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# Stalinists Put To Flight By UAW Board

Frankensteen-Browder Combination Collapses Completely; Union Errs, However, In

## PROGRAM GETS UNANIMOUS VOTE

campaign in the Minneapolis Corcoran case have the Stalinists been put to so complete a rout as at the current Executive Board sessions of the United Automobile Workers of America.

The report of President Homer Martin and his twenty-point pro-

Communist Party allies, to outlaw the democratic rights of groups and caucuses went a-begging for supporters, without a single soul doughty enough-not even Frankensteen- to present it to the Executive Board for consideration and action.

**SHOW GAINS IN** 

Locals In Union

Referendum

NEW YORK .- Awakening op-

position to the Weinstock regime

in the New York Painters Union

resulted in important gains for

progressives as voting on the

maintenance proposition" pro

ceeded in the locals this week.

The proposition, with a "flex-

ible wage scale" that means un-

dermining the standard scale of

the regular painters, met with

Close In Local 51

tock-backed candidate, Carl Law-

son, in the by-election to fill the

with the "party line." This brutal

Stalinist-controlled "Unity Club."

in favor of Weinstock's proposal.

Considering the three to one votes

usually cast in favor of adminis-

tration proposals in Local 51, the

gains of the progressives are ap-

was defeated by comfortable

margins. In Local 905, where

Where Stalinists Scored

Where the open ballot was used

as in Locals 848,892, 905 and 442,

the Stalinists were able to roll

up big majorities for Weinstock's

proposition. On the other hand,

in the locals where the secret

ballot was used, the opposition

was able to score victories over

Paper Appears

The first issue of The Progres-

The contrast reveals the

the administration.

the balloting.

On the maintenance proposi-

and was defeated in several.

**PAINTERS' POLL** 

ber of the Executive Board, including those previously associated with the Unity Group, acting voluntarily and with no compulsion or coercion of any kind brought to bear upon them, affixed their signatures to the

"Our union," he declared, "is and must remain a democratic organization. Just as all members should participate in making decisions, so all members should participate in carrying made. There should be freedom of discussion and opinion in our ranks. This is as it should be. However, democracy is not confined merely to freedom of discussion. Democracy also means that out of this discussion and and exchange of opinion, a cause, a program and a policy is agreed upon, which all unitedly supof unity. This is the only way for democracy to function and the only basis upon which an enduring organization can be built.

## Real Democracy

the Frankensteen program. Desvote for it. It is rumored, howthe amendment.

## **Economic Crisis**

Further on in Martin's report veiled slam at the mythical "sit-Martin declared:

ed against the union has been based on a false estimate of the economic situation. These people would cry that there was no economic crisis (only a "sit-down strike of capital"-Ed.) and hence the union could adopt exactly the same tactics which it followed in the spring of 1937. Later, when forced to admit that the

# **Supporting Governor Murphy**

# DETROIT, May 16.—Not since the collapse of the frame-up

gram was accepted without a dissenting vote. The grand strategy of Richard T. Frankensteen, supported by his

To cap the climax, every memprogram presented by Martin.

### On Factionalism

In his report to the Executive Board, covering numerous topics ranging from contractual relations with the employers to the internal condition in the union, Martin struck a fighting note in his discusion of the mooted issue of factionalism:

"Let us state again that there can be no danger to our union when free discussion is not only permitted but encouraged. The danger to the union lies in the degeneration of healthful differences of opinion on the basis of real issues into chronic opposition for the sake of opposition itself. Real democracy in a union demands the rights of minorities to freedom of discussion and expression and their protection from arbitrary repression. Factions and factional ism cannot be eliminated by decree. Factionalism can be eliminated only through the adoption and execution of a constructive program and policies which every active union man and woman will

support. It is quite obvious that this statement flies in the teeth of pite this fact, Frankensteen and the other miserable C.P. and Unity Group leaders cast their ever, that one of the opposition - evidently as a face - saving move-proposed an amendment (!) to abolish all factions. Rumor also has it that his hand was the last referendum. It is clear and Ours." Trotsky reviews in pseudo-liberals; Max Eastman's the only one which went up for that in a secret ballot, free from and Ours." the only one which went up for intimidations and gangster me- an exhaustive manner the prob- views; the pragmatists, et al.

there is another very thinly down strike of capital" theory sive Painter, organ of the proadvanced by the Communist gressive clubs in the various Party. In discussing contractual relations with the corporations "Some of the criticism direct-

The paper is edited under the supervision of the Action Committee of the inter-local confercrisis was a reality, they turned real role in exposing the reaction of methods and aims by a the tables and argued that the tionary policies and methods of vulgar misconception of the acunion was going down to defeat the Stalinist regime in control of tual Bolshevik attitude, but who (Continued on page 2) District Council 9.

## "NO RIDERS!"



## Get Majority In Three U.S. Imperialism Shows Aerial Might Over N. Y. VOTING ON AFL

Japan Envisioned In Maneuvers As Actual Enemy In Coming War; Air-fleet Defects To Be Used As Lever For More War Appropriations

maneuvers of the Army's Gen- the New York Times, "have deeral Headquarters Air Force end- monstrated a great improvement serious resistance in all locals ed exercises which extended over in the army's aerial efficiency a week, following closely the but have also revealed considernavy exercises in the Pacific. able weaknesses... Not the least

completed until Fall. Bearing witness to the fact that the Roosevelt government office of financial secretary. In considers U.S. involvement in war this local, a member of the Sta- nearer than at any time during first place, the aerial maneuvers linist "club" was slugged two the past 20 years, every endeavor and their results are to be used weeks ago when he dared differ was made in the air force manattack split the ranks of the possible, actual wartime condi-

## Farmingdale Blacked Out

tion, the local voted 210 to 204 On Monday night, the village ritory within a five-mile radius imperialism is headed for war— maintain their unions against the of Chamberlain and Henlein. aided by airplane detectors and tricted to preventing "aggres-In three locals, 261, 1011 and 874, the maintenance proposition powerful searchlights, beat off a sors" from invading the contiprogressives had reason to expect victory, the Stalinists are view, and then passed in formaturning to their bases in various

NEW YORK—The aerial might parts of the country.

of American imperialism was put
on display here this week as the

W. Baldwin, military expert of In Local 51, Frank Carey, the largest scale ever witnessed, that the army really has as yet

## Headed for War

It is thus obvious that, in the as justification for voting addieuvers to simulate, as closely as tional huge air force appropriations-in other words, to accelerate the war preparations program of the Roosevelt adminis-

of Farmingdale, L. I. and all ter- if the pacifists have, that U. S. militant seamen seeking to was "blacked out" while pursuit not a simple war of defense in planes and anti-aircraft artillery, which operations would be ressimulated bombing attack on the nental United States-but a war A.F. of L. unions. Seversky airfield. Next morn- of imperialist aggrandisement.

ing all the planes assembled in | Wrote Baldwin of the air ma- as the tactics of the Stalinist the east for the maneuvers gath- neuvers: "The present problem... union-busters have reached the charged with outright swindle in ered at West Point, flew to supposes that a 'Black' coalition stage of open warfare. Picket Mitchell Field for an aerial reof European powers is attacking lines of the S.U.P. are being tion over New York prior to re- our Northeastern states while the broken by force, as Bridges & (Continued on page 4)

# **COAST SAILORS ENTRY PROPOSAL**

SAN FRANCISCO. - Faced with the onslaught of the combined Stalinized C.I.O. maritime groups, the Sailors Union of the Pacific voted last week to place backed by the Progressive Club, are still proceeding and will not rode into office over the Wein- be completed until Fall havinnings of one."

the question of affiliation to the American Federation of Labor American Federation of Labor before the rank and file for action and decision in the coming weeks.

