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# 5,000 PROTEST AGAINST W.P.A. CUTS

## W.P.A. To Cut **Rolls Another** 100,000 in June

Will Bring Total Number of "Guinea Pigs" Sacrificed Since November to 850,000-No Jobs in Industry for Dismissed Workers

Another 100,000 W.P.A. workers are to be dropped, sent to beg for home relief if they can get it, with no hope of private employment! That is the cold-blooded decision of the Roosevelt W.P.A. Administration.

These 100,000 are to be dropped in June, bringing the total dropped since November to the staggering figure of 850,000. with it will go Roosevelt's pop-

In the words of Congressman Dudley A. White, the his cannons. They want bread, first cuts were "an experiment spite of the War Deal. The to see whether relief expenditures could not be cut down the great sit-down wave of somewhat as economic recov-

ery progressed." When you experiment with cutting up guinea pigs it doesn't matter much if the pigs die, you can get millions more cheap. But, WORKER IN presumably, the millions of unemployed and their families are not guinea pigs to experi-ment with leave and die ment with, leave and die. Worse Than Guinea Pigs

Yet in a laboratory experiment, once the desired result is achieved, the experiment is concluded, and no more guinea pigs are slaughtered. But in the case of the unemployed, the slaughter goes on even after it has been ascertained that "economic recovery" has not taken

care of those dropped.



## **Coughlin Hides a Boss Solution** Behind Plea for Living Wages

### Ry CRACE SAUNDERS

Father Coughlin, anti-labor end once and for all of the thing-that the unions must go radio priest, is now taking the waste of time loss and the men- He's not so positive that even stump for a "living annual ace to morale in strikes," then then the bosses would come wage." Every crooked politi- the bosses "would probably be through. He says they "prob-For, as reported in the last National Association for the cian says he favors a living an-glad to pay an annual wage." ably" would be "glad to pay issue of the Socialist Appeal, Advancement of Colored Peo- nual wage. Words and croco- Coughlin assures us that in the a living annual wage. But supthe American Association of ple today revealed the hot-iron dile tears for the worker and automobile industry (in which pose the bosses double-cross investigation he seems particularly interest- the workers? They have in the ed) this could be done, and the past! They will in the future What every worker wants know is: how can I get that bosses would pay every em- If the workers foolishly obeyed wage? Coughlin's answer to ploye an annual wage of \$2,500. Coughlin, they would get in rethis vital question is the bosses' Coughlin is certain about one turn for sacrificing their unions the "possibility" that the bosses answer-the same proposals would change their skins and they have tried to cram down workers' throats ever since la-bor organized and refused to PAROLE BOARD be "glad" to pay them a living wage. Every intelligent worker knows such a "possibility' work under conditions of virtual slavery. To get an annual living wage, says Coughlin, you TO HEAR BEAL is nothing but a fraud. Coughlin hides the facts. The must destroy your trade unions unions have been strong in the and remove the threat of strikes. As simple as that. PARDON PLEA automobile industry only since 1936. If the unions, especially Kick out the "reds" (Coughlin the C.I.O., are the only thing means good union men), insult that keeps the bosses from payand attack the Jews, send the ing every worker \$2,500 a year **Unionists Ask Free**foreigners back where they why did the bosses fail to pay come from, call off strikes-and that sum before the industry dom for Leader of rely on the goodness and benwas organized? In 1935, before the C.I.O. had gained strength evolence of the bosses. **Gastonia Strike** a Detroit auto worker was lucky **Unions Must Go** if he earned \$1,000 a year. A If only we didn't have the large percentage of the workment. His foreman struck him unions, wails Coughlin, if only A hearing on a petition for ers earned far less. Why industry were "assured of an weren't the bosses "glad" to pardon by Fred E. Beal, labor leader now serving a sentence Father Coughlin doesn't ex-**STALIN DECREE ON AGRICULTURE** of from 17 to 20 years in North Carolina, will be held at Ra-

## Minneapolis-St. Paul **Demonstrators Press Demands on Governor**

### Persecution of French Labor Militants Continues

Fernand Vintriguer, managing director of "Le Libertaire", organ of the Anarchist Union of France, has been sentenced to one year in jail, and Pierre Le Meillour, a contributing writer, to fifteen months in jail, by the Daladier government. Their "crime" was the writing and publication of an article, in the issue of December 22, 1938, on the lessons of the November 30 general strike.

The Daladier government has also suppressed the "SIA", organ of International Anti-fascist Solidarity in France, which took no part in internal politics, but which was active in rousing aid for the Spanish anti-fascist refugees. Suzanne Charpy, Trotskyst youth leader, has lost her last appeal, and must go to jail, sentenced for anti-war activity.

In many cases, it is difficult to learn the circumstances of arrests, for among the infamous Daladier decree laws, it is a crime to make public the news of the arrest of persons seized for anti-military work.

Salem C.I.O. Votes Relief

**Tie-Up W.P.A. Projects** For Day--Marchers Ask More Jobs, No Firing

### (Special to the Socialist Appeal)

MINNEAPOLIS, June 3-Pressing their demands for reinstatement of all discharged W.P.A. workers-for more W.P.A. jobs at union wages, and against competitive bidding for W.P.A. trucking, an army of 5,000 W.P.A. and relief workers descended yesterday on the State Capitol. A committee of sixteen, representing the demonstrators, presented the demands to Governor Harold Stassen.

Early Friday morning, Local 544's Federal Workers Section dispatched truckloads of W.P.A. workers to the various



washing Roosevelt By STAN LAUREN

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) WASHINGTON, June 4. every part of the country were brought here this week to attend the "National Right to Work Congress''-staged by the

Stalinist-controlled Workers Al-

responsibilities." But not one

word came from this traitor's

projects to close them down for the day. Virtually every project in Minneapolis was shut down. Hundreds of trucks driven by members of the Independent Truck Owners' Local 544 carried the demonstrators through the loops of both Minneapolis and St. Paul to the State Capitol. The Holiday was called in the name of a united front Joint Action Committee representing the Federal Workers Section and the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544; the Workers Alliance of Min-More than 1,200 delegates from neapolis and St. Paul, and the Workers Benefit Association of St. Paul.

Stalinists Dragged Along Only the enthusiasm of the nemployed for the tion forced the Workers Alliance leaders to go along, and they dragged their feet all the way. On the Joint Action Committee they refused to accept such slogans as "All War pointing out that the Workers Alliance nationally was supporting the Roosevelt war machine. On at least one project Friday a Workers Alliance steward was caught in the act of insisting that the project remain open during the day, over the objections of both the workers and the supervisor who wished to close it down. Only about 25 workers paraded under the banner of the Minneapolis Workers Alliance, and many women members of the W.A.A. who objected to the pro-Roosevelt line of the Stalinists, came over to ride in the trucks of the Federal Workers Section.

Tortured with Hot Irons, Shot, for **Refusing Pay Cut** 

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(By Staff Writer)

**Official Silence** 

No one has been arrested for

the crime, and the local papers

have maintained a complete

silence. Town officials have ad-

**INDICATES SOVIET CONDITIONS** 

Exposes Wide Crack in Soviet Economy

collective farms."

ularity. The masses cannot eat

and bread they will have, in

workers who showed the world

unionization will not starve for

Roosevelt or anybody else

NEW YORK, June 2 .--- The Social Workers established in a torture lynching of Joe Rodg- the unemployed are cheap. national survey two basic ers, a Negro lumber worker, of Canton, Mississippi. Rodgers

facts 1. "At its peak, W.P.A. failed | was shot, brutally cut, tortured to absorb large groups of needy by hot irons, and his body employable persons certified as thrown into the Pearl River by eligible for such employment." the foreman of the mill at

2. New Deal claims that the which he was employed. Rodgers' crime was that he sharp W.P.A. cuts since November were justified by in- had refused to accept a weekly creased possibilities for private | wage deduction of \$5.50 in payemployment were punctured by ment for renting a companythe survey figures. "From No- owned cabin which he did not vember 1938 to January 1939, occupy.

W.P.A. wages declined sharply -by nearly 10 per cent in two months-while general (direct) relief rose even more sharplyby 19 per cent."

During that period 310,000 vised residents to refrain from were laid off W.P.A. but in the discussing the crime. same time the general relief According to the testimony of rolls increased by more than the investigator, Rodgers on 241,000 cases. The same phen-May 8 refused to take a \$5.50 omenon has continued since. weekly cut, asking for full pay-In other words, those cut off W.P.A. jobs are not absorbed (Continued on Page 3) by private jobs, but go to home relief or starve.

