed how far the organ-To All Members of the Communist Party ground by the present policies of

An Open Letter

and Young Communist League:

On Monday night, February 20, in Madison Square Garden.

It was the duty of every militant worker to show publicly, on the streets, his determination to resist and fight against the advance of fascism, to fight it from its beginning to the end Your Party Prevents You

From Fighting Fascism

Many of you, we know, were with us in the great demonstrathe precious rights of the Nazis. forcefully prevented the workers

misery. It is now time for us to **Expose National Office** They also exposed the attitude of the national office toward the

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shod over the demands of the

powerful Essex delegation, which

represented fully one half the

membership of the state organi-

zation, for a program of action to

the leadership. The Essex locals

SOCIALIST APPEAL

Conceals Purpose

bill down its throat!

The bill prohibits sit-downs

and provides penalties for those

engaged in them. The sit-down

is the most effective weapon

the automobile workers have

thus far devised. Without it ef-

fective protest against speed-up

on the lines, abuses by arrogant

foremen, etc., etc., will be seri-

ously impaired. The scalp of

the sit-down is prize No. 1 Gen-

eral Motors wants from Fitz-

gerald in the 1939 hunting sea-

"Cooling-off" Period

"cooling-off" period for 10

son against labor.

strikes.



(Special to the Socialist Appeal) leader, and the new labor bill a DETROIT, Feb. 20 .-- The first slogan.

Some 18,000 dressmakers of the I. L. G. W. U. demonstrated last Tuesday for one hour on Eighth Avenue at 35th St. against the to oust the stewards of the local Dress Trucking Association for refusing to sign a union contract. It was an impressive sight. It should bring results to the work-

By B. J. WIDICK

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ers involved. Suppose a similar demonstration had been called by the officials of The meeting organized under the the I.L.G.W.U. one day sooner as a protest against the Nazi meeting at Madison Square Garden? Suppose other unions officially crowd drew some 300 workers. It had participated in our fight against the fascists?

Picture 250.000 workers surrounding Madison Square Garden hours before the Nazi meeting was called. Obviously there would the meeting for publicity purhave been no fascist rally.

Powerful as the anti-Nazi rally was, it could have been invincible with cooperation of the union officials.

Labor Officials Abjectly Silent

silence. Is this all they have learn-Germany, Austria, Spain and elsewhere? as a pork barrel.

A young reporter went around Reactionaries like McCartney to various prominent union headcould never have been able to quarters to ask them what they mislead such a large group of workers if the Stalinists hadn't thought or were going to do about the Nazi meeting. prepared the road for him. Work-The Amalgamated Clothing ers from this local testify that it Workers officials gave him a run- was the regular practice of this ployee relationships are not conaround. "Can't make any state- Stalinist gang to keep all critics ment. Joint Board members out off the floor and to howl them have complained about wages, of town. Can't issue it myself," down if they attempted to voice declared one official who was in- some legitimate point of differ-

terviewed. ence or opposition with the ad-"I couldn't get within a mile of ministration, Dubinsky," the reporter said. Oth-Another instance of this was er officials privately said the coun- given Sunday morning when an ter-demonstration was a mistake. attempt was made to prevent "Playing into the hands of the Socialist Appeals from being dis-

poses.

fascists by giving them publicity," | tributed at the meeting. When one said. It was the old story of this failed, the goon squads posted an ostrich sticking his head into themselves at the door and conthe sand when he saw danger fiscated copies of the paper from coming ... but that didn't elimin- workers as they went into the ate the danger. Look at the trade hall. unionists in Nazi concentration Meanwhie a landslide of support

camps. They learned too late how continues to sweep on for the C.I.O. And as the Martin ship to keep Hitler from power. Stalinist - controlled unions fol- begins to sink, the job-holders

lowed the C.P. policy of complete and two-bit politicians are beginsilence. So did Local 22, of the ning to scramble off as fast as I.L.G.W.U. Last week, the Love- they can. Latest desertions were stoneite Workers Age said exact- Loren Houser and Charles Mad-

ly nothing about the coming Nazi den, two of the remaining five of meeting. Rank and File

Labor Took Action

Organized labor acted only very good one because, as Houser

showdown in the plants between Paper Attacks Unionism the U.A.W. and the Martin split-Under the heading "Support the off group was expected here when Governor's Labor Law," the Pat McCartney's crowd attempts Detroiter, organ of the Board of Commerce, howls for immediate recognized by the Executive action before labor can once Board and demand recognition again get on its feet and unite from the Plymouth division of for action. Here is the editorial the Chrysler Corporation. which covers the front page of

Two meetings of Plymouth the January 30th issue: workers were held here yesterday. "There was a period in the history of the United States when

auspices of the U.A.W. was atits citizens pulled together, with tended by some 1,500 while the only minor defections. That was one sponsored by the Martin what made this country great. "Today we have labor 'leaders' is impossible to tell exactly how and subversive malcontents makmany of the workers in both ing their own bids for individual meetings were bona fide Plymouth gains with no regard for the wellworkers and how many ringers being of the country at large. brought in to swell the size of "Members of the Automobile

Workers are engaged in a red hot inter-union row. Lewis in

Plymouth For C.L.O. Washington is evidently attempt-Even at Plymouth, despite the ing to assume complete control. worst kind of Stalinist misman-"Rival A.F.L. unions staged a agement, the majority sentiment fight for the whip-hand over is for the C.I.O. But if actual workers in the brewing industry. physical combat breaks out in the A general strike was threatened,

recur.

plant the original responsibility to affect the delivery of all comfor it can be laid clearly at the modities, including food. Employ-Instead, the labor officials were door of the LaMotte-Stalinist gang ers have had no part in the warconspicuous only by their abject which used the Plymouth local as fare. Their business was disa stepping stone of their rotten rupted, the public inconvenienced ed from the experiences in Italy, political ambition and used its and large payrolls stopped. treasury (to the tune of \$10,000)

"Under such circumstances the man who wants to work and the employer who seeks to remain in business are forced to stand aside,

powerless to do anything about it "In neither of these local brawls is there any altercation between days in all industries except utilities and transportation is mandacapital and labor. Employer-emtorv before a strike may be called. cerned. No strike committees The boss is to be given ample time to terrorize the weak sisters hours, or working conditions. The in the plants, to import his thugs, point at issue is "which group is to lay up his supplies of tear going to collect the dues." Such gas, to make all arrangements for

a ridiculous condition must not fink-herding and to fire the leadenough before it is allowed to "Governor Fitzgerald's inaugur-

the Executive Board members supporting Martin. Houser had been Martin's Segretative Traceward

labor legislation. His bill, and aimed principally at the team of the state; others, now confront the House sters union, a 40-day "cooling-off" and Senate Committees on Labor, period is made mandatory. 40 sit-down in the state Capitol it-

lators. Give them your opinions, wiped out! "Our legislature should see that Peaceful picketing will be legalwhatever new law is enacted ized but mass picketing outlawed. of limited duration. should put an end to internal That's a real concession from This is a concrete simple pro-

beace, health, and safet of our needed his sanction to put a before a bunch of rubber-necked commonwealth

unions to notify their enemies anywhere from 10 to 40 days in As the reader can see, the edi- advance?