> The question will be placed before the membership for four consecutive meetings of all branches. The first week's voting resulted in overwhelming support for affiliation in all branches on the West Coast.

On the West Coast, where the strongest section of organized Roosevelt has no doubts, even labor is in the A.F. of L., the splitting drives of the C.I.O. unions under the domination of received support from the major

> The move for affiliation comes (Continued on page 2)

# **Seeking New** Wants Understanding With Germany At The

Great Britain's drive for a new with irresistible vigor. In Gevictor-though with little glory

The course of the session of the League of Nations Council proved, if such proof was still needed, that treachery and violation of the weak is far from being the prerogative only of "fascist" imperialists. Ethiopia, China and Spain demonstrated irrefutably that not only the "ideals" but also the legal stipulations of the League demand their defense.

### "Democrats" vs. Aggressors

The cold rejection of the ap peals from these victims of imperialist aggression by the representatives of democratic England and France proves only that the latter's real conceptions of "law" are not at all different from those of Mussolini, Hitler and the Mikado.

Stalinist Wrecking Drive tain continues to change the map To Seek Support

The Fascist Integralists of Washington in respect to the Far East and Joint "defense" of the Atlantic, plus the added pressupport

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The Fascist Integralists of Washington in respect to the Far East and Joint "defense" of the Atlantic, plus slovakia, whose president was one of the outstanding lackeys of Vargas. Geneva. No doubt, once everything is settled, London will once again demand post factum sanc-

## Hold Secret Talks

diplomacy, London has started in 1934. secret discussions with Konrad Henlein, leader of the Sudeten German Nazis and uncrowned ruler of Czechoslovakia. As far was to take power by assassi- dwindling. The peasantry is in as Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslo- nating the chief representative of dire need. The employers, who vakian ambassador to London, is concerned, the bourgeois press the conspirators gained admission representatives of their own class reports, as a kind of consolation, to the enemy's center disguised at the helm of government, are that he has at his disposal in as bodyguards reporting for closing factories and reducing London the "best organized in- duty. Even if the Brazil coup, wages. In answer, the workers' telligence service," which keeps him informed of the latest moves

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# Chamberlain Status Quo

# **Cheapest Price**

status quo" is being conducted neva Lord Halifax emerged as The cases of Ethiopia and Spain have been dropped, according to the dictates of British and French diplomacy.

Only through the miserable deception of the masses perpetrated by the Second and Third Internationals can it be pretended that collective security is anything but a cover for the maintenance of the world autocracy of the Versailles imperialists. If the latter preserve the bankrupt League, it is only to use it in case of war as a means of social patriotic mobilization.

Without losing any time, Brition from the League.

Over the head of official Czec

The aim of British diplomacy is to pay the cheapest possible Harry Bridges have consistently price for a transitional understanding with Germany, More precisely, Britain wants to build peace" on the broken backs of others. What she desires, above all, is to prevent Germany from being forced to subdue Czechoslovakia with violence. To be sure, Chamberlain hopes

# **Mexico Ends** Its Relations With Britain

Action Follows Insolent Demands By Britain; American Unions Must Give Strongest Support To Mexican Workers

Following the reception of an insolent note from the British government, in which the latter dared to dictate the domestic affairs of Mexico as it does to countries under its own colonial administration, the Cardenas government last week severed diplomatic relations with Britain. Great Britain was compelled to recall its minister from Mexico City.

Thus the conflict with private oil companies now assumes the form of an open conflict between states. The U. S. State Department, which so far has attempted to remain in the background, will now have to take a more straight-forward position.

Many symptoms indicate that there was a division of labor between Washington and London in the offensive against Mexico's attempt to gain greater independence from imperialism. While Britain tries to encourage the audacity of the Mexican reaction through provocative diplomatic acts, the American imperialists have chosen the method of economic strangulation.

# INTEGRALISTAS

Putsch Against Vargas Recalls Attack On Dollfuss In 1934

week against Dictator Getulio

Nazis, the Integralistas borrow- make common cause with Britain ed heavily from old Nazi methods against Mexico, at least for the in staging their abortive coup. time being. It was strikingly reminiscent of the unsuccessful Nazi coup action would most likely be the d'etat against Dollfuss in

the enemy. Then, as now, the would like to see a more reliable doomed in advance in the present organizations have threatened to

circumstances, did not take place break the truce forced upon them at the direct orders of German|| by Cardenas. overseers, the source of its methods and of its inspiration is unmistakable.

#### The Integralistas Like the Nazis in Austria, the

Integralistas considered themselves robbed of the fruits of their own counter-revolutionary Not only will every S.W.P. and activity. Up until his coup d'etat exponent of British imperialism who played the democratic tune. But the influence of the Integralistas became too dangerous for Vargas' own power. Having expropriated their essential program in promulgating a corporative state, Vargas was able to attack his erstwhile allies all the more energetically. The Integralistas were soon driven into il-

The hostility became sharper when Vargas frustrated the premature hopes of the German backers of the Integralistas, and Mexican Workers last week by strengthened his ties with Washrican dollars.

The Brazilian ambassador in counter-revolution as proof-by-

Naturally, the last word lies with the United States. To be sure, Britain is her most dangerous competitor in Latin America, and the Anglo-Mexican tension can become a splendid opportunity for American imperialists to shut the door to the British in the name of the Monroe Doctrine and the "good neighbor" policy, as well as to subdue Mexico still further under the pretense of

## **Broader Considerations**

But elements of broader international policy might as well enter into the picture. The secret dealing between London and

sure of Standard Oil, might well force Roosevelt to postpone the Trained and equipped by the Latin American strife and to In this case the main line of

policing of Mexico in the internal conflicts which threaten. The economic situation of the country is rapidly worsening. The re-Then, as in this case, the plan serves of the state bank are

## Concentrating Against Cedillo

Among the students, who are But much more important are always an important thermothe political similarities. In both meter in gauging the political cases there was a struggle bet- temperature of a country, riots ween two fascist competitors for have broken out at the University power. Both factions had for- of Mexico City. In San Luis Poeign sponsors. The only differ- tosi, the seat of the reactionary ence is that Dollfuss-Vargas is General Cedillo, who has at his tied to the apron-strings of the disposal a strong private army eminent democrat, Roosevelt, in and upon whom the hopes of stead of the Blackshirt, Musso-Mexican reaction are pinned, strong concentrations of government troops are taking place. The reactionary press publishes rumors about the impending resignation of Cardenas, and speculates about his possible successors. Too many internal and extern-

al factors are involved to allow a certain prediction of coming events. The possibility of sudden and violent turns, generally characteristic of our imperialist epoch, now applies with especial force to Mexico. The Mexican workers are vigorously determined to defend the expropriation which they forced. Any retreat on this point would lead to civil war. So would the continuation (Continued on page 3)

## **UAW Head Supports** Mexican Strikers

DETROIT .- Support for striking workers in Henry Ford's Mexican assembly plant was wired to the Confederation of President Homer Martin of the United Automobile Workers of

"Ours is a common struggle to insure higher wages and better Washington has taken this strife working conditions in the inbetween two species of fascist dustry and to bring industrial democracy and freedom to the machine-driven, boss-ridden unracter" of the Vargas regime. | wired to Mexican labor leaders.