Yet in the face of these facts -well known to the Administration of course — the Roosevelt War Deal officials brazenly continue chopping down the W.P.A. employment rolls.

500,000 Face Dismissal Even in their present state

of dismantling, the W.P.A. rolls include 500,000 more workers than are provided for in Roosevelt's relief budget message of April 27, proposing an average of only two million

A drastic and sudden new to the statements of the new W.P.A. jobs for the coming decree on agriculture, signed decree, that this right has been year beginning July 1. These by Stalin and Molotoff and is- exercised by many of the peas- law, the governor of the state half million workers face dismissal shortly before or after 28, provides ten times more have virtually withdrawn from on recommendation of significant comment upon con- the collective farms and spend State Board of Paroles. July, if Roosevelt has his way.

Sardonically enough, the Gal- ditions within the Soviet Union all of their time on their own than all the rhetoric about the land. "Many collectivized peaslup poll has just completed a survey in which it asked a triumph of socialism and the ants," comments the New York pleas for favorable action adcross-section of people: "What first stage of communism at Times dispatch, "in some redo you think is the greatest ac- Party congresses or all the gions as many as 30 per cent- North Carolina by members of is find and complete it. complishment of the Roosevelt faked statistics from the most Administration during the six recent census. years it has been in office?" Voters in the lower income groups, who of course provide practices." In 1935, in a conthe decisive majority of the cession to the peasantry, there population, listed as the major accomplishment of the adminof peasants who were memistration its relief and W.P.A. small plots of land as their program.

But that was the Roosevelt own, and to use or sell the thus becoming landlords." New Deal. Now it is the Rooseproduce from these plots; and, velt War Deal. And to feed the similarly, the right of individuvoracious war machine, the al peasants to own and use a entire relief and W.P.A. sys- | cow, pigs, chickens, etc. tem is being abandoned. But It now turns out, according

leigh, N. C., on Thurday, June 8, before the Board of Paroles, it was announced Monday by the Non-Partisan Committee for the Defense of Fred E.

Increase in Number of "Landlord Peasants" Beal. Beal was convicted for the shooting of Chief of Police O. F. Aderholt in the celebrated Gastonia textile strike of 1929.

of which he was the leader. Under the North Carolina sued by the Kremlin on May ants to such an extent that they acts in petitions for clemency the

Unionists Ask Freedom Beal's petition is backed by dressed to Governor Hoey of have worked up their own pri-Congress, labor leaders, invate agricultural business to cluding President William

The new decree attacks such an extent that they are Green of the A.F.L., noted 'abuses in collective farm doing little or no work on the churchmen, writers and educators. Certain of the peasants have | Beal and six other leaders of

was legally confirmed the right gone much further: "In some the Gastonia strike were concases they are even renting victed at Charlotte, N. C., on the workers can secure a liv- pogroms last October, the bers of collective farms to till out a part of their illegally ac- October 21, 1929, before Judge ing annual wage is a "solution" quired holdings to others and One result has been a serithe Supreme Court of the State. ous deterioration in the work of the collective farms proper.

'Pravda also reported that on to visit Soviet Russia. Eventu-(Continued on Page 2) (Continued on Page 4)

His "Solution"

The bosses are "glad" to pay not \$2.500 a year but-starvation wages, and not a penny more, if unions don't force them to pay more. Without the

trade unions, workers have been forced to slave twelve, fourteen, sixteen hours a day at coolie wages.

In a "free," that is nonunion, market, the boss is to get workers to bid aboard the liner St. Louis could 'free'' against each other for ever lower salaries. In the non- of Cuba. union labor market, which

Coughlin advocates, a worker making \$35 a week is asked to take a wage cut to \$30 or less. | forced Batista to propose it inhired in his stead at \$25 or \$20 a week. That is what always happens when the worker has no union to protect his wage

and his job. Coughlin's "solution" on how Barnhill. They were released for the bosses and for nobody ers are dopes. Sacrificing the overwhelming sympathy for

(Continued on Page 3)

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) liance, in an effort to white-LYNN, Mass.-The North wash the Roosevelt Administration's slashing of the W.P.A. Shore Industrial Union council, rolls delegate body of the C.I.O., on

The first session opened yes-May 19 voted to investigate the terday in the spacious Departrelief situation in Lynn, Salem ment of Labor auditorium, with Funds to the Unemployed," and other cities and towns an address by David Lasser, Stalinist flunkey and W.A.A. along the North Shore.

The action was taken after president, who stated that "the numerous complaints had been fact that we are here . . . indireceived from relief clients, cates that our national Conconcerning forced labor prac-| gress has somehow failed in its | tices and chiseling on relief allotments.

lips that might show the dele-In Salem, relief recipients gates a way to fight for the are required to work a whole 'right to work" for the milday along with city employes lions of unemployed. on street or other work, but on-This morning, the second day ly receive part of the day's of the "Congress," the delewage paid regular city employes for working the same gates were assigned to spend

(Continued on Page 3) number of hours.

## weren't the bosses "glad" to pay \$2,500 a year at that time? CUBA INCIDENT DRAMATIZES plain this, because it punctures **PLIGHT OF JEWISH REFUGEES**

After World-wide Criticism Batista 'Relents' -Opens Temporary Concentration Camp

A concentration camp on the | that they were to be deprived Isle of Pines, and that only as of succor and returned to the ors circled the Minneapolis a temporary arrangement until fascist hell, struck the imagin- courthouse, in which the city they can be re-embarked for ation of millions who had never another destination, was all hitherto warmed to the plight Each truck and car had colorthat the 917 Jewish refugees of the refugees.

secure from the Batista regime icide, in the fascist countries. And even this niggardly and rather than go on, and the facts

cruel arrangement came only about mass suicides have world-wide attention seeped through to the outer after world, but when Max Loewe. stead of the deportation he had already ordered. wrists and plunged overboard

The shipload of suffering men, women and children, the world as thousands of prevpent up in Havana harbor for ious deaths had not. agonizing days of negotiations The grim horror in the report and pleas, dramatized as no

single event since the German refugees had appointed a com- etc. mittee to maintain vigilance At the St. Paul city limits, stark plight of the refugees. against suicide attempts" the parade was joined by a Facts and figures about refu- drove home the full meaning large contingent from the St. on bail, pending an appeal to else. Coughlin thinks the work- gees have failed to awaken any of the refugees' desperation. Paul Workers Benefit Associa-And not once in all those tion, and the motorized demon-While out on bail, they were right to strike, giving up the them. But the terrible single days, did any of the democratic stration, strung out for miles persuaded by their associates trade unions, means accep- picture of these hundreds, at countries or the Russia of Stalalong University Avenue, then tance by the worker of the last out of Germany, but dis- in come forward to offer them circled the State Capitol, wendcovering within sight of haven a haven. (Continued on Page 3)

Serve Demands on W.P.A.

At 10:30 a.m. the motorized parade, several miles long, got under way. With horns honking and with thunderous boos. the parade roared past the district W.P.A. office on West Broadway, where a committee entered to press their demands.

From there the demonstrat-Welfare Board was meeting. ful banners and signs: All War Thousands, perhaps tens of Funds to the Unemployed thousands, have committed su- Give Stassen a 403 in 1940-For a Special Session of the State Legislature — We Want Rat-Proof Houses for our Children -Abolish the Stassen Anti-Labor Act—Keep the Bull in the one of the refugees, slashed his | Stockyards, Stassen, We Want Jobs—Thirty Dollars for Thirty in Havana harbor, it moved Hours-No W.P.A. Concentration Camps for Single Men ----

600 Truckmen Want Work-Maintain Relief Standards or that "cooler heads among the We Fight-More N.Y.A. Jobs,

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Threat of a strike by the powerful teamsters union in Cleveland, O., this week swiftly brought employers to their knees and won considerable concessions for the truck drivers in a signed two-year contract.

The new agreement provides for a five-cent hourly wage increase, effective immediately, for nearly 3,500 union truck drivers and loading dock workers. It provides for a 48-hour work week, with a three-hour leeway in case of necessity, making maximum hours 51 per week.

Under the new wage scale loading dock workers will get 67<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cents an hour and helpers  $62\frac{1}{2}$  cents an hour. Drivers of ordinary cartage trucks will receive 80 cents an hour, while drivers of the truck and trailer outfits used in local hauling will receive 88 cents an hour. Heavy machinery drivers will get 95 cents an hour.