torial carefully conceals its real When the bill was first pre- Helpers Union, Local 958, backed purpose behind a plaintive lament sented to the legislature, state- by the powerful Teamsters Joint for the poor persecuted DuPonts ments of representatives of C.I.O. Council, this week showed the run in the history of our paper. to remit this sum along with their and Chryslers. The obvious fraud and A.F.L. indicated they might bosses and their stooges in the Yes, the Appeal marches rapidly regular payments on the bundle is that Fitzgerald's Bill concerns take the bill provided it was city hall that organized labor is towards a mass circulation! itself in no way with inner union slightly diluted. There was even fully capable of handling its own politics. In reality, they are say- indication that the C.I.O. bureau- problems. Mayor George E. Leach THE BRANCHES AT WORK: ing to those who want to be crats would not raise too much tried to intervene to bring the fooled: if Labor cannot keep its of a fuss if the force of the law strike of the cab-drivers against own house in order how can it was directed at the A.F.L. and three independent cab companies be trusted to represent the work- vice versa. to a speedy close, but was curtly ers. And to the fat boys on the

Since that time they have be- rebuffed by the drivers. Chamber of Commerce: Now that come genuinely frightened by the labor is dis-united let's cram this nature of the bill and at least for between Local 958 and the cabpublic consumption they have operators, expired. Negotiations

The provisions of the bill have already been examined in a previ- there is no doubt that behind the in January between the union and ous issue of the Socialist Appeal but they bear repetition if only one labor organization against the operators. On Feb. 10, an to burn the seriousness of the bill another-and that "Labor lead agreement was reached, calling into the minds of Michigan's ers" are taking part in this game for reduction of hours from 10 workers before they find them- to the great peril of the organ- to nine, and a guaranteed salary selves facing prison sentences in ized workers.

Without real action and protest it begins to appear that the bill will soon go before the state Michigan will then follow Oregon ably heightened.

against this vicious bill. Powerful protest from Michigan's still powerful labor movement will frighten the big-front politicians back under their beds-with the bill left behind as a souvenir.

How? 1. A conference of all local

unions, A.F.L., C.I.O. and Railroad ers of the coming strike long Brotherhoods;

2. A program of mass meetings al message proposed equitable break out. In transportation, and demonstrations in every city

3. A march on Lansing; and a Write to your governor and legis- days! In 40 days a union can be self if the bill seems likely to the Roosevelt war machine was pass; and

mion quarrels that affect the Fitzgerald. As if a labor union gram, worth a million speeches sleepy picket with an "unfair" monkeys in the legislature. It is States. We believe that after nine

"Honest labor leaders have the before a curiosity shop! But mass the only way to eliminate the clfare of the workers in their picketing-the auto plants em- greatest danger to the labor hearts. They realize our greatest ploy masses from a few hundred movement of this state.



of \$18 a week, plus 40% of the proceeds over \$45. Time to Act!

Demand Same Agreement One hour, before midnight, or Feb. 15, the independent operators legislature and become law. agreed to negotiate. The union demanded the same agreement into an anti-union strait-jacket. that had been signed with the Militant workers have been heard Yellow Taxi Co. No settlement saying that they will strike irre- was reached by midnight, so the spective of the bill, when they drivers struck. The Yellow Taxi please, and picket how they Co. continued to operate under please. Perhaps they will! But the agreement with Local 958. the difficulties will be immeasur- and the next day hired about 40 of the striking drivers, putting

all their cabs on the streets. Now is the time to act The strike is now four days old. The working drivers have been assessed \$1 a day each to assist their striking brothers, and all victory for the union.

But the entire labor movement, both C.I.O. and A.F.L. must act. **FINK-RUN WAA**

(Continued from Page 1) clearly indicated in the many

Said Mr. Herbert Benjamin

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 19.-The

Minneapolis Taxicab Drivers' and

On Feb. 15, last year's contracts

marches any more in the United years of unemployment we should MANHATTAN

unemployment without such means."

Mr. Benjamin did not attempt

over 300 extras! The Socialist been tried and have worked! Workers Party shows the way in the struggle against fascism! We had the pleasure of ordering on hand. Branches will be charged

what was by far the largest press 30c each for these aprons and are

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The Appeal is splendid!"-Com-

"We have had auspicious suc-

stands sold out their quota each

time. We are selling at all union

through canvassing working class

neighborhoods. Akron has been

somewhat lax in the past in cir-

culating the Appeal. We intend to

rade T. of Worcester, Mass.

Francisco, Calif.

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the balance of our newsboy aprons order accounts.

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\$5.40, payment on our bundle or- Now in its third week, the Apder, for two Appeal salesmen peal drive for 1,000 new subscribaprons and for two six-month sub- ers by April 1st has gotten under scriptions."-A. Callender of San | way with a bang! This week we can report receipt of the largest "Enclosed please find \$1.40 in number-by far-of new subscrippayment of my current bill. I find tions we have ever received. Just taking care of the 2-a-week paper look over the list! Particularly quite a job, but will manage it. notable has been the work of the New York Branches, Berkeley Y.P.S.L. which surely is in line for one of the prizes we've offered cess with the first three issues of since it has already fulfilled 90% the twice-weekly Appeal. News- of its quota and Cleveland, Ohio. There is a good six weeks left to go in this drive. However, if meetings, on the street and we are to reach 1,000 new subs member, as prizes to the best branches we are offering (1) A complete set of Lenin's writings; (2) A complete collection of the retrieve ourselves, and set an ex-ample for the rest of the branches books, pamphlets, etc., of Leon

Trotsky. in the country."-P.F.-new liter-Here's the list for the week: ature agent of Akron, Ohio. New York City 34 LETTER OF APPRECIATION: Lynn, Mass. "I really can't find words to ex-Chicago press my appreciation of a paper Minneapolis which shows so much courage St. Paul and clear, definite leadership to Akron, Ohio California "As there is a great deal of San Francisco muddling concerning what is real-Florida signs point to an early and easy ly meant by unity, I would sug-Newark, N. J. gest that if you could spare the Boston

space in the Appeal to give a clear, definite answer to the question: What is real working class unity? "I wish the Appeal every suc-

Utah cess and thank you for your invi-Cleveland tation to criticize or approve your Columbus, Ohio paper. . . ."--Comrade J.T.S. in Berkelev Saskatchewan, Canada. Thanks Oakland, Calif. for these words of approval, Com-Indiana rade-and your question will be St. Louis, Mo. turned over to the Appeal Ques-Connecticut 1 tion Box for a reply. New Jersey 1 Washington, D. C. 1

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MEETING WAVES FDR WAR FLAG

4. If possible, a general strike speeches of the "leaders."

to explain why after nine long vears of unemployment, there has been no reduction in the number

be able to meet the problems of

APPEAL ARMY BULLETIN

Cherry & Katherine Sts. Monroe & Mad-ison Sts.--K-K Stationery Store. Near Knickerbocker Village--Villard's General Store. Essex & Delancey Sts.--S.E. Houston & Clinton. Meisel Bookshop--Grand & At-torney Sts. Clinton & E., B'dway. 5th St. & Ave. B.--N.W. 9th St. & Ave D.-Candy Store. 2nd Ave. & 2nd St.--N.W. 2nd Ave. & 4th St. 17 First Ave. 2nd Ave. & 9th St. (Stuyvesant Casino). Ave. B & 10th St.--N.E. 2nd Ave. & 12th St. (near Cafe Roy-al). Waverly Place & B'dway--N.W. Bied-erman's---184 Second Ave. Univ. Pl. & 12th

the workers.

general secretary-treasurer of the Alliance: "We do not want hunger

through the splendid initiative of says in his statement, there rank and file unionists who joined wasn't very much in the way of us in the anti-Nazi rally.

It was no accident that the very cops who broke picket lines protected the Nazi assemblage. Cops and Madden expect to find greenand Fascists both are anti-union er pastures in the C.I.O. to the core. Only powerful, wellorganized and militant picket rights against them.

The rank and file in large numbers have learned this lesson from their own experience and the tragic fate of the trade union movement in Europe. That is why they joined our demonstration.