## In the June 'New International'

## Trotsky on "Their Morals and Ours"

The June issue of The New In- | methods, is exposed: the views | ternational will feature a special of the "Neuer Weg," a German fight against the secret ballot in and important article by Leon emigre group; "Common Sense," thods, the membership would lem of aims and methods of the make short shrift of such mislabor movement.

in the June issue, concerns itself Locals in the New York District, also in good part with the philos off the press this week. Form- sophical aspect of this question erly relying on mimeographed as well as with the political and Franco. bulletins, the consolidation of the other aspects. Dealt with is the clubs into an inter-local conference has made possible a printed supposedly "unscrupulously" employed by the Bolsheviks.

## Methods. Aims Discussed

The attitude of various groups ence, and promises to play a Bolshevik position on the quesand individuals who reject the actually practise impermissible

the last referendum. It is clear Trotsky, entitled "Their Morals the American publication of Trotsky's article demonstrates

labor and revolutionary move- how, once a certain aim is acments and, in defining revolution- | cepted, certain means are unary morals and ethics, polemizes avoidable. For instance, there with various tendencies of the are those people who object to ky's article: what is important justify the Spanish Government ary aim involves revolutionary more than one-third of the space for hiding the date and place of means; and above all the dialecthe meeting of the Cortes, both tical approach rather than mefrom the press and the people, in chanical separation which, in acorder to avoid bombardment by tuality leads to more "lying,"

## Not An Abstraction

But actually, Trotsky's review demonstrates, it is not a question in the abstract of the end justifying the means, but rather of one and the other flowing into each other and changing places, German, Frederick La Salle.

.....Show not the goal But also show the path. So closely tangled

On earth are path and goal that each with the other Their places ever change, and other paths Forthwith another goal set

Importance of Aim

The conclusion drawn in Trots-'lying;" but these same people is revolutionary aim; revolutionetc. by the so-called moralists. In this connection, Trotsky shows ative work in trade unions dominated by red-baiters and reac- ceptional demand. tionaries. The philistine attitudes

Y.P.S.L. member want to read of November, 1937, Vargas had and preserve this article, but used the Integralistas as a shock likewise the sympathizers and brigade against his presidential various sections of the labor rival, A. de Salles Oliviera, an movement (Socialists, Anarchists, trade unionists, the intellectuals and intelligentzia, even Stalinists. etc.) will want to obtain the June issue in order to read Trotsky on "Their Morals and Ours."

## Out Next Week

The June issue of the New International is being rushed for publication and will be out in a week. Party Branches and legality. Y.P.S.L. Circles have been notithe justification in certain cir- fied concerning the special arcumstances of so-called conspir- ticle and are placing increased Single copies are 20 cents;

of persons like H. G. Wells are wholesale rates are 14 cents in ington-naturally, for good Amedealt with, likewise the views of bundles of five upward, and the as illustrated in the drama groups such as the Belgian So- subscription rate remains at the "Franz von Sickinger" by the cialists, on this decisive question. low rate of \$2.00 per year. Ad-The foregoing remarks indicate dress all letters and checks or in fragmentary manner the sub- money orders to The New Interject matter of this significant national, 116 University Place example of the "democratic cha-protected Ford workers," Martin New York City.

## Stalinists Routed At UAW Executive Meet

## Browder-Frankensteen **Combination Flops** Completely

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by accepting certain agreements because prosperity was 'right around the corner'.'

The stand of the auto union against the danger of imperialist war found prominence in the report of the president. Here again the advocates of collective security took a sound drubbing:

### Opposes War

"Our struggle against the reactionary legislation of the type of the Sheppard-Hill Bill or the May Bill has been based on the fact that Labor sees in such plans the danger of bringing Fascism into our country, which will lead to the destruction of our unions and the undermining of our standards of living. Labor has learned that it must struggle against the industrial and financial plutocrats in order to earn better wages and to work under decent conditions. Labor is not deceived by propaganda to the effect that it must go to war to protect the money bags of these same interests who are trying to undermine American working conditions by employing coolie labor in far-off Asiatic coun-

Two points of the program concretize these remarks by stating definite opposition to the Sheppard-Hill and May bills and favoring the passage of the Ludlow amendment. As on the other points of the program, no articulate opposition was heard from the known sponsors of Roosevelt's quarantine program In other words, Wyndham Mortimer is now committed to go before the workers with a program he took public exception to in the "United Auto Workers' about two months ago. He stat ed in a letter to the paper that his vote on the war resolution adopted at the last Executive Board meeting, was falsely reported in the paper. In this letter, among other things, he opposed that section in the resolution which called for the withdrawal of U.S. armed forces from the war - troubled waters of the Far East. Let them Martin bias. Secondly, the glarremain there, he wrote, as long ing searchlight of publicity on as Japan keeps her gunboats in the fact that an alliance did the same area. This meeting of exist between Frankensteen and the Executive Board was Morti- the Communist Party combined mer's opportunity to correct false with the exposure of the antiimpressions. He failed to take it. democratic nature of the program, Apparently principles are not sent these peaceful gentlemen armed with shotguns, rifles and gates were present, in the form

## Reasons For Retreat

people.

What accounts for the helterskelter retreat of the fake "union saviors" who were going and with one important exception "crisis deeper than that of the to rescue the U.A.W. from a current economic recession"? One month ago they were adopting resolutions for the "removal the gains already achieved and officers were sworn in and of Martin and his gang" and the for all full mobilization of the borough officials said 60 others calling of a special convention union in support of all legitimate for this purpose. One week ago, the Detroit District Council of 2. It the U.A.W. was presented with a resolution from a Toledo local calling on the locals to cease paying per capita to the International if Frankensteen's antidemocracy proposals were not adopted at the Executive Board. After all this preparation and with union funds and the buildcampaign, it was only logical to ing of local and International expect at least a little fireworks. Instead, the Executive Board sessions found the "crusaders" stricken utterly speechless. Your correspondent can venture

two reasons for this change of heurt. In due time, no doubt, their full strategy will come to 1. The Stalinists and Franken-

steen were banking on a split the political plank which calls for between Homer Martin and John the support of Governor Murphy, L. Lewis. They believed that a capitalist candidate, for re-Martin's critical and independ- election in Michigan. This supent position on the question of port undoubtedly coincides with C.I.O.-A.F.L. unity would the views of the top C.I.O. and push Lewis on the war-path Labor's Non-Partisan League against him. Here they thought leadership and reflects the sentiwas the perfect set-up for the ment of large numbers of little crucifixion party they had been planning since Martin's that does not make it right. campaign against their violently pro-war policy.

2. With Frankensteen a respectable front and peace and an union with as little publicity as action in politics as well as on possible. The membership was to the picket line. be treated to the spectacle of a very quiet and very orderly Martin's strictures and reasons revolt against the "factionalist" for the non-ratification by the

## **Both Misfired**

meeting showed a strong pro- the union. The assurance of ously throughout the union.