### Crack Boss Unity

But Local 407 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters of which Ed Murphy, powerful Cleveland labor leader, is president, broke the employers' united front by reach-Cleveland group of Certified and Permit Motor Carriers, an organization composed mainly of long-distance haulers. The Cleveland Draymen's Employers Association knuckled under following this development.

Murphy announced that repmeet this week in Columbus, haulers.

mid-west area

### Clay Workers

The United Brick and Clay American Federation of Labor, announced in Canton, O., this week that it had obtained a one-year contract with 32 clay products plants in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

The Membership of the N.M.U. Long Ago Had the Facts on King's Treachery With the Curran leadership L. Hennessey as shipowners'

still postponing the actual trial, stool-pigeons as far back as the suspension of King and October 1938. This charge was Hennessey from the National substantiated by the personnel Maritime Union on charges of director of the National Maribeing shipowners' spies contin- time Commission, Daniel Ring, ues into its fifth week. who boasted before an anti-labor gathering, "some of our

This continuous postponement of the spy trial is raising people were elected in the N. doubts and questions among M.U." the membership. Is Curran Despite this mounting evitrying to hide his refusal to stop | dence, Curran kept silent. His the movement of "hot" oil by silence was understandable. In putting the blame on a scapeevery essential, the policies of

goat? Is the postponement of King were the same as the polthe trial a sign of Curran's fear | icies of Curran. Both supported that a public trial might bring the government fink hall. Both out his own complicity in the supported the government like AINT CRICKEN policies of King? Is the sus- training ship. Curran, like pension without trial a means King, favored cooperation with of holding a spy scare over the the government. Curran, like membership in order to keep King, was using the union

back any progressive tenden- membership as a means of cies from fighting the slow suf- gaining personal power and focation of the tanker strike in prestige. An investigation that the stream of moving hot oil? Charge Camouflage

The charges that led to the suspension were made on May 12 when Joseph Curran gave a report on the connection between "the efforts of the employers to destroy the union, and the present situation regarding the tanker strike." He charged that the tanker strike ing an agreement with the was being undermined by Jerome King and A. L. Hennessey, who were shipowners' spies. The reason he gave for asking their suspension was that he intended in this way to strengthen the N.M.U. and the tanker strike. Members charge that the

resentatives of all truck driv- claim of strengthening the in long distance hauling would simply a camouflage to hide the drowning of the tanker have suspended the alleged O., to formulate a state-wide strike in "hot" oil. Had Curran, contract for the over-the-road they charge, been really interested in strengthening the N.M. The Cleveland contract is an- U. against internal enemies, he other impressive step forward would long ago have exposed

Maritime Union" in which he

to the membership. Months before the tanker strike began he charges." With such rank and had known the details he later file interest in an honest lead-"disclosed". He had written a ership it became doubly the Workers Union, affiliated to the pamphlet called "The Member- duty of the Currans and the ship Wins Again-A Record of Recent Events in the National expose the Kings and the Hen-

nesseys. This Curran had promexposed some men and added ised to do. "There are others." Yet he did On Monday, March 6, the Nanot name them. Inside, he tional Council of the N.M.U. the Karl Liebknecht School, carrying the burden of the wrote, was "the big shot." But met at the Hetel Courses

outs of others.

Stalinist Strategy

### Seafarers' Strike Ends with Some Concessions to Men

Why Has Curran Started NMU Spy Scare?

The strike of the Seafarers International Union against the Eastern Steamship Co. ended on Saturday when the men voted to go back to work on the basis of minor concessions granted by the company.

In view of the fact that the seamen on the Eastern Steamship Company had not had a strike in thirty years the conclusion of the strike while it did not win the complete demands of the men constituted a step forward in the unionization drive of the Seafarers International Union on the East Coast.

YOU KNOW, IT

on Friday, June 2, the New wrecked, the direction of the those of the shipowners would York Teachers Union took an- municipal campaign is in the also show that Curran's policies other long stride backward in hands of a Volunteer Trade were the same as King's. Ex- its career under Stalinist con- Union Campaign Committee pulsion of the "big shot" of trol. Faced by a crisis in the headed by the president of the yesterday would justify the excity educational budget, and Minneapolis Teamsters Joint

pulsion of Curran today. An even more important rea son for the silence was the cunning strategy of Stalin's agents in the N.M.U. leadership. They wanted to save King for a future day, to use him as a scapegoat whenever their control be- Building on Fifty-ninth Street. F-L Executive Committee, and came threatened and they needed to turn the hatred of horror, "What, a picket line tually sabotaged the labor camthe membership away from their own sell-outs to the sell-

vote, they killed the proposal. Local 5 of the American that libel charges be pressed happens to a union under Stal-, taging the distribution of elecof the Teamsters Union in the the Kings and the Hennesseys against Loones to find out how inist control. For Browder's

### Special Discussions On Program of Communist party machines to Liebknecht School

highlight the June program of trade union movement that is

## Labor Mobilizes Behind **Eide in Mpls. Election**

### Trade Union Committee Directs Campaign For Slate—Anti-Labor Law Main Issue

MINNEAPOLIS-With Governor Harold Stassen and his ferocious Anti-Labor Law one of the major issues in the Minneapolis municipal election, the mighty trade union movement of this city is mobilizing behind the labor slate of candidates headed membership. The State Execuby T. A. Eide with a unanimity that has not been reached since the campaign of the late Farmer-Labor Governor, Floyd Olson, in the Fall of 1934.

In the primary election held May 8, Mayor George E. Leach, situation of the press and our jingoist, National Guardsman and candidate of the bosses, led Eide by 37,000 to 31,000. Prac-

S.W.P. Active

tries gang out of the city court-

house by voting for all candi-

dates of the April 8 trade union

The Minneapolis branch of

bor campaign. We urge the

trade unions to take the next

logical step and form a Min-

neapolis Labor Party and sug-

gest the political program such |

a party should have—Against

the War; For a Twenty-Billion

convention.

tically the entire labor slate, bor forces in Minneapolis. every one a union member, While claiming that "it is the in our power will be done to placed on the ticket. Since the primaries, the Stasto interfere in any election consen machine has moved in all test." Stassen wrote that "I am the next months." its forces to back Leach in the | not surprised to hear from you finals on June 12. It was the that the people of Minnesota Stassen issue, above all, that who supported me last fall to drew the tremendous labor end the radical and corrupt vote May 8 and continues to control of the State Capitol are pile up support for the union now opposing you and supportslate. ing Mayor Leach. . ." With the Farmer-Labor Par-

ty in Minneapolis, as throughpublished in the daily press, several thousand laborites rushed to the courthouse to register for voting. Committee is on the radio every night blasting away at the

Nominally members of the or a drastic cut in salary, the local Farmer-Labor Executive Stalinist leaders of the union Committee are supposed to whipped their faithful into line: function on the Campaign Comthey voted down a proposal for mittee. Actually, they have a picket line to be drawn played almost no role in the paign work. around the Board of Education campaign. The Stalinists on the One Stalinist exclaimed with the Communist party, have acwith signs !!" On being assured | paign. A few days after Eide that the progressive group in was nominated by the trade the union wanted a picket line, unions, the Stalinists prevailed

> Stalinist Sabotage During the campaign the

Communist party started the worst sort of whispering campaign against Eide and the labor candidates. In at least one ward, they were caught sabotion literature "because the lamuch truth there was to the boys, it's not cricket to picket. bor candidate was too close to the Trotskvites." Their behavior in this election has become a state scandal and has clearly exposed them as being the most bitter opponents of the developing Labor Party movement. Two special discussions will It is the Minneapolis A.F.L



"We are enclosing \$10.00 on BRANCH RESPONSE TO our bundle order and will pay EMERGENCY APPEAL: up the balance in a short To the mounting list of time."-St. Paul branch. branches that have responded

From Murry Weiss, Los Anto our danger signal we wish geles organizer, we receive the to add East Oakland, Calif., following reply to our request Washington, D. C., and Minnefor increased circulation of the apolis. We can now report that Appeal, and payment on debts: our position has improved con-'This is what we intend to do. siderably but we are not yet This coming Thursday at a Red completely out of the danger Card meeting we will pose the question squarely before the zone.

also the course of action for

The following cities haven't tive Committee devoted pracbeen heard from at all: Oakland, Calif., Baltimore, Flint, tically the entire last meeting to a discussion of the critical University City, Mo., Youngstown, Columbus, Philadelphia, responsibility in this matter: Seattle and Wisconsin. Where

are they?