This lesson must be understood by every union man if a victorious fight against fascism is to take place.

And a real campaign to break the lethargy and inertia of the trade union bureaucracy before the menace of fascism is a major rank and file will have a formidtask for every progressive worker.



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funds to be treasurer of, and what there was Martin guarded with his own little hands. Houser

been Martin's Secretary-Treasurer

but the job apparently wasn't a

But this tidal wave in support of the C.I.O. in no way indicates

ministration of the Executive the unemployed organizations used Board dominated by the Stalinist to conduct, not the sending of

wreckers. The large Chrysler telegrams. local 7 voted at its meeting to

send delegates to the Cleveland Convention but instructed them to vote against all the existing Executive Board officers. When joined with the five locals who have gone on record for a program of honest, progressive, miliof deals with all kinds of discredtant unionism, this local added to ited politicians. This reached its climax in the last elections when the groups in the large locals of the Workers Alliance of New

Detroit, Flint and Saginaw, the Jersey endorsed a company union able voice at the Cleveland Conlawyer for Congress and when all the Congressmen whom they had supported voted in the House of

Martin Repudiates Affiliation Representatives against the in-Martin himself took a more adequate \$875,000,000 appropriation open position against the C.I.O. in favor of the still worse \$725, yesterday when he accepted the 000,000. We have always stood for bureaucratic order of Lewis as a an independent labor party. No fact and declared himself ready longer shall we be tools for lying to take the "independent" road. politicians."

Once again he reiterated the ri-War Funds To Unemployed diculous assertion that the U.A.W. had never been formally affiliated The action of the Stalinists in jamming down the throats of the with the C.I.O. Whatever truth there is in this statement, it is unemployed their jingo-war pronot recognized by thousands of gram drew forth the following auto workers, even Martin sup- protest: "It is not the business of porters in the plants, who are an unemployed organization to wearing C.I.O. buttons. Whether call for larger and larger appro-

vention.

Martin has conferred with Dillon priations for war, planes, cannon, guns, as was done at the February has not yet been made public. The bureaucratic move of 4 convention; it is rather our duty Lewis and Co. expelling all locals to call for the diversion of all war funds to the unemployed to be who go to the Detroit Convention used for relief, for W.P.A., for an cannot but deepen the split in the U.A.W. With Flint still adequate housing program. We want money to save human lives, strongly behind Martin, a way not to kill them. We want to see must be left open for these locals to return to the fold of the C.I.O. houses built, not blown up, to see after the Martin Convention. The roads, hospitals and schools conpitifully small forces and the structed, not destroyed. We do

Lewis and Co. are closing the that the Essex locals were denied doors so as to prevent the grow- representation of their own only ing opposition in their own ranks because the state bureaucracy from being strengthened by lo- wants to completely stifle all opcals and delegates who supported position to their rotten policies. Martin out of antagonism to the It also protested the decision of rotten Stalinist administration. the recent national and state con-

Form Fighting Relief Union of jobless workers. He did not explain why, after nine long, bitter years of unemployment, the

lines can preserve the workers blanket support to the rotten ad kind of militant job marches that are afraid to put up a real fight we take the membership."



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ed, is a 90% victory, then "God preserve us from a 100% victory!" They pointed out in the resolution: "For tabor Party Said the resolution: "For too long they have tried to substitute for a militant labor program policies Soft due resolution: "For too long they have tried to substitute for a militant labor program policies of dals with all kinds of discred The Question of political action as a roused considerable dispute. Said the resolution: "For too long they have tried to substitute for a militant labor program policies of dals with all kinds of discred The DECEMENT SCHOOL, will be held at Irving Plaza, Irving they have tried to substitute for a militant labor program policies of dals with all kinds of discred The DECEMENT SCHOOL, will be held at Irving Plaza, Irving they have tried to substitute for a militant labor program policies of dals with all kinds of discred The DECEMENT SCHOOL, will be held at Irving Plaza, Irving they have tried to substitute for a militant labor program policies of dals with all kinds of discred The MARXIST SCHOOL, will be held at Irving Plaza, Irving they have tried to substitute for a militant labor program policies of dals with all kinds of discred The MARXIST SCHOOL, will be held at Irving Plaza, Irving they have tried to substitute for a militant labor program policies of dals with all kinds of discred The MARXIST SCHOOL, will be held at Irving Plaza, Irving they have tried to substitute for a militant labor program policies of dals with all kinds of discred The MARXIST SCHOOL will be held at Irving Plaza, Irving they have tried to substitute for a militant labor program policies of dals with all kinds of discred The MARXIST SCHOOL will be held at Irving Plaza, Irving they have tried to substitute for a militant labor program policies
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miserable bureaucrat who can be BRONX

bought with the promise of a pie-card if the workers are misled successfully into the army and navy of the bosses. "Full support to the 'progress-ives' in congress and in the state and city government." pleads Mr. and city government." pleads Mr. BROOKLYN Benjamin and his fellow scabnerders. The LaGuardia sales-tax and the Roosevelt war burget are

'Progressive," and woe unto any who disagree. Frame-ups, gangster nethods and muck-throwing are the Stalinist answer to revolutionsts who are not afraid to expose

these cheap, petty parasites. Another reversal of policy in the fight for adequate relief brings to light the complete and shameless role of Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Wiseman. This is the shifting of the responsibility for relief from the Federal Government. Now the plan is to make each State take over the administration of home relief and work relief, following In order to insure in advance ample cannon-fodder for the generals, in order to insure in advance a large, cheap labor market for the Tom Girdlers and the Henry Fords, the Communist Party advo cates open slavery and full submission to the program of reaction. These union-wreckers will continue to wave the flag, to speak in the name of "democracy" and, when the war comes, play the role

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of spy in the ranks of labor unless the rank and file of the Alliance and of every trade union and workers organization take steps

to drive out and smash this filthy G.P.U. and all its stooges.

III. WHAT IS TROTSKYISM? IV. ART AND POLITICS

Tuesday, February 28, 1939

SOCIALIST APPEAL

By Dwight OFF Macdonald RECORD THE

On the Other Side of the Railroad Tracks

The 1938 edition of the "Periodicals Directory" is a volume of 465 close-printed pages which lists and describes 10,200 publications, most of them trade papers. There is a section headed "Grocery Trades," with 29 publications listed, another headed "Vending Machines," with 4, and so on. But there is no section headed either "Munitions" or "Armaments" or "War Supplies," and the only trace of the subject in the lengthy index is: "Rifles-See GAMES AND SPORTS: Hunting; Shooting."

The munitions industry apparently boasts not a single trade paper. As the respectable citizens of a community don't talk about the red light district across the railroad tracks, so the business fraternity observes a taboo of silence on that great industry which has become the very heart of modern capitalism: Death, Inc. The furriers have trade journals, and so have those who make paper cups and harmonicas and perfumes and ice cream, but the merchants of death, whose vast enterprises are keeping the great capitalist economies of the world going along even as timpingly as they are today, these gentlemen do not discuss their trade in public. Their business lies across the railroad tracks.