## **UAW Adopts 20 Point** Program of Activity

The following 20-point program, submitted by President Homer Martin, was unanimously adopted by the International Executive Board of the United Automobile Workers of America. Recognition by all members of the International Union of the responsibility and authority of the International Executive Board and the International officers, subject to the Constitution, which is the basic law of the Union between

- The guarantee of democratic rights of local unions, consistent with the Constitution and the welfare of the membership of the International Union as a whole. Maximum responsibility in carrying out joint agreements
- with employers. Cooperation of all officers and members of the Union in the prevention and elimination of wild-cat stoppages and
- Continued effort to elevate standards of living, improve-
- ment of working conditions, and reduced hours of work. Mobilization of the entire union against wage reductions and undermining of the gains already achieved.
- Vigorous drive to obtain closed shop contracts in all plants within the industry. Launching of comprehensive drive to organize competitive
- 9. Full mobilization of the Union in support of all legitimate
- authorized strikes. 10. Intensive activities in behalf of federal and state legislation
  - in the interests of Labor. a. Federal Wage and Hour Bill. b. The Wagner-Healy Act.
    - c. Federal housing legislation.
- d. Federal appropriations for relief. Cpposition to anti-union legislation such as a. Sheppard-Hill Bill or May Bills.
- b. Amendment of National Labor Relations Act.
- 12. Strengthening of drive to organize aircraft workers of the
- 13. Active prosecution of Ford organization drive on nationwide scale.
- Intensification of campaign to organize W.P.A. workers. 13. Building of strong local and International treasuries as a reserve of strength to the Union, by avoidance of all unnecessary expenditures, to provide maximum available funds to carry on organizational activities.
- Maximum participation of all local unions in Labor's Non-Partisan League. In Michigan, support of Governor Murphy
- for re-election. Pledge of continued whole-hearted support to the policies, and principles of the Committee for Industrial Organization, including regular and prompt payment of per capita tax as a fixed obligation of the International Union.
- Constant resistance to war propaganda, and cooperation with all sincere efforts to keep America out of war. Support of LaFollette-Ludlow Amendment as a guarantee of Labor's democratic right to determine whether or not it wi'l wage a war of aggression abroad.
- Program of close cooperation between organized industrial workers and organized farmers. Encouragement of bona fide
- Assumption by all International officers of full responsibility for carrying out the program and policies of the International Union.

Vigilantes Attack

were available.

**COAST SAILORS** 

**VOTING ON AFL** 

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Co. resort to "goon squad" mea-

Conditions and terms laid

lown by the S.U.P. in seeking

affiliation will guarantee full

autonomy and rank and file con-

democratic rights will be mean-

ingless unless this procedure is

drastically revised in the future.

the program is progressive and

projects.

sailors.

is a comprehensive plan of action off the job.

the entire union against wage siren blast, sounded when the Union to present its case after reductions and undermining of strikers appeared. Fifty special the suspension had been voted.

2. It calls for a drive to organize competitive plants, the aircraft industry and an active continuation of the Ford Drive.

3 It calls for an intensification of the campaign to organize W.P.A. workers.

4. It calls for careful economy

war chests. 5. It guarantees the democratic rights of the membership of this week.

and of local union autonomy.

No Support for Murphy!

However, approval of the union program must be accompanied by unambiguous opposition to maintain decent working condi-Michigan's auto workers. But

Support of a capitalist candidate led to a catastrophe for the C.I.O. steel union in Ohio. The workers of Michigan will have end-to-factionalism the tender to learn from their own bitter theme song, the Stalinists had experience that they can rely hoped to capture control of the only on their own independent

It must also be noted that membership of the supplementary agreement with General probably the most thorough-Motors miss the mark entirely. going in the entire C.I.O. The went awry. Firstly, for various tough spot with General Motors, retreat. But the big job of isoreasons which space does not that the previous supplementary lating and destroying their perpermit dealing with in this ar- agreement had not been ratified nicious influence in the ranks is ticle, Lewis refused to throw his either, and that John L. Lewis still ahead. This can be doneinfluence on the Frankensteen approved the procedure is no ex- and more important the union

## STALINIST THUGS BUSY IN AKRON Ford Union'

AKRON.—Taking a page from the book of Mayor Hague's police a crowd of 30 Stalinist hooligans descended upon three S.W.P. handbill distributors last night as they were passing out the Open Letter to Communist Party Members in front of a C. P. here, and tore up 400 leaflets condemning the gangster murders of the Russian Old Bolsheviks.

The hoodlums, shouting "Don't read the Trotskyist poison" and even going so far as to snatch to beat up our young comrades gathering crowd.

the hooligans were doing their anti-working class work outside, ling for immediate severance of diplomatic relations with Ger- ny-dominated union. many and Japan-i.e., for the immediate launching of imperialist war!

## N. Y. Teachers' **Union Fights Council Edict**

Unionists Have Duty To Back Move For Reinstatement

NEW YORK. - Recently the Executive Board of the Central Trades and Labor Council, meeting in executive sessions, suspended Teachers Union, Loc. 5, with a membership of over 6,000, from that body on the ground that the local had "usurped" the ower of the Central Trades and Labor Council and overstepped its authority in calling a conference of A. F. L. locals for the purpose of discussing ways and means of attaining unity be-tween the A. F. L. and the C.I.O.

The Teachers Union was not informed of the action pending against it and hence had no opportunity to present a defense **WPA Picket Lines** Furthermore, the Council's Executive Board action was ratified at a meeting of the Council, CAMDEN, N. J. - Vigilantes, when only a handful of local dele-Appeal played an important role W.P.A. workers from the mu- of the Executive Board-without in unmasking the real situation nicipal gravel pits at Lindenwold, debate and without an opporto the rank and file of the union. twelve miles southeast of this tunity for the defense to be heard. (printed elsewhere in this issue) to pull W.P.A. gravel workers Trades and Labor Council was It calls for a mobilization of gravel pits by a pre-arranged representatives of the Teachers

## Reinstatement Sought

At present, the question of the About 3,500 workers are on locals' reinstatement is pendstrike in the Camden area, protesting against a staggered work ing before that body, and it this is not the case only because atives. week that needlessly forces men is important for all trades the Liberty Legion has taken the to work Saturdays on W.P.A. unionists to realize what issues F.B.A.'s place. A Ford worker Efforts to coerce the strikers question of the right of local terested in him. But what can back to their jobs are being bodies to discuss the unity made by the W.P.A. admini- question, the most important done nothing for the Ford workstration. Henry D. Young, Dis- question before the trade union trict W.P.A. Administrator, has movement. Secondly, the right threatened to dismiss all workers of local bodies to call unofficial union. But is the U.A.W. a not on the job by the beginning conferences for the purpose of attaining worthy objectives is being jeopardized. Despite the use of vigilantes

It has become a tradition in and the open intimidation by the the labor movement for unions administration, the strike is to call unofficial conferences on largely effective and demons-W.P.A. workers to fight to school construction, defense of fense of political prisoners, aid statements and proposals. to labor victims of fascism, etc. If a local trade union body can be suspended for initiating a call to a conference, then no unofficial conference to promote any cause can be called without incurring the threat of suspension. It goes without saying that it becomes the simple duty of all trades unionists, regardless of difsures against the West Coast

ferences, to place the question of the reinstatement of Local 5 upon the agenda of their next action. In doing so they will not worker that they cannot guaronly defend a traditional right, school supervisors and their poli-

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**Leave Scene** state convention mass meeting Workers Vote Affiliation To U.A.W. But Company

Union Lives On

DETROIT-Wm. S. McDowell, leaflets out of the hands of their Sr., attorney for the Ford Broown party members, threatened therhood of America, companycontrolled union, announced while shoving them around in the recently that the brotherhood had proposed to the Ford Motor The Akron-Times Press the Co. a \$1,500 minimum wage for next morning carried a front page | Ford workers. Several weeks story on the Stalinists' vicious previously, the "brotherhood" attack, quoting partially from a held the only meeting since its S.W.P. statement that "this is inception, where a motion for a good commentary on the type affiliation to the United Autoof democracy in which the Com- mobile Workers was carried and munist Party believes." While corporation - controlled officers removed. The National Labor Relations Board in its "cease and the C.P. orator inside was cal- desist" order to Henry Ford, condemned the F.B.A. as a compa-

But the F.B.A. has not faded from the picture. Neither motions for U.A.W. affiliation, nor N.L.R.B. decisions, nor removal of officers have made the original officers veer from their planned course.