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TO PICKET

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) ty in Minneapolis, as through-NEW YORK.—At a meeting out the state, completely showed King's policies were

bluntly told to accept a cut in Council. the city's educational services

Were they honest themselves, not a secret parade, the Stalin- upon Kleve Flakne, a political the Curran and Communist ists stalled for a half hour till hack, to file. ers unions in the state engaged N.M.U. or the tanker strike is party machines in control of their innocents could cool off. the N.M.U. would long since Then, by a straight machine stool-pigeons. The membership demanded it. Curran himself Federation of Teachers was admits that he "received a once militant. Friday's meetflood of resolutions demanding ing is a good example of what



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In the World of Labor By Paul G. Stevens ==

### Southport Conference of B.L.P. **Reverses Stand on Conscription**

Despite the tremendous wave of opposition against conscription in its ranks, despite its repeated avowal of loyalty to the party's anticonscription stand, despite its rebuffs to Leon Blum who came from France to urge them fraternally to drop that stand in the name of social patriotic common sense, and despite the fact that only two weeks ago such prominent leaders as Ernest Bevin of the Transport Workers Union and John Marchbanks of the National Union of Railwaymen insisted that "even assuming that we are in a minority, and no one can judge yet," they were 'still satisfied it would be right to resist this effort (of conscription) to destroy our liberties"-despite all this the Labour Party's leadership last week foisted upon the annual conference at Southport a reversal of policy on this crucial issue.

To be sure, the resolution adopted on this question does not bluntly come out in favor of conscription. It merely states that the party will not resist conscriptive measures. The flunkies who run Transport House (the party headquarters) for British imperialism could not flaunt the rank and file sentiment too brashly. But in taking the stand they did, they finally squared their position on conscription with their general "collective security" position, thus reassuring Chamberlain, making Blum and the French capitalists very happy and removing from their own path a very embarrassing inconsistency.

To make up for this change, so to speak, the Southport conference confirmed the expulsion of Sir Stafford Cripps and rejected the Popular Front line he espoused. From the point of view of their fundamental social patriotic position, the action against Cripps makes about as much sense as their previous opposition to conscription. Small wonder then, that a N. Y. Times correspondent from London reports that "the country tends to look upon the Churchill-Eden Tory combination, rather than upon the Labour Party, as the real opposition to Chamberlain.'

More consistent is the reported decision of Transport House to make membership in the Militant Labor League incompatible with membership in the party. The M.L.L. has consistently opposed "collective security" and conscription and has recently been making considerable headway in local L.P. branches. It is attacked as "Trotskyist". The Militant, official organ of the League, announces in its last issue a campaign, centered around an organizing tour, to resist expulsion and to rally support in the local sections for revolutionary socialism.

### In France: New Blows against the **Opponents of Imperialist War**

While the Flandin-Bonnet gang of "Munichois" pacifists (sic) and the Reynaud-Mandel gang of "collective security" war mongers at the Socialist Party convention by agreeing finally to bury the Popular Front (breaking off all relations with the C.P.), their government strikes new blows against the real opponents of imperialist war. "Democracy" is reserved only for the social patriots and their he had promised an appointcapitalist masters. . .

During the month of April a wave of resistance to the government's order recalling for the Capitol halls, Governor additional service reservists of the class of Stassen was located at the St. 1936 who had already served more than their two years, spread throughout a number of regiments along the Maginot Line. Reservists one of the demands of the demin Strassburg began a hunger strike and refused to drill. The strike soon extended to Metz, Morange, Arras. Bitche and other points along the line of frontier fortifications. The entire daily press-Fascist to Stalinist-greeted the revolt with a conspiracy of silence. The revolutionary soldiers who led the revolt were Labor Law. etc. all summarily imprisoned and the movement demonstrators, thus beheaded. . .

Issues of papers of the minorities who gave the movement prominence-our own com- with you, and we do, all the rades' Lutte Ouvriere, Jun 36, the organ of the way down the line."

Socialist Workers and Peasants Party, the an-Stassen denied that the State archist paper Libertaire, the syndicalist relief appropriation had been papers Revolution Proletarienne and Combat cut, though it is a matter of Syndicaliste and several others were confisrecord that his administration cated and their responsible editors subjected has slashed one-third off last to prosecution. . . year's appropriation. He as-

The headquarters of the Socialist Workers sured the unemployed that no and Peasants Party (P.S.O.P.) were raided in one would starve in Minnesota, Cherbourg and several other cities and the and urged the unemployed or party threatened with dissolution. ganizations to send him the

In the colonies, the anti-imperialist allies of names of all families who were the French revolutionists face similar persein need. He promised to send cution. In Tunis, three leaders of the dissolved out state investigators in such Liberal Constitutional Party have been arcases

rested for reconstituting cells of that party (the reconstituted organization of the La-Rocque Fascists is, of course, allowed to proceed with impunity). In Algiers, Chabane Ali, the Federal Workers Section,

the editor of El Ouma, the paper of the People's Party of Algeria, whose recent election ple's Party of Algeria, whose recent election LYNCH NEGRO been held in prison incommunicado under a despicable charge that is becoming usual in these persecutions: "Connivance with foreign powers". . .



(Continued from Page 1) jockey for position, while Blum and Paul ed its way through the loop to told the unemployed that Stas-Faure temporarily compose their differences the State W.P.A. offices, and sen had rejected all their state answer to decaying capitalism the youth to build for the fu- the opening of idle factories unreturned to the Capitol where demands. A mighty shout went the delegation entered Stassen's office. State Legislature, after which standards of the workers.

Governor Tries to Duck the demonstration was official-It seemed that the Governor ly called off, just as a heavy was nowhere around, though rainstorm began.

ment to the delegation. After an hour's wait, during which shown by the W.P.A. workers the unemployed milled through Paul Athletic Club. He returned to the Capitol and met with the delegation, refusing every onstrators. Later he came out on the Capitol stairs to address the demonstration. In a demagogic talk he told the throng that they had a right to disagree with him if they didn't like his Old Age Lien Law, his

not bullets.

"Hell," said a number of "we know

talks the language of the Du

W.A.A. Congress Shuns Action Needs of Jobless

### Stalinists Organize "Right to Work Conaress" to Whitewash Roosevelt

(Continued from Page 1) two hundred were fired from the morning at religious ser- the W.P.A. projects in his lo-After he had ducked back in the Capitol, Max Geldman of vices. Perhaps the idea was cality, and how they had been they would get further by pray- reinstated as the result of a ing than by any plan that the strike.

Stalinists had to offer. A woman delegate from Chi-Like so many Big-Businesscago brought the house down men, the Stalinists talk more when she said, "We delegates about economic recovery than ought to stay here until we take relief: the climax of the "Conhome something."

gress" is to be adoption, not of One after another, the dele a fighting program for relief. gates told their story of starvabut of a "resolution on econotion, misery and repression in mic recovery." the land of the New Deal. But to the Stalinist leaders of the

on the head with a shovel Not a word is being said by Rodgers lifted another shovel the W.A.A. leaders about the Workers Alliance, this session to defend himself, whereupon immediate problem confrontwas simply one for the delehe was set upon, tied hand and ng the nearly nine hundred gates to "let off steam." thousand workers already fired from W.P.A. rolls by the Rooseoffered so far is that the "Con-

velt administration. gress'' support the Casey-Mur **Misery Described** ray Bill for three million

conditions in their home com-jobs than that proposed by A Round of Applause for munities. One after another.

## Coughlin Hides a Boss Solution Behind Plea for Living Wage

Vague on Plans

(Continued from Page 1) Ponts and the Morgans-not war and the diversion of this bosses' terms. It gives the boss the language of the jobless. a free hand in sweating the Coughlin is vague as to how nels. All war funds to the unworkers and slashing their sal- he would solve the problems of employed. If private industry aries to boost his own unearned the youth. He has plenty of cannot hire the jobless, and the reporting for the committee, profits. Destruction of the crocodile tears for them-but no government cannot provide suftrade unions is the usual fascist program. Tears won't enable ficient jobs for them, then force -preserve the profits of the ture, marry, or become selfup for a special session of the bosses by reducing the living respecting and self-supporting citizens.

Contemptuous of W.P.A.