Fig out of Thistle

According to the Good Book, thistle trees don't produce figs. But I challenge any reader of this column to guess what periodical printed the following editorial comment on Roosevelt's recent "War Message" to Congress:

"We must make up our minds, said the President, to save our religious and democratic institutions, for 'we know what might happen to us of the United States if the new philosophies of forces were to encompass the other continents and invade our own.' Although the aggressor States were not named, it was sufficiently obvious that Mr. Roosevelt had in mind Germany, Ittaly, and Japan. He failed to indicate, however, that whatever these countries formerly could boast of freedom and tolerance was destroyed from within, and not from without. Nor was any reference made to the complete improbability of an attack by any or all of those aggressor governments upon the United States, or to the even more remote contingency of success in any foreign attack so long as the libertles left us by our own government are worth fighting for and preserving." This voice of sanity in a mad world was raised by The Commercial & Financial Chonicle. The moral scarcely needs underlining: (1) businessmen talk among themselves realistically and not in the tones they use for wide public consumption: (2) unlike the liberal intelligentsia. finance capital has a serious stake in capitalism and so thinks twice before risking its vast properties in the maelstrom of a world war. Which doesn't prevent it, of course, when the moment has arrived at which it judges war is "necessary,"

from swinging its heavy battalions decisively into line between the liberal and reformist skirmishers. But if the Chronicle is to be taken as an index of Wall Street opinion, that moment has not yet arrived. In this, at least, the editors of the Nation are in advance of their age.

Afterthoughts on Monday Night

After the splendid demonstration put on by the Socialist Workers Party last Monday, it may seem ungrateful to offer criticism. But precisely because the affair was a success, because the SWP showed, in militant action, its superiority over the other parties of the Left, I think certain serious shortcomings should be pointed out. I must begin by stating that from eight o'clock on, I was inside the Garden-I hope it's not necessary to add I was there on business, not pleasure. But I have checked my criticisms with those who saw the whole business, and I think they are justified.

Generally speaking, I should say the SWP did not plan the affair carefully enough, did not use showmanship in putting over its message, and failed utterly to exploit the demonstration as a means of advertising to the general public the SWP and its press. By the time I arrived on the scene--about 7:00-there was not a banner or a placard to be seen except for one small cardboard sign a girl was holding aloft in her hands. without benefit of a stick. I was told the police had seized and destroyed all such signs at the beginning of the demonstration. But this should have been foreseen, and reserve supplies should have been provided, smuggled in under coats or cached in some place outside the battle zone. Without signs or banners, the public saw merely what I saw: a confused, anonymous mass of demonstrators. Far more serious was the failure to distribute SWP literature. I saw not a single copy of the APPEAL or the NEW INTERNA-TIONAL offered for sale, and I am told there was no effort made at any time to sell literature. I was told, indeed, that during the speeches by Max Shachtman, James Burnham and others, there was at least one enterprising vendor circulating among the crowd offering for sale-the Daily Worker! Among the tens of thousands of outsiders who in the course of the evening either took part in the demonstration or watched it sympathetically, there must have been thousands who would have paid three cents for an APPEAL. For that matter, my own pamphlet, "Fascism and the American Scene," should have sold well in such a crowd. But no one-including myselfthought of exploiting the occasion.

Small matters, these? It was just their superiority in details like banners and showmanship that gave the Nazis a great advantage over their left-wing opponents. (Hitler is said to design his party's insignia and flags himself.) Today, when the Enemy has reduced mass propaganda to an exact science, a revolutionary party must pay attention to the details as well as the broad outlines, to the technique as well as to the content of its appeal to the masses.

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An Open Letter

eyes: they give aid and comfort to the fascists-and fight the antifascist workers

Your party tells you that the fascist danger lies only across the seas, in Berlin or Rome or Burgos.

No, comrades. The main fascist danger, the fascists who will whip and club and stab you, who will put you into concentration camps, smash your political and trade-union organizations, drive you into slavery, are right here at home. They are gathering their forces in the vigilante hordes of the West Coast, in the Silver Shirts, in Hague's legions. They were meeting in Madison Square Garden on the 20th.

To Fight Fascism

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You Must Break With Stalinism

Do you think that the fascist gangs are going to break up and dissolve if we just keep quiet, shut our eyes and bury our heads in the sand? Don't let us fool ourselves. The fascists are growing stronger month by month. They are much bolder, much more insolent since Munich, since the terrible defeat in Spain. And they will soon begin more open attacks against the workers and their organizations.

The fascists can be stopped only by the direct resistance of the workers; only when the workers, under revolutionary leadership, smash them. There is no other way.

Where was your Party Monday night? What lead, what guidance did its lying, cowardly press give to the workers of New York? Where were your leaders?

It is easy enough for your leaders. What does it matter to them when the fascists conquer in the United States and institute the regime of the concentration camp? They have their funds and their passports. They do not have to feel the lash on their own backs.

But for you, comrades, it is not so easy. You have no funds, no passports. You must remain, under the whip, within the prison

camp. Where are your party comrades now in Germany, Austria, Czechosolvakia, Spain?

You must break with the party and program and leadership of defeat and treachery and lies!

We must fight the fascists, fight them not in the distant future or in distant lands, but bere and now, in the streets of New York and throughout this country. We must fight them every step of the way. We must resolve that never again will the fascists of New York be allowed to repeat their provocation of last Monday night, that next time their meeting shall not take place. We must shatter and smash them.

Join the Ranks

Members of the Communist Party

of the Fourth International!

Can the fascists be defeated? Of course, of course they can. They are, at bottom, contemptible cowards. They gain strength only through our failures, only through our failure to launch on a broad scale the real fight; the militant workingclass fight against them. The workers are ready and willing: they have shown that in New York as throughout the world. But the workers are in the end powerless unless we show them the road, the road of revolutionary class struggle.

Comrades: cast from your shoulders the party that ties you helpless in the La Guardia-Roosevelt straightjacket, that forbids you to join with us in the front of the militant struggle against the fascists and for socialism!

Let us together guarantee that the February 20 concentration of the fascists shall prove to be their last!

Take your place in our fighting ranks, under the shining banner of the Fourth International, the banner of the defeat of world reaction and the triumph of international socialism!

Socialist Workers Party

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at Rasputin with his whiskers off." said Van Beek en Donk, the correspondent of the Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant, when I arrived." -Pierre Van Passen in "Days of

Pope Pius, Poland and the

Feb. 12, p.2 cols. 6, 7, and 8. In column 6 Father Coughlin praised the dead Pope for his work against radicalism, especially in "saving Poland from Bolshevism." Column 7, A.P. dispatch from Moscow, "Soviet Press criticised Pope Pius XI as a defender of Capitalism ... STATION XI as a defender of Capitalism... for his crusade against Soviet Bussia and for maintaining Russia . . . and for maintaining good relations with Spanish Insurgents and Japanese." Column 8, "The second annual convention of the New York Communist League was brought to a close yesterday afternoon with a resolution exolics on the death of Pope Pius XI.'

> plete correspondence with the late Pope under the title "Correspondence: Izzy to Pius-Pius to Izzy." Solomon's Mines

> If the U.S. Judiciary haven't found the wisdom of Solomon, some of them at least appear to have discovered his fabulous mines. Judge Manton, it is now revealed banked a million bucks while meting out equal justice to both rich and poor.

Forgery not Widespread

Faced with proof of forging of there, and one of them mounted names of policy holders to ballots in the company's biennial elections, officials of the Metropolitan

MEN AND WOMEN OF LABOR He was trading blows with La the 01 as Guardia's police on 8th Ave. along on Broadway I saw him again.

organize against their common enemies? Can it be that the fear (now that he is a Twentieth Century American) of embarrassing his new bourgeois friends proves rightier than any former fear of

Where were the Leaders of lewish Thought? What can they not deplore demonstration: they have been thinking to have C.P. member on our picket line. drugged their followers into the traditional Jewish state of passive non-resistance? Perhaps these with our comrades and doing a Nazis will shrivel at the thought right fine job of defending him- of being beneath the contempt of strong—in the most heartening self. Later on, during our parade the civilized Jew? Where, just incidentally, was has seen in many a year.

for are anti-Nazi and not afraid to were ready to raise their slogans.