McDowell Contradicted Relations Board on the Ford basis could be found. Motor Co. case" last December Dowell's remarks are directly the language of the decision... The Board's order was to condemn the F.B.A. as not representative of the employees because it was dominated by the Ford Motor Co.'

A worker in the Ford plant has little trouble deciding whecontrolled or not. Last summer, riots or beatings occurred. There achieve unity. was no attempt to hinder the distribution. No unusual number of service men were present. The company expected no trouble. On May 26, however, U.A.W. men came to distribute literature.

## Slugged and Beaten

The distributors were slugged and beaten. Pictures taken by reporters were, where possible, who came with themparson, N. L. R. B. officials, leading U.A.W. people—had The twenty - point program city, as the strikers attempted | That the action of the Central every interest in preserving order. But the company expected illegal and undemocratic was trouble. They expected to pro- of the S.W.P., reported on the The vigilantes, about 160 tacitly admitted by its Executive voke trouble in the hope that the strong were summoned to the Board, which later permitted the U.W.A. Ford drive would thus tee, and the discussion on trade be stopped in its tracks.

Within the plant, it is common knowledge that pro-U.A.W. the summer F.B.A. members wore their buttons openly and membership solicitation went on Thirty-five persons attended, induring working hours. Today cluding special youth representare involved. First of all is the knows that the bosses are not inhe do about it? The F.B.A. has er. Neither has the U.A.W. He knows the F.B.A. is a company workers' Union? Only this lies PINS AND NEEDLES! unanswered in his mind.

Ford would like to confuse both the N.L.R.B. and the worker in order all the easier to quash the board's decision and trates a determination of the unemployment, relief, housing, to continue the same oppressive regime within his plant. This strikers and strike relief, de- is the only reason for McDowell's

Wages and Markets McDowell, however, pulled boner when he asked for a \$1,500 annual minimum wage. Harry Bennett, service department head, tried to cover up by saying: "An annual wage would be a very fine thing, but who is going to guarantee the company an annual market to support employment for any specific period? It is the market which determines employment." Henry Ford, too, membership meeting and to ob- is forced to defend himself: "You tain the passage of resolutions can't have an annual wage uncalling upon the Central Trades til you have an annual market. and Labor Council to rescind its These gentlemen are telling the

And what does Ford offer as Basically, however, in its sig- but will assist the Teachers a solution? "All we need to do nificant and important features Union, which at the present is is to continue the way we are also under attack by reactionary going." With higher prices, lower wages, more lay-offs and neglect of "duty?" With intimi- presume, to go back to the days In both cases their calculations The fact that the union was in a Stalinists are now definitely in tical associates because of this dation of workers and beating of of Hoover. But the workers union organizers? With compa- | even chose the paltry relief of

ny unions and scabs? influence on the Frankensteen approved the procedure is no tall scales. Instead, the two representatives he sent to the Board most vital democratic process in atives he sent to the Board most vital democratic process in ously throughout the union.

The assurance of the procedure is no tall and instrumental approved the procedure is no tall approved the procedure is not approved to the procedure is

CLEVELAND. — The relief crisis in this industrial center took a new turn this week when the unemployed staged a sit-City Hall in an effort to force the city and state administration to alleviate the misery and starvation facing 75,000 unemployed.

Thousands of people have been cut off from the rolls and have been storming relief headquart- tion of the Socialist Workers tion was held recently at the ers demanding the right to live. Party that it is the fundamental and the Democratic and Republican politicians in this state to unemployed and W.P.A. workprovide funds to give adequate relief caused the crisis.

Already the pressure of the ndustrial workers in Cleveland, Akron, and Toledo has forced from the worst features of misery Governor Davey to call a special session of the legislature to con- ed the Hoover regime. sider the problem.

## **AMALGAMATED URGES UNITY** OF C.I.O., A.F.L.

Clothing Workers Hear Pleas For Peace **Among Unions** 

ATLANTIC CITY. - The convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America McDowell's contention that his meeting here voted this week to union "was recognized as a bona give renewed aid to the C.I.O. fide labor organization in the and to seek peace with the decision of the National Labor A.F. of L. when a satisfactory

The resolution on C. I. O .is emphatically contradicted by A.F. of L. unity was adopted Harold R. Cranefield, regional unanimously. It said: "The needs attorney for the N.L.B.R. of the labor movement demand Says Mr. Cranefield, "Mr. Mc- unity. However, unity to be of real service to the labor movecontrary to," and "he distorts ment must be based on the perpetuation of the gains which the C.I.O. has so brilliantly secur-

Backed by convention decision, Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated, is in a good position to proceed in pressing for labor unity. The approval that ther the F.B.A. is company- John L. Lewis gave to Hillman's approach to the unity question leaflets of the brotherhood were when Lewis spoke at the convendistributed on Ford property-at tion, indicates that the C.I.O. the gates of the company. No will continue making efforts to

Hillman made a bid for White House favor when he introduced C.I.O. has put a crimp into the a resolution giving complete sup- natural militancy of the workers port to Roosevelt's policies. was passed unanimously.

### Philadelphia SWP **Activists Confer**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - Deledestroyed by service men. And gates from seven Socialist Work-Apparently principles are the strong point with these flying for cover. The Socialist clubs, last week, drove striking of a motion to accept the minutes yet the distributors, as well as ers Party branches in this area ference held here last Sunday to set up a provisional district organization. B. J. Widick, labor secretary

plenum of the national commitunion work also was featured on the agenda.

Branches represented included: talk is not healthy. But during Philadelphia, Allentown, Quakertown, Sellersville, Baltimore, Reading and Williamsport.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **NEW YORK**

theater party for the SWP to Pins And Needles will be held on Wed. eve. June 1, and Tuesday eve. June 7. Tickets. all at \$1.65, can be secured from Miller or Paine by leaving an order at the City Office, 116 University Place.

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Roosevelt rather than the "pros-But even Ford does not want perity around the corner of to continue exactly the same way: Hoover. You can't live on pro-'If Government will get out of mises forever. And now it is the way and give natural Amer- Roosevelt's turn to become as

## CLIENTS SIT DOWN Toledo Unions Move To Aid Struggle of Jobless

down in the Council chambers at Growing Crisis Puts Organization Of Unemployed On Agenda Of Industrial Council

> movement itself to organize the ers, in whose ranks are hundreds of thousands of unionists, if millions of American workers in the months to come are to be saved and starvation which characteriz

Already the Toledo Industrial Union Council has taken certain initial steps in this direction, -but in a hesitant and loose fashion.

Pressure on the leaders of the C.I.O. from thousands of unemployed and desperate members has brought a certain reeognition of the problem and a sincere attempt on the part of most of the leaders to do something about the situation.