To the unemployed, the radio Coughlin is purposely vague in outlining his future plans. If priest offers no more than he The excellent spirit of the does to the worker. He speaks he set down his real program demonstration and the sacrifice contemptuously of the W.P.A. in cold type, he would gain not worker as a dolester and of the one single adherent among the who participated, cannot be ex- W.P.A. as the "industry of workers, employed or unemaggerated. The W.P.A. admin- dolesters." Coughlin has no ployed. His goal is the fascist istration had refused to declare concrete program for putting state on the Italian style. Un-Friday a holiday, so that each the jobless to work. Coughlin der this system, the worker has W.P.A. worker who demon-| doesn't believe "that the gov- no rights, no hope, no future. strated was sacrificing 8 hours ernment should support the He is tied to his job; must work of work at 68 cents an hour, or people" (Social Justice, Mar. the number of hours and at the about \$5.50. Despite this, W.P. 20, 1939). That means no kind of work he is told to work; A. workers by the hundreds W.P.A., no home relief. There in return he gets what the boss understood that it was well are some 15,000,000 unemployed sees fit to pay him. He has no worth their while to demon- in this country. They are not means of protest; but must acstrate for their demands and being absorbed in private in- cept in silence. Otherwise he against Roosevelt's new relief- dustry. Coughlin would kick goes to a concentration camp. slashing proposal and war ma- them off relief and fire the Empty phrases, crocodile tears chine. The unemployed of Min- lucky few who still retain their neapolis and St. Paul have W.P.A. jobs. He'd probably

spoken unmistakably for in- draft them for forced labor at we've got a right to disagree creased relief, for bread and no salary. Again, Coughlin

-but no constructive program. This is what Coughlin offers to the workers, the jobless and

> the youth. In contrast, the Socialist East Side Branch Workers Party proposes a mili-

tant program of action. The S.W.P. says to the worker: You want a living annual wage.

give it to you unless you fight for it. Your best weapon in then the bonds of unity with all workers, regardless of creed, race, or nationality. Their problems are your problems. Together you can solve them. Disunited, you're licked before you start.

### For Workers Action

When the bosses say they Pointing out the menace of can't afford to pay a living advancing fascism in the United States, the members of wage, then let the workers take over industry and run it themthe branch are agitating among the workers of the East selves. Elect shop committees. Demand the right to inspect the Side for the need of building a company's books. Force the workers' defense guard as the cutting of the \$50,000 and \$100,only answer to the fascist 000 salaries of the bosses. Form threat.

defense guards to protect your In addition to the open air unions and your right to strike. meetings, leaflets and litera-To the unemployed, the ture distribution that the S.W.P. says: Demand jobs, branch has planned, there will and organize into unions to en- be regular meetings at the force your demands. Insist that headquarters. All people who W.P.A. be expanded, not curare interested in joining the tailed. Demand \$30 for 30 hours campaign against anti-semita week. Demand a cessation ism and fascism are urged to of the squandering of billions get in touch with the local parof dollars for the coming boss ty headquarters.

One afternoon while waiting for the mail to come in a group of us are talking about the coming war which we agree will be conducted in the name of humanity and democracy so that the U.S. Steel Corp., will not perish from the earth, when one guy tells us a story about a friend of his who did not feel like dying for

to walk right by without even so much as glancing at the papers.

On the Line ... with Bill Morgan

This makes them a little peeved as you can later. imagine and they run after him and grab him ernor has made no protest, by the arm and say what do you mean by not saluting the officers and what do you mean by not picking up all the papers when we tell

you?

foot, tortured and tossed into the river from which his body was recovered three days

much less ordered action. Nor has any word been uttered on the lynching from the head of the party to which the Gover-

**Demand Special Session** 

MISSISSIPPI

(Continued from Page 1)

W.P.A. jobs. Casey addressed The delegates themselves attested to the need for action the "Congress" and how seriwhen, during the Sunday after. ously he takes his bill, which noon session, they described the provides for one million more

Roosevelt, is indicated by the

The sole concrete proposal

folk Street, the branch has be-

gun a series of open air meetings, held every Monday and Friday evening. The meetings are held at Norfolk and Delancey Streets, and Rivington and Clinton Streets.

money into productive chan-

To the youth, the S.W.P.

says: The interests of the

'locked out generation' are

identical with those of the

worker and the jobless. Your

future depends on an expand-

ing economy. If the present

economy is so senile that it

cannot find a place for your

talents, then that economy

step in bringing about that

change is expropriation of

Workers are not accustomed

to having favors handed them

on silver platters. Whatever

they've gotten in the past,

they've won through their own

militancy. More militancy,

more determination, more mili-

tant trade unions--this is the

way to fight the lengthening de-

pression and safeguard your

right to a decent living.

America's Sixty Families.

The first

der workers' control.

must be changed.

## Good. You have a right to that wage, but no one is going to of the Socialist Workers Party,

## **Organizes Anti-**Fascist Campaign

Local New York, is well on its way in the city-wide campaign that fight is your union. Build to combat anti-semitism and and defend your union. Streng- fascism. Working from its local headquarters at 163 Nor-

dear old Standard Oil in 1917.

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It seems this guy was a conscientious objector and tried to avoid the draft by ducking in a closet or pretending like he never was born, and so of course he was soon snatched up by the government goon squads which patrolled the streets and made sudden raids on homes in the middle of the night.

When he is marched into the training camp. this bird tells the Generals he is unwilling to fight against people he has never even heard of or even seen. They throw him in the jug to wait for a trial where he will be charged with treason and suspicion of being an enemy spy, which is a joke because he had been a Sunday School teacher and a Boy Scout leader for eleven years back home in Davenport, Iowa, before anybody ever thought that the German people were only itching to slaughter the entire world with their bare hands.

This guy sits around in the cooler for two weeks waiting to be tried before a military jury, and all the while he is thinking how can he present his case in such a way as to make the soldiers see his point of view, and he has just about given up when a knock comes on the door and he is told he is about to receive sentence and will he oblige by standing up and facing the judge. . .

### **Gets Five Years**

So they sentence him to five years of hard labor and assign him to a training camp for work but he is by this time of very little use to the army, because he is all the time running around picking up little pieces of paper and stuffing them in his pockets.

Every time he spots a discarded newspaper or an old cigaret package he rushes over to it and snatches it up like a demon and stows it away in his coat and soon all the soldiers make fun of him and deliberately litter up the grounds so as to make him run around all day collecting the papers, and everybody knows he is teched in the head and soon there develops a kinder attitude on the part of the soldiers and even some of the officers because it is a pitiful sight to see this poor fellow become so delirious over a mere scrap of old paper.

After this goes on for several months and they realize he is of no use to the army and has about as much future as a cake of ice, they call him in the office of the General and shoot a lot of questions at him which he either cannot answer or replies to so foolishly that they decide to discharge him, and tell him he can go home and forget all about the army. Well, he thanks them and goes out. On his way across the big parade grounds there is a bunch of second lieutenants who have had great fun with our friend teasing the dickens out of him whenever they could and when they see him coming they throw a lot of scraps of paper all over the grounds and when he walks near they yell at him and say hey dumbell, here is a nice new batch of papers to pick up but he pays no attention to them and proceeds

### The Paper He Was Waiting for velt.

The guy just looks at them and says, first of all, my friends, I am no longer in the army and you have no right to yell at me, and if the fifth in these democratic you do I will inform the President of the states for 1939. It followed by United States and secondly, my very good only nine months the lynching friends, I am no longer interested in picking up little pieces of paper because I have at last Banks, on July 21, 1938. found the one I am looking for, and with this he shows them the discharge paper which the Generals have given him

Well ,some of the group thought this was a Charley pretty smart trick and that this fellow should Woodcliff, Georgia; Miles W be given a medal for outsmarting the govern- Brown (white), shot, Panama ment, but it was agreed upon by several of us City, Florida; Lee Snell, shot, that there ain't going to be no such tricks as Daytona Beach, Florida. that allowed this time and if workers do not want to get sucked into a fight in which they have nothing to gain except six feet of nice brown earth or a pair of crutches they will have to be a lot smarter than the bird in the story.

This time the bosses are all prepared and anyone who hopes to be excused from service in the gang which is to divvy up the world for the sole benefit of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Generals will be thrown into the jug pronto and then tried for treason, the penalty for which is death.