I am joining

I am joining the Socialist Work- do so he just beat it: because, where was Norman Thomas on Hitler's agents the right of free POLICE sands of the people's public servants, against the indignation of the people? Of course he could deny the right of the people to assemble peacably and picket, because he didn't want them to get

hurt. His police did bang a few dozen heads and try to gouge out an eye or two-but that's a more generally accepted, and less roundabout way for the people to ning, Peter Saunders, a Negro get hurt (and that way you make sure that the people get hurt).

These well-known leaders and and possible internal injuries. friends of the people were not on hand on the day they have spoken of "when fascism first rears its ugly head." They all had reasons deploring demonstration.

say so. And they found leaders, fore I reached a subway entrance in the Fourth International, who and I went to 50th Street.

mass demonstration New York on a horse rode up on the sidewalk and said, 'Get back."

the

MORE SIDELIGHTS "I Am Joining the S.W.P." |LA GUARDIA COPS just didn't know what to say or BEAT UP NEGRO IN Driven By Mounted Police At Nazi Meeting

Brutally beaten by La Guardia's police, who were protecting the meeting of fascists at Madison Square Garden last Mondav eve-

worker, was still under doctor's care suffering from contusions "I am not a member of the Socialist Workers Party," he told a staff reporter of the Socialist

Appeal. "I was just returning home along 53rd Street after vis-But the people of New York did iting some friends on the evening of the meeting. "The police turned me back be

"Black Son-of-a-Bitch"

"There were quite a few police

our Years," p.119. Young Stalinists

Three items from N.Y. Times,

Coming Publications



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N. Y. C., 1907--'33-'39

Law and Order.

___JABS

W.W. McLaughlin, ex-head of

N.Y. City detectives who quit the

post in 1907, just one jump ahead

of a commission of inquiry, died

leaving \$734,019. Called to explain

why policemen were shifted

around to suit Dutch Schultz while

he was in office, ex-police Com-

missioner J.P. Bolan testified at

the Hines hearing that all he knew

about Schultz was what he read in

the papers. . . . Assistant Attorney

General Amen is investigating

charges that six high ranking po-

lice officials in Brooklyn received

graft for suppressing strikes to

"After Russia had entered the

League, Litvinov played the role

of a social lion in international

circles in Geneva and Paris. . .

I remember one party at which

Princess Stahremberg, the mother

of Rudi, the aspirant dictator of

Austria, presided, and where Lit-

vinov, his face wreathed in smiles,

was throned between the Princess

Tortonia and the Countess Cou-

denhove-Kalergi, with a couple of

the Princesses of the blood on

tabourets at his feet. 'Go and look

the tune of \$100,000.

Maxim Litvinov

ers Party. Monday night when the Fascists speech-and protection, by thoumade their first stand in New York? Why wasn't he out on the streets making as courageous an attack upon New York fascism as he made on Newark fascism?

By RUTH RAFFER

stration last Monday night Can the local brand of Nazism were many members and sympossibly be a more democratic pathizers of the Communist type? and Socialist parties and of the Where was Angelo Herndon, Lovestoneite Independent Lawho used to symbolize the rights bor League. Here are a few of the workers of all races to

the Little Flower who springs

from two oppressed peoples? He | Workers Party.

chain-gangs?

officials:

"To Mayor LaGuardia:

IOHANN MOST

(Feb. 5, 1846-March 17, 1906)

Into the somewhat placid labor movement of the American 80's came Johann Most-the flery "propagandist of the deed." Great struggles were pending, the eight-hour movement was just then getting into full swing, individuals like Parsons and Spies were already spreading the doctrines of militant labor action. Haymarket Square was soon to be the center of the first great anti-labor frame-up in the United States.

Iailed in Every Country

When Most arrived in 1882 he had behind him years of activity in the socialist movements of Europe, and a reputation so great that a huge mass meeting was organized in New York City to welcome him.

He also had behind him, this ex-journeyman bookbinder who startled bourgeois German sensibilities by his bitter proclamations, years of jail sentences. These were to be continued in the United States. For though Most agitated for his "propaganda of the deed" primarily in speeches and tracts that were rarely matched in specific deeds, he was regularly imprisoned for the violence of his words.

In Vienna he had been sentenced to five years imprisonment, and released after twelve months on condition that he leave Austria. Back in his native Germany, he engaged in socialist editorial work, and was elected to the Reichstag. But not for long. Bismarck exiled him under the antisocialist laws. In London, to which he went, he was twice sentenced to jail for articles that appeared in the famous anarchist journal he founded, the Freiheit.

Gives Labor Slant to Anarchism

Before he came to this country, the German Social Democratic Party had expelled him for his trenchant denunciations of parliamentary action. Arrived in the United States he almost immediately quarreled with the various anarchist groups then existing-most of them bred in the Thoreau tradition of peaceful retirement from active life. Most brought to American anarchism a labor slant, and with it separated the old school, which enjoyed a certain respectable popularity in the United States for generations, from the new school which sought, however unclearly, to wrest power from the bosses through class struggle. It was thus largely through the influence of Most that the anarchist movement

played a dominant role in the labor battles of the 80's

Having separated himself from the main body of American anarchists in bitter controversy, Most sought out and united in October, 1883, in the organization of the International Working Reople's Association (the "Black International") with Parsons and Spies. The platform of the "Black International" pointed to the inefficacy of ballots as a means of conquering power; it called for the "destruction of the existing class rule by all means, that is by energetic, relentless, revolutionary and international action."

A Brilliant Orator

Most toured the country. The brilliance of his attack on capitalist rule, his with his biting sarcasm gave many a fat-growing money-bag sleepless nights. "Extirpate the miserable brood!". cried Most, "Extirpate the wretches!" Workers, many of them come to the United States as exiles from Bismarck's tyranny, applauded. Bosses, frightened by the venom and vigor of his words, demanded he be jailed.

And so he was for "inciting to violence"-just before the Havmarket demonstration. Hardly was he released from Blackwell's Island when he was returned there for a pamphlet on the "scientific art of revolutionary warfare." Later, after the assassination of McKinley, he was sentenced to a third term on Blackwell's Island. He claimed that the greatest indignity done him in jail had been the shaving of his beard.

Rejects Individual Terror

Towards the end of his life, though he continued to be hounded for his "violence," Most rejected individual acts of terrorism, except where they would awaken the masses to revolutionary action. So that when Alexander Berkman shot Frick, the steel baron, Most criticized the act as ineffective in advancing the cause of anarchism. With this change in viewpoint, the mainstream of the American anarchist movement, represented by the new figures of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman which he had up to then nurtured and which had looked upon him as its ideological leader, broke from him.

Persecuted every year of his life, from his childhood spent under the lash of beatings, through his adulthood spent under the whip of capitalist repression, Most died in 1906. Few, if any, of his works are now read, few victories remain as monuments to his pioneer work. Yet, Most with his speeches and burning tracts helped educate the American proletariat into militancy of action, to stir it into a realization that it alone could fight its own cause.