### Crisis Deepening

Despite their efforts, however, the unemployment crisis becomes more acute each day, and the unemployed are being subjected to increasing indignities and abuses, both from the W.P.A. officials and the local relief authorities.

On W.P.A., lost time, pay cuts for the office workers, dismissals on the flimsiest excuses, tyrannical abuses on the jobs by petty bosses, all make life a hell for the project workers. starvation, ringed round by so nationals by a required system worker is lucky if he can hop it at all.

There are two fundamental reasons why the C.I.O. has been unable adequately to cope with the problem. The first is that except for one poorly devised effort, no genuine attempt has employment, if not to their leadbeen made to organize the un- ers, that Roosevelt's program is employed and W.P.A. workers themselves, and to direct in coordinated, disciplined fashion the militant pressure of the suffer- levied on the workers, giving ers. Secondly, the penetration of the workers only crumbs and a Stalinists and their reactionary pat on the back. A militant, orideas into the top ranks of the and has tamed fighting leaders is the only possible way of securwho have risen from the ranks, ing immediate W. P. A. jobs. but who have little experience adequate wages and working with unemployment problems.

Militancy Curbed

Several demonstrations have been called, but in each instance

TOLEDO, Ohio.—The past few the obvious desire of the workmonths in Toledo have demons- ers to put on an aggressive distrated the truth of the conten- play was curbed. A demonstra-County Court House in conjunc-Failure of the Ohio legislature obligation of the trade union tion with the now thoroughly discredited Workers Alliance. Scarcely 800 workers attended, although thousands of unionists, with records as fighters, are suffering from abject poverty and eager for a show-down scrap.

Not the passivity of the workers, as the Stalinists would have us believe, but the passivity and timidity of the leaders, and the Stalinist attempt to sell-out the workers to the Roosevelt sharethe-poverty program have made the C.I.O. unemployed members disgusted.

While thousands of workers suffer, precious weeks go by, and the Stalinists in the C. I. O. hamper the real job of organizing the unemployed, by directing the C.I.O. into expending funds and energy to rehabilitate the Workers Alliance, which the Stalinists have dragged from a peak membership of almost 2,000 dues paying members less than a year ago to no more than 300 today.

### Organize the Unemployed!

It is the job of the C.I.O. to boldly proceed to charter in its own ranks and under its own direction the W.P.A. workers, making arrangements at the same time to keep the present C.I.O. unemployed members Relief is just a slow freight to within the ranks of their intermany red-tape obstacles that a of exempt stamps. Secondly, it must recognize that support of Roosevelt's program can lead only to defeats and further misery

> For it is clear to the workers who suffer the miseries of unprimarily one of subsidizing big business by taxes indirectly ganized mass fight, aimed directly at the national administration, conditions, and higher relief.

ASK FOR THE APPEAL AT YOUR NEWSSTAND

# Appeal Army

Last week we asked why the Let's start right in! weekly sub-rate could not be raised above 30? And here comes

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Abe Miller of New York ature agent to even run him a

came to life, but what's happened to the other one?.... With ilies." Freddie still hasn't made the Appeal running those splendoor garden for festivities on did articles on the auto union says she's read them all! situation, we should have a heap P.M. on. Admission at the door of subs pouring in from the auto etc.)..... Our aim is to hit an Your Newsstand!

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Minneapolis and St. Paul have the answer this week: It can! If taken the bit in their teeth and this keeps up, the business man- are running their own local subager won't be having those tra- campaign drive, lasting until ditional headaches because of the June 30. Handsome Mike Freed, mer let-down. Here's the to- Minn. literature agent tells us they aim at getting 250 subscribers. "We are offering real prizes: Collected Works of Lenin, The Revolution Betrayed, etc. This drive is first on the party agenda. Every Party Member A Subscriber, is our slogan. O.K., Mike. We'll give you all the support you want on this. It's up to you. Some of the other cities might start a local drive of their own as a sort of warmup for the big national drive that's coming soon.

By the way, before we forget, Sam Friedman won first prize in the last Appeal sub drive, with challenges any other local liter- Freddie (Tom-Boy) Drake running him a close second. Both of close second!..... One of the them are in New York City. Sam Twin Cities, Minneapolis, finally collected a total of 27 subs which netted him a copy of "60 Famup her mind what she wants. She

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# U.S. Workers Must Give Strong Support to Mexican People

## **Powers Foment** Fascist Revolt

**Insolent British Notes** Get Sharp Reply From Mexico

(Continued from page 1) of the present silent but effective economic blockade of Mexico by the British and American im-

#### Revolutionary Position

In this issue there can be no doubt about the position of revolutionary Marxists. Without renouncing for a moment their principled opposition to all capitalist governments, they stand firmly behind the concrete antiimperialist moves of the Cardependent proletarian mass action. Each step forward in shaking off the imperialist yoke, every inch of retreat on the sant masses.

Every trade union must procations of British diplomacy!

the world, and especially in England, to organize demonstrations in favor of Mexico!

#### Cease the Blockade!

for the immediate sending of a by the Trade Union International, to unmask the actions of the

Every trade union must call for immediate dropping of the demands for "compensation" of the foreign oil and agrarian workers. magnates who have plundered Numerous attempts to launch

situation in the Painters'

On February 29, 1936, Louis

Weinstock was elected Secretary-

9 without any substantial oppo-

came into control of the New

ly as in probably no other trade

and compare it with their pro-

Machine Control

of the union machinery.

While the Weinstock faction

One of the Stalinists' major

demands when they were fight-

ing Zausner was, "strict enforce-

ment of the seven-hour day, the

(official) wage scale and union

under the Weinstock administra-

Another plank was, "Imme-

diate adjustment of complaints

and grievances." Hundreds of

painters will tell you that, in-

spite of the big machinery in-

stalled by the Weinstock admi-

nistration, with all its appointed

officials, action on complaints is

harder to get than under any

In Cahoots With Bosses

previous administration.

tion as never before.

union in the country.

Chamberlain Works For World Bank Cheap Deal With Hitler

(Continued from page 1) that "there would be either no resistance or such ineffectual resistance that France would be faced with a fait accompli be- a spirit of resistance to the imfore she could mobilize." But perialist war preparations, alsince this hope is too uncertain. slovakia "without force at all-However, this dictatorial behavior of Britain on the Continent only flows from her steady

Britain's dominions, above all in matters of foreign policy. In operate in full force. In India, colonial slaves. To gain a free labor organizations throughout British bourgeoisie throws to its competitors the bones of Ethiopia, Spain and Czechoslovakia.

It must be added that Britain's material as well as "moral" rearmament lags far behind. The Every trade union must call productivity of the armament industries, despite a gigantic propaganda machine, develops only at a straggling pace. Even buted to workers at forums and imperialist exploiters of Mexico the collaboration of the trade trade union meetings. Regular unions in the augmentation of exploitation meets with no enthusiastic response from the

tories," according to the Stalin-

ists. According to the rank and

two \$10 strike assessments. The

mands of which were an increase

day and the closed shop, lasted

only 3 weeks. Its "gains" are a

Where did the money go to?