No, trying to hide under the bed or hoping that the bosses will allow you to remain at home just because you are a conscientious objector will not mean a thing, because one guy here and another one there will be easy pickings for the special squads and the F.B.I. to locate and arrest. But if the trade unions and the other workers' organizations resist and demand peace and fight, we'll get somewhere. You can bet your last shirt that if the workers sit down in the steel mills, the coal mines, the railroads and the clothing shops, the Generals would have a tough time trying to drag the youth of the country off to the slaughter.

The bosses would be very happy to isolate all the individuals who are against war and shoot them one by one in dark basements, but it is a horse of a different color when tens of thousands of workers decide to stay on a sitdown strike instead of shooting their class brothers somewhere in Europe.

The bosses do not fear the lone conscientious objector because he can be spotted at once-what the bosses fear is the united action of the working class, because only such action can put a crimp into the war plans.

So if you know anybody who does not want to fight for the profits of the 60 Families, tip him off to this little idea, because otherwise he will be snatched before he has a chance to even make a statement. Tell him that his place is in the ranks of the working class and that there is a real job to be done if the war is to be stopped, and it can and will be stopped when the workers as a class decide to clamp down on the bosses and their stooges — the Generals. Peace will come about then and only then.

nor belongs, President Roose-

**Other Lynchings** The lynching of Rodgers is in this same town of Claude Other known lynchings during 1939 are: Walter Lee Fra-

zier, shot, Eldorado, Arkansas; Williams, hanged

> **Provocateur** Exposed Local San Francisco has expelled William de la Fuente, convicted and admitted thief of party funds, paid informer and provoca-

> teur. Description: Age 24, height 5 feet-11 inches, weight 155, dark complexion, brown eyes, wears glasses, speaks with a slight stutter. Speaks Spanish fluently, apparently well - educated. quick-witted, interesting conversationalist, interested in music. art, literature. Claims to be a journalist, has worked as clerical worker. Claims special knowledge of psychology. At time of exposure, May 20, 1939, had broken right arm in cast.

they told of the misery and fact that he spent this time, not

starvation existing in their talking about his bill but singhome towns. Every delegate ing hosannahs to Roosevelt. showed that the condition of the The bill only provides a minunemployed today is worse imum of \$36 a month to W.P.A. than it has ever been, and rapworkers and even if seriously idly growing worse.

Yet, the majority of dele- vide sufficient jobs. gates followed the Stalinist line Mrs. Roosevelt to Speak dutifully, no matter how it con-For the rest, the further ses-

flicted with their statements sions of the "Congress" will be obstacles, the Y.P.S.L. Drama about the actual conditions at given over to pretty speeches Group nevertheless put over a deserves a round of applause: home. One, for example, called from Mrs. Roosevelt, and asrelief slashers "Hoover Repub- sorted New Deal Congressmen, tation of Irwin Shaw's anti-war Brady, Henry Addis, Manny and the like. licans and Garner Democrats."

No one mentioned Roosevelt's on the eve of Congressional leading role in slashing relief. Delegates from the deep consideration of Roosevelt's come. South described not only mis- proposed relief budget for the erable conditions of the unem- year beginning July 1, which ployed, but the suppression of provides a maximum of two civil liberties, discrimination million jobs averaging over the against Negroes, and the union- coming year-which means smashing attitude of the local 1,350,000 less W.P.A. jobs than politicians. But that these poli- there were in November. And ticians are part of Roosevelt's this Congress remains silent on democratic machine was not this question. Such is the misrule of the Stalinist scoundrels once mentioned. **Respond to Militancy** 

who rule this affair.

Obedient to the Stalinist leaders though they were, these delegates responded with storms of applause whenever the slightest hint of militancy was uttered. When the delegate from Racine, Wisconsin, told the audience that "we come down here not to theorize but for action," the other delegates lustily applauded him. Another burst of applause The Yipsel Drama Group

Last Saturday night the New, only one or two rehearsals be-York Division of the Young tween other Yipsel activities), pushed does not begin to pro- People's Socialist League pro- muffed lines here or there, vided an audience that filled were obviously nervous at their the Cultural Center with a real first attempt, yet they perthrill. Faced with innumerable formed commendably.

Every member of the cast moving and dramatic presen- Abe Hart, Stanley Jobes, Joe play "Bury the Dead" whch Wein, Martin Harvey, Arty This "Congress" takes place left every one in the audience Fox, Edith Shorr, Earl Colemore than pleased at having man, Arlene Montauk, Saul

Silverman, Sylvia Shwartz, A few yards of drapery, a Bert Bender, Connie Hammett. plank, and a corner of the Cul- And an extra round of applause tural Center were all they had | for the director, Martin Eden, for stage and set. Yet, they and the technical staff, Bert

managed to convey the realism Gerold and Bob Chester. and horror of trench life. All It is to be hoped that the but one or two had never be- Drama Group will now plan a fore appeared in a stage. Yet, series of performances in varithey made real and poignant ous parts of the city, and that the story of dead men risen they will be allowed more time against the horror of war. They to prepare the presentation of were imperfectly rehearsed this and other plans. The Group



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### FIGHT WITH THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY FOR:

1. A job and a decent living for every worker.

- 2. Open the idle factories-operate them under workers' control.
- 3. A Twenty-Billion dollar Federal public works and housing program.
- 4. Thirty-thirty! \$30-weekly minimum wage-30-hour weekly maximum for all workers on all jobs.
- 5. Thirty dollar weekly old-age and disability pension
- 6. Expropriate the Sixty Families.
- 7. All war funds to the unemployed.
- 8. A people's referendum on any and all wars.
- 9. No secret diplomacy.

and Fascist attacks.

10. An independent Labor Party. 11. Workers' Defense Guards against vigilante

### Minnesota Acts

Labor in Minneapolis, and in its Twin City sister, St. Paul, has set the pace more than once for the working class movement of this country. This is especially true of the teaming crafts, who have blazed a trail for labor progress throughout the Northwest.

True to this tradition was the militant demonstration of 5,000 workers in the Twin Cities which took place last week and is reported elsewhere in this issue. The workers manifested their determination not to lie down quietly while the cynical ruling class and its legislative agents continue to cut the relief scale to the bone and to throw additional thousands off the rolls every month.

The unemployed-the millions of them who continue to suffer after almost ten years of the crisis-have no way out of their increasing misery save by fighting aggressively in an organized manner. They are faced literally with a fight for life. Passivity, crawling, whining, begging for favors, hoping for miracles-those will only

Havana press: "Under this pressure, Cuban officials unfortunately weakened and rescinded the original order of admission."

They unfortunately weakened-these brave, tough military heroes of democracy! They weren't weak when they murdered scores of revolutionary workers and students. They weren't weak when their machine-guns, pistols and sabres mowed down their radical opponents. But "unfortunately" they were weak when the anti-Semitic jackals began to howl.

Do not think for a moment that the Stalinists will therefore weaken in their love and admiration for Batista. Not at all. They'll continue to burn incense before him. They'll continue to send hacks like Mike Gold to write drunken paeans of publicity about the delights and charms of Batista's rule.

Why? Because Batista is one of Roosevelt's good boys. Why? Because Roosevelt is for a new War for Democracy and so are the Stalinists.

And what, in the face of the Interests of Democracy, does the fate of a few hundred miserable refugees amount to?

### **Mooney and Beal**

Tom Mooney spent some of the best years of his life in a California penitentiary. He was railroaded to prison by the reactionary "open shop" interests on the West Coast in one of the most abominable frame-ups known to modern history. He was set free when the protesting voices of the workers in this country and elsewhere could no longer be ignored.

A few thousand miles from Mooney's old prison cell, clear across the country, sits another victim of frame-up justice. He is the courageous, militant textile worker, Fred E. Beal. He was one of the fearless pioneers who sought to bring unionism to the bitterly exploited workers of the South. He led that magnificent strike struggle of the North Carolina textile slaves in Gastonia about ten years ago. The Bourbons determined to get him; and they did. Like Mooney, Fred Beal was railroaded to prison on a trumped-up charge.

The difference between the Mooney and Beal cases lies in the fact that Beal is being kept in jail not only by the textile barons, but with the connivance of the Communist party and its dirty hirelings. The Stalinists cannot forgive him for having expressed himself so frankly and critically about conditions in the Soviet Union which he was able to observe while he lived and worked there. They have been engaged in actively sabotaging any effort to obtain Beal's release. They have cynically trampled underfoot the most elementary principles of labor solidarity.