BY EMANUEL GARRETT cialist Appeal. His Liberty Bell attracted the attention of many other Y.C.L.ers and C.P.ers and they were listening to his salestalk

This time he was selling the So-

ON THE ANTI-NAZI

DEMONSTRATION

Among the thousands who

answered the S.W.P.'s call to

the anti-Fascist counter-demon-

of the many incidents reported

to the Appeal of the reaction

among these demonstrators

whose own organizations re-

mained silent and inactive in

the face of the gross Fascist

"Much to my surprise I saw a

provocation:

"The next day we met on the project where we had been discussing the program of the S.W.P. for weeks. I asked him where his sewer on 48th Street . . . and if you people ever need me again to fight the fascists, just let me know — I'll be there. I never

York. "It took me more than 20 years

our newsstand this morning. "To think that in 20 years the Social Democrats would learn nothing from the defeats in Europe . saw the leaflet in the "Daily onstration broken up in front of one group was permitted to meet News" and I said to myself, 'Yes, the Rivoli Theatre at Forty Ninth at Forty Ninth Street and Eighth the Trotskyites are the only ones and Broadway between ten-thirty Avenue, and another suppressed will go along with them to this the Fascist meeting of the Ger- Broadway? picket line and to hell with the man-American Bund at Madison old bureaucrats in the Rand Square Garden was protected by treated to the following policy by

School. And I did go along. See cordons of policemen, not to mengot in a couple of beautiful socks troopers who did police duty in- Fascists. Why? myself. (This worker, a machin- side of the meeting? tional.)

ist, is over 60 years of age and he "In front of the Rivoli Theatre, has decided that he is not too old after the anti-Fascist demonstrato take his place on the line with tors had been dispersed, I saw the democratic authorities also the youth of the Fourth Interna- policemen slugging two helpless conferred the benefits of police demonstrators who were at their protection on Fascists, and the

"Where were you-and where mercy. Witnesses of this were was the I.L.L. (Independent Labor herded off by the police officers anti-Fascists. I quote from what League)?" said an excited girl in with all the necessary efficiency. Miss Dorothy Thompson, who atthe union hall. "You say the One of these men was lying help-Trotskyltes are only a small hand- less on the sidewalk, crying out den meeting, stated in this mornful of sectarians yet they were the that his leg was injured, an ex- ing's HERALD TRIBUNE: "The only ones who dared take the lead pression of pain on his face. The entire meeting was familiar to in this fight which the 'Workers Age' talks so much about. Don't replied that the Y.C.L. leaders told in the Berlin Sports Palast in 1931. come around here with that kind them not to associate with the That meeting was also 'protected' of baloney. Go on back to Local Trotskyite-Fascists." "But why," by the police of the German Re-22 and help make deals with the I asked, "is it all right for your public. Three years later the peo-Stalinists don't peddle your leaders to break up Trotskyite ple who had been in charge of phoney talk to me any more-I left the I.L.L. last night, my for- Bund?" There was no answer. the government of Germany, and mer friend, and I will be with the They marched along and with the the German citizens against whom, Trotskyites fighting-not talking." Trotskyites went into action in 1931, exactly the same state-"When I saw a couple of Club against the Fascists. Now they ments had been made as were be-Malraux (a Young Communist understand why the Y.C.L leaders ing made to-night by Mr. Kunze, League club) members on the tell them not to associate with were being beaten, expropriated, picket line I asked them why the Trotkyites. They know now what and murdered."

Y.C.L. did not come out and dem- the Trotskyites stand for-and onstrate against the Fascists. They how!"

"'T'm going home," I told him. Life Insurance Company said the "'Get back you black son-of-a- practice was not widespread. And bitch," he said. Then he stuck what's a little bit of forgery in his spurs in the horse's flanks, the business world. making it lunge at me.

Lost-1,000,000,000 Hours "I reached up my arms to proof Work

tect myself from the horse and A survey by the W.P.A. reports pulled on the bridle. that 1,000,000,000 work hours have "The cop yelled to the other been saved by the introduction of farm machinery but "something black son-of-a-bitch.' more than this amount of new "Two police held me while the work has been created in the conmounted policeman climbed off sequent expansion of automotive. rubber and petroleum industries."

Eight to fifteen million unemployed workers searching the highways "On the way down to the police and byways of the U.S. for the station he kept repeating: 'Just past ten years have been unable to find the missing Billion hours of work. "At the station house he wanted

to make an assault charge. He started the frame-up going by

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to city officials by George Novack, secretary of the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees was:

"On Monday evening, February 20, many thousands of anti-fascist sat me in a chair. Then the po- workers gathered in the vicinity liceman who had brought me of Madison Square Garden to down took off his coat and said, protest against the provocative 'You god damn black Communist. Nazi meeting. Numbers of these I am an American and fought anti-fascists who were doing nothing but exercising their constitutional right of picketing the "He started beating me while I was in the chair. When I stood meeting in a peaceful fashion, up from the pain of it, he kicked were ridden down and trampled upon by mounted police, and brume in the stomach. 'If this is the way Americans do,' I said, T'm tally beaten by uniformed and plainclothes policemen.

Bail of \$100 was furnished by "The American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees. Hearing energetically protests against these unwarranted attacks against the anti-fascists by the police, who devoted their entire energies to streets of New York last evening going to be investigated? Or do protecting the fascists. We ask the taxpayers of this city support that the mayor and other responthe police department in order sible city authorities immediately institute an investigation into that these men can herd the public like sheep, attack anti-Fascist these actions. The American Fund. pickets, tear their banners from which has offered its services to several of the demonstrators who were beaten and arrested during "Why was this, Mr. Mayor? the demonstration, is prepared to submit affidavits fully substantiating its charges against the police.'

Farrell Demands Mayor Explain Protecting Nazis Liberty Bell was. 'I threw it in a La Guardia's Entire Conduct Reminiscent cops standing around, 'Grab that Of Democrats in Italy, Germany

James T. Farrell, noted novelist, other one, trapped by several po- his horse. When he reached me, thought the Communist Party who was present as an observer licemen, and obviously only try- he doubled up his gloved fist and would actually desert the workers at the Madison Square Garden ing to defend himself, was brutally struck me in the mouth. at a time when the Fascists were counter-demonstration, has sent to punched by a detective. On Forty planning a real attack in New the press and to several promi- Ninth Street, around the corner nent individuals in New York, the and just east of Broadway, there wait until we get you to the sta-

following letter of protest against were other demonstrators, most of tion. to learn," said an old worker at police brutality which he sent to them youths, with bruised heads

Mayor LaGuardia and other city, and faces, and young girls scream- to make an assault charge. He ing hysterically.

To Mayor LaGuardia: "Why was an anti-Fascist dem-of democracy was upheld when had jerked his horse and took a one group was permitted to meet punch at him."

Beaten At Station " 'Why don't you bring a charge who are wise to the Fascists. I and eleven o'clock last night while by force at Forty Ninth and of cruelty to animals against him?' asked the desk sergeant.

under the American flag.'

was set for February 23.

them, and slug them?

Sincerely yours,

James T. Farrell

Who is responsible?

'That would be a better charge.' "Citizens of New York were "After booking me and filing the authorities: police protection charges of 'cruelty to animals' this lump on my face? Well, I tion an army of uniformed storm- for Fascists, police clubs for anti-and 'assaulting an officer,' they dragged me into a back room and

> "These events are reminiscent of pre-Fascist Italy and pre-Fascist Germany. In these countries,

benefits of the police power on tended the Madison Square Garashamed I'm an American."" me. I saw an exact duplicate of it

meetings and not meetings of the that meeting were in charge of

"Is this policy to continue? Or is the conduct of the police on the

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The Socialist Workers Party has been on the firing line from coast to coast in the most militant challenge to Fascist provocation that this country has yet seen. The front pages of the entire American press have told the story of the S.W.P.'s bold leadership in the organization of counter-demonstrations to the attempted Fascist mobilizations at Madison Square Garden in New York and at Los Angeles.

The Socialist Appeal in its first month as a twiceweekly has succeeded in hitting hammer-blows for the cause of united workers' action against Fascism, for progressive unionism, and against the war preparations of the Roosevelt administration.

But these are still only the first steps! To make the needed advances in carrying the revolutionary, militant, fighting program of our party to the great masses of the American working class, the Socialist Appeal has to expand its circulation and gathet the sinews that not only will enable it to continue as a twiceweekly but will "enable it in the nearest possible future to become a thrice-weekly and then a daily!