-Weinstock also accused the

previous administrations of ex-

travagance. Now the assess-

ments and the increased per ca-

budget of \$3,000. The current

weekly expense of the District

Council is \$4,000 to \$5,000. The

appointed jobholders consume a

major share of the income. What

is their purpose? Anyone who

that party with all of its anti-

Unemployed Problem

Another - perhaps the most

pressing-demand of the sup-

porters of Weinstock before his

election was action for the un-

employed painters. What is the

pitalism and the crisis!" One

ership is elected precisely to

crisis," even if they cannot

abolish it. But not one effective

proposal has been forthcoming

from the Stalinist administration

the lot of the unemployed paint-

"capitalism and the

working class policies.

laerial protection, as a prepara tion for obligatory military service has vielded meager results. The British masses are fired with though they have not yet gone beyond the stage of militant, re-

## Elections Show Trend

In all the bye-elections of recent date the Conservatives lost out against the Labor candidates. So far as the latter are concernthe imperialist pacifism which strives for "armed peace. They have adopted as their guiding spirit none other than Anthony Eden, former foreign secretary who for his part scrupulously avoids any active oppoto Chamberlain's new

Thus, for the present, there exists a perfect division of labor between the right and "left" conservatives, the liberals, the laborites, and the insignificant but noisy Stalinists. But even this clever scheme does not suffice to check the vague, heterogeneous but powerful mass resentment against the approaching imperialist war.

## SHACHTMAN TALKS AT BOSTON MEET

BOSTON — Two well-attended meetings, one held in Roxbury and the other in Botosn, with Max Shachtman as the principal speaker, climaxed an energetic anti-war campaign conducted by the Boston local of the Socialist Roosevelt Administration,

During the campaign, several thousand copies of the party's anti-war manifesto were distri-Sunday night forums of the party were devoted to the fight against imperialist war, and antiwar pamphlets and copies of the anti-war issue of the Socialist a voluntary mass recruitment Appeal were widely sold and dis-Hands off Mexico! 1919 for the army, navy and civil tributed.

This is the third of  $^{\P}a$  | strikes called by the Weinstock | entirely dependent upon favor of obedient followers of

The very first, and consequently, the most important plank in Weinstock's original election plat-

"1. Trade union democracy in member to discuss, criticize and Recognition of these rights is unionism.

Weinstock in control. In one of day? Ask any ordinary painter knows the answer: to entrench saulted opponents by main force which they claim has reached on three different occasions in the 15,000 mark! enforcement" is further off than in the Painters Union so as to as short a period as three months for daring to differ with them on the floor! The only difference between these methods and those of other gangsters is that the Stalinists do not even wait until they get out of the union hall.

> ed on by open ballot, the galeries are filled with appointed officials in charge of distributattitude of Weinstock in office to ing jobs under the 25 per cent this problem? "Blame it on ca- quota whose very presence constitutes intimidation. What numwould assume that a union lead- ber of union members will risk their opportunity of getting a rare enough chance to be sent ally a healthy discussion could to work by the District Council, by voting openly against Stalinist proposals?

## Vote-Stealing

## Of New Deal Reports Shows Futility Of Planning Under Capitalism

Hits Myths

under capitalism, that national the Soviet Union. economic self - sufficiency is an illusory utopia in the modern world, and that the current "recession" is in actuality a major ominous—his entire top staff has down - swing in the economic been "liquidated" and replaced by cycle, received authoritative recognition in the annual report of ident, J. W. Beyen.

ship between the U.S. and the replacing Gen. Levandowsky. dependence of modern countries is so great," the report states, independently of each other."

### Upswing Fails

"can be found only in the most turn? acute depression ever known." Capitalist government planning did infinitely more difficult to direct past few months. the trend of economic life" than might have been anticipated be-

fore the New Deal experience. In its own way recording the appalling bankruptcy of declining capitalism, the report warns of the formidable "threat" that "a market," and suggests that only drought conditions can "save" the price structure. That is, the report points out that capitalist economy would today be thrown into chaos if there were sufficient food to eat; it cannot permit enough food to be grown.

Union of New York. -Ed. file union members, the "vic- itism in another of his planks. nefit and guidance of international finance-capital-and therefore scientific and accurate withwith a huge sum of money ex- lack of enforcement of the union in the assumptions of a continu-Treasurer of District Council No. tracted from the membership in standards, but has become an ing capitalism—contradict flatly instrument of control in the hands the major theoretical props of Stalinism: the theory of socialitself, which takes advantage of ism in one country, which denies a clause in the agreement giv- the interrelationship of modern world economy; and the theory union shop from the District democratic capitalism which is Council office, discriminating in the necessary foundation for the tactics of the Popular or Democratic Front.

are bringing action Weinstock's henchmen in that local for the alleged stealing of votes during a referendum conducted there last Friday night.

That the membership is up in arms against this type of "democracy" may be ascertain-Unions. (The full rights of every ed from the vote on a referendum for the use of the secret suggest, without intimidation.) ballot on all questions, sponsofed by several locals recently. basic principle of trade With all its job favoritism, with all of its control of the union machinery, the Stalinist of paper for the Stalinists, with administration managed to defeat the use of the secret ballot the ten locals alone-Local No. by a majority of only about 400-51-Stalinist henchmen have as- 500 votes among a membership

> A large section of the rank and file of the Painters Union thus expressed its distrust of and opposition to Stalinist "trade union democracy." And no wonder. Two years of Weinstock rule has completely disillusioned

## Union Divided

From the unanimity that prevailed in 1936, the situation in that sees the membership divided over serious questions affecting their every-day life. Norm easily re-establish unity in the facing the painters. With the How the Stalinists intend the members of the Painters further to develop this odd con- Union have a far more difficult ception of "trade union demo- task. By bureaucratic methods, cracy" in the Painters Union in that have seeped into the union Master Painters. The general rotation system. Instead, he is fact that members of Local 905 pression of democracy, by inti-

## Is Bluecher the Next On Stalin Death List?

Purge Hits Closest Aides and New Batch Of High Officers: Judicial System Found Filled With Criminals

Army in the Far East and long- the G.P.U., has been in charge The Marxist contentions that against the threat of Japanese trials, and executions during the out the logical trend of Rooseeconomic planning is impossible imperialist aggression against past two years.

Bluecher himself has not been brought under direct attack. But -and this is almost equally as

It was learned in Moscow on the Bank for International Set- May 17 that Bluecher was being tlements (the "World Bank") is- provided with a new chief of sued last week by its new pres. staff, Army Commander Stern replacing General Vassentsovitch, The report deals at length a new political commissar, Chulwith the United States, and ga replacing Mazepov, and a stresses particularly the close new commander for the Maritime economic and financial relation-Siberian district, Gen. Podlass

#### New Army Changes

This was the same process "that economic nationalism..... followed prior to the liquidation into a deeper dilemma, if that does not make them free to move and shooting of Marshal Tukhachevsky last June. Since that shooting many of the generals Stalinist version, the following and admirals who formed the The 1937 depression, according court martial for Tukhachevsky able: to the report, "originated in the united States." "A parallel" to him have since trod the same features of the new depression path. Will it now be Bluecher's

Sweeping changes have once goda. more been announced in the comand spending, attempted on an mands of key military districts "legally" unprecedented scale by the throughout the Soviet Union. an upswing. "It has proved to be past year and even during the ards.

Generals Khozine, Kovalev, Katchelov, Tomulenev and Apanasenko were appointed to re- designated as fascist spies. place Generals Pavel Dybenko, White Russia, North Caucasia,

Stalin's purge has put its | At the same time a sweeping clammy hand on Marshal Vassily dicial department, the same de-Bluecher, commander of the Red partment which, together with heralded as a solid bulkwark of the thousands of arrests,

#### Soviet "Justice"

Those now named as "enemies of the people" included Pruss, assistant prosecutor of the U.S.S.R. in charge of special cases," i.e., treason, counter-revolution, espionage, and other crimes against the State. In the Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic alone 1,000 new appointees to the judicial offices have been made. More than 500 judicial officials were denounced as perverts, criminals, drunkards and embezzlers. Among the districts affected were Azov, Sverdlovsk, and Transcaucasia.