## Stalin's Decree on Agriculture Is Indication of Conditions in USSR

Pointing to the Growth of "Landlord Peasants" at the Expense of the Collectives, the Decree Exposes an Ominous and Widening Crack in Stalinized Soviet Economy

if the norm of the decree is first place, it proves once again (Continued from Page 1) certain farm the shortage of fulfilled, the allegedly collecti- -what, in truth, needs no more labor caused by the members vized agriculture of the Soviet proof-that the agricultural engaged in individual enter- Union, the great "triumph of problem cannot be solved buprise had resulted in failure to Stalinist realism," would be in reaucratically. Not all the debuild the necessary farm struc- actuality only a fourth or a crees of the Kremlin nor all the tures, in allowing mown hay to fifth collectivized. There is no guns and isolators of the G.P.U. rot in the fields and in necessi- other way to interpret the fig- can in the long run get anytating a cost of 12,000 rubles ures. Whatever the legal forms where. The peasants return to for cattle feed. As a result the employed, if the agricultural their individual plots not, as great bulk of honest collective population spends only a fourth the Times correspondent imagfarm members received only or a fifth of its working time 90 rubles each for a year's (evidently much less, in fact) work while one 'pseudo collecat collectivist production and tive farmer' earned more than the rest at individual produc- management of the collectives that by a day's work repairing tion, then agriculture is only somebody's porch." (Repairing to that extent collective.

whose porch, by the way? Cer-This seems a curious state tainly not the honest collective of affairs for a country where farmers, who hadn't earned socialism has already, we are enough to pay for the repairs.) told, been definitely achieved and where there are no classes.

#### THE REAL EXTENT **OF COLLECTIVIZATION**

quistain.

How deep and widespread after the wiping out of five or the individualized farming has ten million peasants in order become is even more striking- to complete the Stalinist proly shown by the proposals in gram of collectivization. the decree for correction. A

TERROR NO SUBSTITUTE minimum number of work days FOR MACHINERY to be spent on the collective

farm, as against days on indi-As a penalty for violation of vidual holdings, is set. Pre- the decree, expulsion is prosumably this minimum is well vided. "This decree will fit in the individually operating peasover the number now being with the program that the gov- ants (above all, the "landlord spent, else there would be no ernment has already launched peasants" so casually referred point to the decree. In most for transporting peasants to to in the decree) are members sections, according to the sparsely populated regions, es-Times report, the minimum is pecially the Volga and the Far proletariat and capable in a eighty days; sixty days in the East." Once more the terrible northern and central district; fate of being driven to the and a hundred in the cotton wastelands by the whips of the growing regions. G.P.U. hangs over the peasants These figures are in the who come into the disfavor of

highest degree remarkable. the bureaucracy. Leaving aside the farms which Two considerations come at are not yet collectivized even once to mind after reflection in name, they mean that even upon this new decree. In the lent explosion.

ines, because of "the age-old instinct for private profit." but because of the frightful misby the central and local bureaucracy, because of the failure to provide sufficient of the machinery upon which largescale agriculture depends, and because of the entire failure to give the peasants an adequate It seems, also, a rather negareturn in manufactured goods. tive result to have achieved It is the disproportion and breakdown in Soviet economy and polity generally that brings about the reversion in agriculture to more primitive forms. At the same time, the conditions indicated by the decree indicate a widening and ominous crack in the Soviet economy. The more successful of of a class, a class alien to the time of open crisis of becoming the backbone of a revisionist movement. The centrifugal forces in Soviet life, present in

any case from the nature of the country and its isolation but fostered and advanced by Stalinism, strain ever closer to vio-



That Stalin was directly re-1 other words, instead of giving | say. His ponderous generalizasponsible for the suicidal policy them the land, the peasants tion merely provides the peg to imposed on the Spanish work- were to get the usual bourgeois conclude that "the parliameners and peasants is now proven panaceas of "more equitable" tary way"-i.e., bourgeois road by letters laying down that pol- taxes. -is best for Spain.

As for the factories, Stalin icy and signed by Stalin himself, sent to the then Premier declared: Caballero and now released by "It would be necessary to Caballero's associate, Luis Ara-

attract to the side of the government the small and middle Published in facsimile in the bourgeoisie or, in any event. to give them the possibility of New York Times, June 4, Staltaking a neutral position, fain's letters reveal that the polvorable to the government, icy of keeping Azana and other protecting them against attraitors in power, appeasing

tion elsewhere. In presenting Stalin's letter

Not "the needs of the inter-

national situation" were served

by this vicious travesty of

Marxism, but the needs of

Stalin's Bonapartist clique, who

fear nothing in the world so

much as the fresh breath which

would flow into Russia from a

successful proletarian revolu-



On June 1 the Administration completed a very shrewd partisan maneuver by forcing a record vote in the House of Representatives on the Townsend Plan. There are probably less than a dozen Congressmen who really favor the Townsend Plan. However, in many sections of the country, especially in New England and the Middle West, the Republicans found it convenient and even necessary to make an opportunistic bid last autumn for the support of Townsend's followers. During the election campaign, Republican candidates pledged themselves, openly or by implication, to the Plan.

The expectation of the Republicans was doubtless that a day of reckoning on the pledge could be indefinitely postponed. The Plan could, in accordance with a usual custom, be buried in Committee. Or, at worst, if it came to the floor, the cowardly method of avoiding a record vote, now common in the House, could be employed.

But here was an opportunity made to order for all sections of the Democratic Party, constituting a majority. The Republicans have been trying to make big propaganda on the issue of "economy" They are also, many of them, pledged to the huge "extravagance" of the Townsend Plan. Very well. Force a record vote on the Plan. Then the Republicans are in a perfect dilemma: if they vote against the Plan, they have broken their pledges and lose the Townsendite support; if they vote for it, they explode their own economy issue.

The parliamentary jockeying went on for weeks. The record vote was forced; and, since the dilemma was genuine, there is no doubt that by it the Republicans were thrown for a loss.

### The Times Is Morally Indianant

The Plan received 97 affirmative votes, including one-third of the Republican votes in the House. The New York Times the next morning devoted its lead editorial to the outcome. "The Townsend Plan Bill," the Times begins, "has been defeated in the House by a vote of 302 to 97, and the country is doubtless expected to breathe easier." The Times dismisses the Plan itself with an economic flourish: "The Townsend Plan is utterly fantastic. It would call for an astronomical expenditure by the Federal Government in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000,000 a year. If any attempt were made to raise such a sum by taxation it would lead to economic chaos.'

But this economic argument is, as often, not decisive for the Times. It is to a moral argument against the Plan that the Times makes its final appeal. The point is well worth pondering:

"Even if the plan were workable it would impose a monstrously unfair distribution of income. It would place crushing taxes on our population with its average per capita income of about \$550 a year in order that less than one-tenth of that population should receive per capita incomes of \$2,400 a year."

The injustice of such income arrangements is, apparently, self-evident to the editors of the Times.

### Let Not the Right Hand . . .

But the editors of the Times failed, perhaps, to read carefully the contents of their own paper that morning. If they had turned to a page preced ing that on which their editorial appeared, they would have found an instructive news report dealing with incomes for the year 103

result in reducing them to ever lower levels. It's organized, militant struggle-or starva-

tion.

If the Stassens and Roosevelts, the Republicans or Democrats, do not encounter stormy resistance from the unemployed, they will just continue to cut and cut and cut, so that capitalist profits and the war machine may grow and grow and grow. Nothing can be expected from the rival relief-cutters.

The workers-employed and unemployedmust take things into their own hands. No one will save them from wretchedness but themselves. Let them mobilize their invincible strength to:

Open the idle factories!

All war funds to the unemployed!

A Twenty-Billion Dollar Public Works and Housing program!

A job and a decent living for every worker! Expropriate the 60 Families!

### **Refugees in Cuba**

There are few more harrowing stories of anguish and persecution than that of more than 900 Jewish refugees from Germany — men, women and children-who are kept in the purgatory of the liner Saint Louis in Atlantic waters, between the inferno of fascist Germany, from which they were driven, and what they hoped was the paradise of Cuba, which has refused to admit them.

From the Nazi swine, the Jewish victims of the "Aryan supermen" expected nothing but what they got. But they did look forward to the government of Cuba to provide them with a haven. They thought that Cuba, unlike Germany, was a "modern democracy" where racial discrimination and anti-Semitism were not tolerated. Instead they found a regime which repulsed them with the same brutality with which they were driven from Nazi Germany.