Getting out the twice-weekly Appeal places a tremendous financial strain upon us. We took this bold step forward on the basis of calculated increases in circulation--in subscriptions, street sales, and bundle orders. The party as a whole responded magnificently in raising the \$3,000 we needed to begin. It now must bend all its efforts to the task of making it pos-

Here is the complete, damning sentence, at the end of the Daily Worker's appreciative story on the Mayor's whitewashing the cops. Mark it well, you workers who were ridden down, slugged, kicked and beaten by La Guardia's cops, you workers throughout the country who have seen the pictures of the cops attacking the demonstration

"A group of Trotskyites who came to City Hall to protest against action of the police in preventing serious provocations and disorder at the meeting were not recevied by the Mayor." (Daily Worker, Feb. 22, 1939)

The only other reference by the Daily Worker to the existence of the demonstration against the Nazis was also on Wednesday, in a piece by Lowell Wakefield which begins: "Every loyal American inside Madison Square Garden the other night . . . was profoundly shocked." The Daily Worker is ready to give plenty of rats who attended the meeting the benefit of the doubt; maybe they didn't know what this widelypublicised meeting was about. Like innocent virgins they went there and were shocked, according to "comrade" Wakefield.

But the demonstrators outside get no benefit from Wakefield. His single reference to them is that they are "nasty little provocative knots of Trotskyites." The Forward is no better than it ever was. But what

has been established, beyond dispute, is that the Forward's scabbery is not the lowest type. Way down below it is the deliberate, conscious strike-breaking of the Daily Worker against the anti-Nazi fighters.

Where There Are No Cuts

The unemployed, who are being thrown off the relief rolls in accordance with the Guinea Pig experiment of Congress to determine just how low funds for relief purposes can be cut without bringing demonstrations of protest, will be pleased to learn that utterly fantastic profits for 1938 continue to be reported by the country's giant corporations.

None of the unemployed thrown off relief will want to protest about experimental cuts, naturally, when they have had their feelings soothed by reading about these enormous profits. Instead of cutting themselves a non-existent slice from an imaginary loaf of bread provided by relief cuts, they will satisfy their hunger on epicurean delicacies the same luxurious way the rich do . . . by just ordering whatever strikes their fancy.

The money for it? Don't let the Guinea Pig experiment of Congress stand in your way. People at long before Congress started cutting relief funds. The rich, for instance, solved that problem a long time ago.

Just open up your family vault, blow the dust off your stock, and clip a few million dollars worth of dividends for your year's idleness. That's an old secret formula developed by the upper classes. We pass it on to those of you who have been thrown off relief for what it is worth.

We will do our bit by sending to the unemployed the glad tidings as to just which of the many stocks in their family vaults they should clip. After a week of celebrating Dividends and Profits Week, we rejoice afresh and join with the unemployed in satisfying our needs from the following items:

The STOCKHOLDERS of the companies listed below may clip from the following takes for 1938: (Note:--We have listed nothing less paltry than a million dollar take. It is to be noted that all salaries of corporation officials have already been deducted---but this is a minor item, some officers like Fred W. Sargent, president of the Chicago & North Western Railway, receiving as little as \$50,000 a year; that is, according to the bookkeeping of the corporations.) as & Electric \$10,244,48



(Special to the Socialist Appeal) (4) Roosevelt denied to the plicials had differed with the res-WASHINGTON, D. C.—Further American people that he had ident over the advisability of disconfirmation of the widespread made such a statement but both closing military secrets to the pelief that President Roosevelt the Committee and the President French and British.

has committed the United States categorically refused to make (11) Secretary of the Treasury to enter any war involving Great public the stenographic report of Morgenthau asked that previous Britain or France came today the meeting or to explain what secret testimony of his be made when Representative Vinson of had been divulged by Roosevelt public. The Committee refused. Georgia in a sensational address under oath of secrecy. to the House of Representatives (5) Fear and resentment swept secrecy surrounding the activities defended the sale of planes to the nation and the Senate was of the French experts in the these countries and announced adjourned for ten days by Roose- United States had come at the that "America now finds it neces- velt leaders to avoid answering request of American officials, sary to answer the dictators in questions over Roosevelt's agree- probably directly from Roosevelt their own language." ments and commitments to himself, the denials of the French

Congress convened again after plunge the United States into the Embassy that it knew anything of ten-day adjournment called by coming world slaughter. Democratic Party leaders to al- (6) The President refused to sion being an "ignorance" inlow public opinion to cool off after make further comment on the af-spired by the State Department, disclosures that shocked the pub- fair, reporting that he was suflic from coast to coast had indi- fering from a "cold." cated that the President and his (7) The President left Wash- sion about the leaks which have

administration under cover of ington for Florida to indulge in been occurring despite the pledge secrecy have engaged the nation a little fishing in the Carribean of secrecy imposed upon all memto enter the coming world war. Sea . . . and incidentally take bers and urged that all members Vinson's speech regarding the charge of war game maneuvers adhere to the rule against disadministration's war policy was involving the entire Western closing any confidential testihe first bluntly outspoken de- Hemisphere

-By Max Shachtman

Now that all the reports are in about the Madison Square Garden rally of the Nazis and the counterdemonstration called by our party, it is easier to cast up at least a tentative balance-sheet.

The press of the Jewish bourgeoisie and its socialdemocratic echo united in a joint plea to the Jewish workers of New York to shun the vicinity of the Garden on Monday night. These snivelling cravens haven't learned a thing from the horrifying events in Europe and still hope that if they crawl on their bellies or stick their heads in the sand or play dead, the fascists will either forget they exist or, if they remember, have mercy on them.

Stalinists Feature

Morris Statement

The Stalinists and Thomasite and Lovestoneite press preserved a dignified silence on the counterdemonstration. Every child knows that if the Stalinist press in particular had issued a call to its supporters to come out to the Garden, the Nazi mobilization could never have taken place, and New York labor would have registered a tremendous and inspiring victory.

Instead, after days of silence, it featured prominently the appeal of another professional democrat. Acting Mayor Newbold Morris, who urged the people of New York to stay away from the demonstration. The bourgeois press took pains to underscore the fact that neither the Communist nor Socialist party was supporting the counter-demonstration, that "only"

the Trotskyists were behind it. In a word, everything was done by the "official" anti-fascist leaders to discourage attendance at the counter demonstration

Results Show S.W.P.

Was Correct

Notwithstanding all this pressure, tens of thousands of workers did come to the demonstration in response to the appeal of an admittedly small organization, the Socialist Workers Party, which does not yet have at its disposal the large numbers who follow the Communist party.

Now who, in light of the results, was correct: the Stalinists and their like, who called on the workers to hide in their basements, or the Trotskyists, who called upon them to come out?

Let us call as witness in our behalf two of the writers on the Daily Worker staff, reporting the demonstration in the Wednesday, Feb. 22 issue:

"The Nazis came out of the Garden in little groups under police protection," writes Lester Rodney, "and scurried for the subways like rats for their holes."

"Though brave inside, the Nazis slunk from the Garden," writes Lowell Wakefield. "They gave their swastika banners, even the American flags they displayed, to little boys and to young gi ls to carry home. They felt the tenor of New York's thoughts. I am not talking about the blood-brothers of Hitler, those nasty little provocative knots of Trotskyites [Well said, well said! But where were the non-provocative Browders and Hathaways?-M.S.] but of the thousands of silent anti-fascists, the after-theater crowds, the workers on the way home from late shifts who make the streets around there the city's busiest towards midnight."