The Daily Worker feels rather embarrassed by the whole incident. Not so much for the sake of the refugees, but because it puts the new Stalinist hero, Col. Fulgencio Batista, military dictator of the "Cuban democracy," in a dastardly light. All they find it possible to say about the Cuban regime is this-referring to the anti-Semitic campaign of the reactionary

Mooney now is free. Fred Beal is not. We would like to see Tom Mooney, the most renowned class-war prisoner of our time in this country, raise his voice in a call to all labor to fight for Beal's freedom.

The War Department announces the award of a contract calling for 814 army trucks, to cost over \$1,000,000. This is the largest single contract for motor vehicles made in a number of years. The one and one-half ton trucks will be used by National Guard units all over the country for quick mobilization and rapid transportation in any emergency. That is, whenever the workers get the idea of striking for better working conditions.

### "Good Neighbors"

Speaking at a dinner for 1,500 prominent business men at the World's Fair, Secretary of Commerce Harry L. Hopkins clarified for their benefit what President Roosevelt means by his "good neighbor" policy in Latin America.

He described in detail the lucrative fields of investment south of the Rio Grande, and the need for increasing economic penetration of those fields.

But the United States must recognize the rights and the feelings of the inhabitants of these countries to make their own laws and control their economic development. Hence the "good neighbor" policy: greater domestic management of foreign-financed enterprises in Latin America, a domestic management which will welcome the "participation" of United States imperialism.

The agreement signed recently by Roosevelt and Dictator Somoza of Nicaragua exemplifies the general policy described by Hopkins.

Instead of subduing the Latin American people by armed force imposed from the outside in the shape of battleships and marines as has been only too frequently the procedure in the past, local murderers like Somoza - bloody violent dictators thirsty for Uncle Sam's patronagewill be furnished with arms and financial support to reduce their country to the status of a company town dominated by United States imperialism. This is the long-range program described by Hopkins.

When Roosevelt says "good neighbors" he means good colonies.

tempts at confiscation and e Chamberlain and Daladie guaranteeing them, within governments, giving the facpossible limits, freedom of tories and land back to the trade. Otherwise these groups treacherous capitalists and will become fascists. landowners and thus crushing the revolutionary enthusiasm of The "middle bourgeoisie" .e., the native industrial overthe masses, was dictated to the lords-were already fascist. Loyalist government by Stalin. under threat of cutting off the and returning them to their ecoskimpy Russian supplies if nomic power enabled them to Stalin's orders were not obeyed. sabotage Loyalist struggle against Franco. And to en-The most important letter force this policy, Stalin's agents was written December 21, 1936. crushed and assassinated and at a time when the revolutionimprisoned the flower of the ary struggle against Franco Spanish proletariat. was still strong. The factories STALIN'S "THEORY" TO were then in the hands of the workers' committees, the land JUSTIFY COUNTER-

REVOLUTION had been seized and was being tilled by the peasants' collec-In advancing this countertives and councils, the workers' militias were still the backbone embellished it by a "theoretiof the armed forces, and even cal" introduction: that "the derstand the frankness with though they formally sat in the Spanish revolution plots its which Stalin transmitted his government, no real power was course, different from many being wielded by the bourgeois- viewpoints from the course fol- hand. Azanas and Barrios who had lowed by Russia. This is defacilitated Franco's rising and termined by the difference in who were ready to yield to him. social, historical and geographi-Stalin's letter demanded a recal conditions and by the needs versal of all these revolution- of the international situation, ary measures against Franco: different from those the Russian revolution had to contend with." DESTROY REVOLUTION,

WAS STALIN'S DEMAND

"It is above all necessary that the government should be assured of the continuance of Azana and his group in power, doing everything possible to help them overcome their hesitation. This is necessary in order to prevent the enemies of Spain from considering her as a Communist republic, and to forestall thus their open intervention, which constitutes the greatest danger for republican Spain."

move on because I can't sell Thus ordered Stalin. He was obeyed. With the result that there since I'm "disturbing the ing around and the cops asked Azana's group used their gov- people going by and yelling too

ernmental power to betray the much." I answer him by stat- as I was attracting too much cause of Loyalist Spain, finally ing that I have the right to sell attention. During all this I was going openly over to surrender- because I had a permit to sell selling the Appeal and shouting ing to Franco. The same on the streets. He answers that our slogans against Fascism Azana-Stalinist combination ac- he doesn't care if I have a per- and how to fight it with Workcepted the "non-intervention" mit. Then he went further and ers Defense Guards. Finally, fraud which directly facilitated said that no Irishman can sell the two cops came out of their the intervention of Germany the Socialist Appeal from Mos- huddle and told me it was o.k. and Italy. cow (!) and (me being an to sell.

Stalin ordered the factories Irishman) I'd better move on and land returned to the Span- or he'd pull me in. I came back ish and foreign bourgeoisie. at him with the Bill of Rights for my stand against the cops. The only decrees specifically and the Constitution and said proposed by Stalin for the peas- I'd have him investigated. Appeals. antry, significantly, refer to Then I pulled out a pencil and

taxes"-in paper and asked for his name Boston guestion of

Araquistain seeks to absolve Caballero from responsibility for collaborating in this foul policy. The truth is very different. Stalin's letters were sent to Caballero when, as Premier of Loyalist Spain, he was working hand in glove with the Stalinists, when the Stalinist press was proclaiming Caballero internationally as the "Spanish Lenin" and he in turn had delivered into Stalinist hands the control of the Spanish Socialist Youth, the U.G.T. (General Workers Union), the key positions in the armed forces, etc. Only by recalling the identity between Caballero revolutionary program, Stalin and his associates and the Stalinists at that time can one un-"advice" signed by his own

The rats are falling out among themselves. They are telling the truth about each other. The terrible defeat in Spain is a warning: free yourselves from the stranglehold of Stalinism, workers, or you will Just precisely what are these share the fate of the Spanish differences? Stalin does not people.



and number. A crowd had gathered and were with me against the cop. A few workers yelled out that if it was Social Justice or the American it would be o. k. He asked for my permit and started looking it over. Then he called another

About 100 people were crowdme to please stop talking loud

Then they went away and many workers commended me Many of the workers bought

> Comradely. J. T.

There they would have discovered that for the year 1937 forty-nine individuals in the United States reported to the Treasury Department net incomes in excess of one million dollars. When it is recalled that the net income figure is arrived at after a hundred and one deductions for taxes, contributions, exemptions, credits, pseudo-losses and all the other devices thought up by high-priced lawyers, the excess over one million dollars must be very considerable indeed. One individual, even with all deductions, reported a net income of over five million dollars for that year.

Now, if we apply the very same reasoning that the Times used in proving the Townsend Plan unjust, we seem to be led inexorably to a remarkable conclusion.

The million-dollar-plus incomes are admittedly possible because of capitalism, or what the Times sometimes calls the "system of free enterprise". So, using the argument of the editorial, we are compelled to say: "Even if capitalism were workable it would impose a monstrously unfair distribution of income. It would place crushing burdens on our population with its average per capita income of about \$550 a year in order that less than .00004% of that population should receive per capita incomes of \$1,000,000 plus a year."

### And As for Economics

So much for the moral argument. But the economic argument which the Times uses against the Townsend Plan applies no less fully against the system which the Times so solicitously defends. Could any system be more "utterly fantastic" than one which destroys food which people need to eat, throws millions who want to work out of jobs, shuts factories while goods are everywhere needed, suppresses inventions and new techniques. plunges all mankind into wars from which no one but a handful of super-financiers benefits?

The Times estimates that the Townsend Plan would cost the Federal Government \$20,000,000,000 a year. But according to the government's own figures, capitalism costs the people at least five times this, at least \$100,000,000 a year: this figure being the difference between the actual output of goods and services and that which the productive plant of the country is immediately capable of.

The editors of the Times had better be more careful of the arguments they use. They might suggest ideas that would be most awkward for, among others, the editors themselves.

Billy Rose, the Broadway impresario, meets the problem of feeding an elephant by giving him candy bars before the regular meal. He found this cut down the beast's appetite considerably. We may expect the Relief Administration to look into this matter shortly.

The number of men involved in the newly instituted British conscription plan was estimated at about 310,000 annually, not counting reductions due to exemptions, i.e., of cripples, imbeciles, and those sons whose parents are too well heeled to have their kids risk their skins

THIS IRISHMAN STOOD HIS GROUND

Editor:

I went down to Washington and Essex Streets with three other comrades and started to sell Appeals. Along comes a big Irish cop and tells me to cop for a brain trust session.