What If There Had

Been No Demonstration?

The Nazis "slunk from the Garden"; they "scurried for the subways like rats for their holes." That part of the Daily Worker's report is entirely accurate.

But suppose for a moment that the tens of thousands who joined the S.W.P. around the Garden had heeded instead the appeals of the Jewish Daily Formony. They then questioned ward, the Morning Journal, the Day, the Daily Worker and Newbold Morris? Suppose the Garden had been left completely free of the surrounding workers? Would the Nazi thugs have slunk away under those circumstances? Would they then have scurried for the subways like frightened rats? Would they have gone home with the fear of the working class in their hearts?

sible to continue and to expand.

Party comrades and sympathizers! Expanding the circulation of the Socialist Appeal is a basic way of putting our fighting program across! There must bethere can be no let-up! We're asking for at least 1,000 new subscribers by April 1 but this is only a minimum figure. Get your shoulders to the wheel! Get out into the streets with the Appeal and help build a mass circulation!

Yellow Journalism

There was a time when no self-respecting worker would be caught reading the Jewish Daily Forward; its scabbery against every militant action of the workers was the most revolting spectacle in the labor movement. But even that yellow sheet never sank to the levels now being plumbed by the Stalinist sheets, the Daily Worker and the Freiheit.

The Forward, like its bourgeois Jewish colleagues, exhorted its readers not to attend our counter-demonstration against the Nazis last Monday night. In our last issue, we characterized this cowardly act for what it was. Following upon the counter-demonstration, the Forward did not exactly get enthusiastic about the demonstration in its news reports; it did not report the police's own estimates of the size of the crowd, cut it down to "Ten thousand Trotskyists and Socialists," etc., etc. But at least it admitted the existence of the anti-fascist demonstration and that the demonstrators ran into considerable numbers.

In its Tuesday edition, the Daily Worker achieved the unparalleled feat of running a copious story about the Nazi meeting-but not one single word about the anti-Nazi demonstration outside!

This was already outstripping the Forward, but on Wednesday the Daily Worker demonstrated that there is no bottom to the Stalinist pit of degeneration. Whereas the Forward had, at least, indicated in its story the fact that the police had assaulted the demonstrators, the Stalinists went even further than La Guardia in whitewashing the cops. La Guardia contented himself with merely praising the cops. The Daily Worker went on to speak of the cops as "preventing serious provocations and disorder"!

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when there's so many profits. Someone should have the workers invent a machine that would do the clipping automatically. Then the unemployed and the ricb wouldn't have to do any work at all.

When Fascism Reared Its Head

During the past ten years the Stalinist leaders of the Communist Party have organized literally hundreds of physical attacks on "Trotskyite" meetings. Their hooligans have assaulted our speakers and slugged our news-venders.

When Fascism actually "reared its ugly head" openly in New York City in the very front yard of the Communist Party and organized a mass meeting on a scale reminiscent of those just a few years prior to the rise of Hitler, the Stalinist leaders were not merely discreetly silent, but quoted approvingly Acting-Mayor Morris, who pleaded with everybody to stay away.

fense of Roosevelt's war entangle-(8) Senators who had been rag- bassador Hugh Wilson, recently ments since the adjournment of ing demagogically about the right recalled from Germany. He would the Senate. of the American people to know not speak until the committee

It was thought by Roosevelt about their coming slaughter and stenographer and clerks had left partisans that the country-wide alleging that they would rip away the room. After questioning him, opposition to his secret diplomacy the entire dark cloak of secrecy Committee members stated for was "without leadership" and from the President's entangle the benefit of the public that he "without plan" and that after the ments with Britain and France, had given them no new informaten day adjournment, members agreed that the anger of their tion for fear of injuring his "fuof Congress who depend upon constituents had died down ture usefulness."

demagogic opposition to the war enough to make it possible for (14) The President enroute to plans would not be compelled by them to skip over the issue. The Key West gave a press conferan infuriated public opinion to Senate was again convened. further criticize the administra-(9) The Military Affairs Com- the record" twice to explain to mittee continued its hearings on the reporters of the capitalist

War-Negotiations "defense needs" (President's war press his estimate of the war situ-That the President and Con- program), and in secret sessions ation. No information of this exgress are carrying on secret ne- decided to make public an expur- planation to the reporters apgotiations with foreign nations to gated edition of part of the testi- peared in the press, but the New plunge the United States into war mony to be given by witnesses. York Times mentioned that it is clearly evident from the fol-(10) Senator Austin of the Com- "seemed to throw light on statelowing series of events: mittee disclosed that the United ments by Senate Military Affairs

tended.

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the oppressed of the world was (Special to the Socialist Appeal) government was in the United CHICAGO-Before a crowd of socialism, Russell argued that States for the second time, and 650 at the Mandel Hall, University only the method of "persuasion" at the request of President Rooseof Chicago, C.L.R. James routed could improve society. velt, secretly, in order to buy war Bertrand Russell in a debate on James Analyzes Society planes. Plans for these planes,

the defense of capitalist democ-We must persuade the capitalist racy. The debate, held on Feb. 1, class that socialism is a superior attracted considerable interest social order, he declared. Through

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outside of the University circles. this means and by education he A large number of workers at | hoped to see the coming of socialism.

Russell, while contending that James, on his part, analyzed the prehension that he had engaged the United States to enter any he too, was in favor of socialism, class character of capitalist socimade clear that he was, above all, ety and demonstrated unassailably war involving the French or British, by inviting the Military a pacifist. Because of his pacifism that violence was one of its main he endorsed the Munich pact since characteristics. He went on to Affairs Committee to a secret conference at the White House. it gave the world a "little peace." show how every gain for the All members were sworn to di- He abhorred violence no matter workers was obtained through vulge nothing of what the Presi- from what source it sprung-both uncompromising struggle, that the dent told them about his plans, the violence of the ruling class ruling class always resisted with Nevertheless, it leaked out that against the workers and the resis- arms any threat to its existence. the President had stated that the tance of the workers to their per- Persuasion, said James, meant secution. In answer to James' only reconciling oneself to the we did, "history" would not do our own job for us. boundaries of the United States statement that the only hope for continued existence of capitalism.

Not for a minute! Rather, they would have said to themselves:

"We put over a bold and impudent provocation on the New York workers, on the Reds, on the Jews. We shook our fists right under their noses. and they ran away from the scene. They slunk away from work, they scurried for the subways, they beat it for home in the hope of avoiding a meeting with us. Here we are-just getting started, and our numerous enemy already fears an encounter with us."

And they would have acted accordingly. They would have strutted home from the Garden, imbued with new courage, self-confidence, insolence towards the workers.

The outpouring of New York's workers was the first important and salutary lesson taught the fascists in this city. And we have learned enough, I feel, from the shortcomings of the demonstration, so that the next lesson the workers teach the labor-haters and anti-Semites will be a decisive one.

To Victory With the Party!

That there were defects in the organization and carrying through of the demonstration, is undeniable. Some of them are pointed out elsewhere in this issue by Dwight Macdonald. But without being smug about our satisfaction, it is important to say: Everything in proportion.

We are frank to say that this was our first truly big mass action in New York, organized without the possibility of knowing in advance all the factors involved. At comparatively short notice, all our forces were mobilized for a bold action which proved successful far beyond all hopes because our party knew how to mesh the small gear which it represents into the huge gear which the militant workers of New York represent, thus setting the latter into motion

Next time we will do better. But only on the condition that the "small gear" is strengthened and enlarged. The place of every militant worker, of every revolutionary intellectual who means business. is in the fighting ranks of the Socialist Workers Party. We do not have an eternity before us, and even if Into the party, into the fight, and on to the victory

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