These facts must throw the apologists for the Moscow Trials were possible.

If we are to accept the official conclusion would seem inescap-

The trials of the Old Bolsheviks were organized by the former head .of the G.P.U., later designed as a fascist agent, Ya-

The purges were conducted by prosecutors, of whom 500 are now designated as last week addressed the Amal-These posts have changed hands former White Guards, perverts, gamated Clothing Workers' con-Workers Party during the past not provide a durable basis for three or four times during the criminals, embezzlers or drunk-

The executions were carried out by firing squads commanded by military chiefs who are now

In a word, according to the Bielov, Gribov, Kuibichev and Stalinists, the Old Bolsheviks and country, on the one hand, and same time the effectiveness of Petrovsky, in the Leningrad, other blood-purge victims were his proposals for action on the framed, tried, sentenced, and ex- other. few large or even normal crops Transcaucasia, and Central Asia ecuted by arrangement among may endanger the stability of the military districts. The purge of Hitlerites, Japanese spies, per-Dybenko and Bielov has been verts, thieves, drunkards ... and

## On Mothers' Day C. P. **Corrals Sons For War**

ca in a super-patriotic "Peace

3,000 marchers was "Quarantine watchers of the anti-war manithe Aggressor-F.D.R." Other slogans were "Christians De-mand Peace," "Masaryk and Wilson Created a free Czechoslovakia-Help Defend It."

The parade was marked by complete absence of any trade union groups, except for a pititernational Ladies Garment Workers Union. This despite the fact that the Stalinists complete. ly control the Cleveland Industrial Council, local C.I.O. central labor body.

## The Marchers

Such organizations as the the American Labor Party, by Cedar-Central Sewing Club, the order of George Meany, president Albanian Workers' Literature Society, and the Inter-settlement Mothers' League were present in profusion. The color for the Non-Partisan League elsewhere, parade was supplied by the Ne- and that it was the political insgro Elks Band, which put on a trument "which is trying to des-Euclid Avenue to the delight of Labor," Meany ordered the together to cooperate on "a ra- and Democracy, but in a hall, not small children. The inevitable council to instruct all affiliates Boy Scout division was also pre-

midation and gangsterism, the Weinstock machine is threatening the very existence of the Painters Union.

In coming issues we will examine these methods in detail, these reactionary moves developshow how they flow from the ed at the Council meeting atgeneral policy of Stalinism (the tended by over 250 delegates. Communist Party and its Moscow Opposition forces failed to call bosses), how they have been for a teller vote when the voice fought in other unions and how vote showed the body equally they can be fought in the Paint- divided on the motion sustaining ers Union. The organization of Meany's orders. the progressive forces of the opposition into the Inter-Local Conference, its program of action the A.L.P. is thoroughly reand the people who lead it will form the subject of a separate

HOW TO FIGHT WAR

Collective Security Relentless Class Struggle

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CLEVELAND. - With bands sent in full regalia. Add the the picture is complete.

The only bright spot in the day's proceedings was the dis-The main slogan carried by the tribution to the paraders and festo of the Socialist Workers' Party. Surprisingly enough, the leaflet distributors were not molested, although there was a bit of under-the-breath cursing.

## **AFL Takes Unions Out Of Labor Party**

NEW YORK CITY.—The cause of labor unity was dealt a blow recently when the Central Trades and Labor Council was forced to withdraw support from of the state federation of labor.

Charging that the A.L.P. was the New York version of Labor's how as it cake walked down troy the American Federation of to withdraw from the A.L.P.

## 600,000 Affected

This action affects approximately 600,000 members A.F. of L. unions. Little militant opposition to

The attitude of the A.F. of L

bureaucrats in seeking to smash actionary, since it comes as a blow from the "right." Militant unionists have consistently fought to turn the A.L.P. into an instrument of independent political action for the workers. The future course of the Ame

rican Labor Party will be determined partly by this withdrawal of A.F. of L. support, and the forthcoming action of the I.L.G.W.U. towards the C.I.O. generally. •

ASK FOR THE APPEAL AT YOUR NEWSSTAND | brackets, were also won.

COLUMBUS, Ohio-The anti-Central Labor Union of Minneapolis, representing 50,000 organized workers, has acquired a new supporter in the Columbus local (No. 27) of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, representing some 100 workers which has unanimously endorsed the resolution.

The resolution was introduced by a militant worker who spoke before the union on "Roosevelt Heads for War." After pointing velt's foreign policy, the speaker analyzed the slogan of "collective security," showing its real significance as the mask for imperialist war preparations. To the slogan of "collective security, counterposed independent working-class action as outlined

in the Minneapolis resolution. Endorsement of the resolution took place at the following meeting of the local, with the president of the local urging its adoption. There was a brief discussion, followed by a unanimously favorable vote.

## Lewis Conceals Anti-Labor Acts Behind Left Talk

**Designed To Keep** His Influence

In a speech paralleling in many respects his recent radio message to England, John L. Lewis vention on the subject of the tion. current depression and the perspectives of labor.

What is remarkable about both of these speeches is the extraordinary contrast between Lewis' analysis of conditions in this

## Reflects Workers' Mood

In tone and content, his an-

alysis reflects the bitter and raing the full brunt of the depression. "The 13,000,000 (unemployed) will not always be content to take the crumbs from Lazarus' table and watch their children die because some politician, some industrial leader who gets months' sentence for attempting

Lewis described the ravages of the depression and openly ex- and Norman Thomas, to interpressed the revolutionary or vene against Hague, washed his near - revolutionary tendencies which these stimulate. In the the national vice-chairman of his radio address, he spoke of the workers and farmers being inclined to take over the government if things did not improve. But when it comes to his own

proposals, Lewis speaks not with the voice of the workers, whose moods he reflects only to keep in the name of the masters he ultimately serves: in the name of the bourgeoisie. The New Deal again, all trust in Roosevelt, a little relief; the same Roosevelt and the same New Deal which led the nation during its preparations for this new depression against which, in words, he inveighs so sharply.

## Pseudo-radical Oratory

Lewis likewise advocates Phillip Murray's proposal for a meeting, announced that he intended to to be called by Roosevelt, at speak in Jersey City on May 19 which spokesmen for industry, under the auspices of the Stalingovernment, and labor would get ist American League for Peace tional program.' With the help of his pseudo-

radical oratory, Lewis is trying desperately to prevent the workers of this country from learning from the new depression that Non-Partisan League, declared their only "rational program" is not to get together with "in- that "organized labor must be dustry and government" for the in the forefront of the battle to sake of "cooperation," but to save America from the Hitler rely on their own strength to of Hudson County. I mean orfight against industry and the ganized labor, and not the leadgovernment for their own class ers of the Hudson County Cen-

## GAS WORKERS GAIN IN NEW CONTRACT

MINNEAPOLIS. — Over 400 workers of the Minneapolis Gas Light company made important gains in the new two-year contract signed last week between the company and the Gas Workers Union Local 20490.

The new contract grants paid vacations of two weeks each year. The former pact gave only one week. Formerly employees had only five days paid sick leave; under the new agreement they are given ten days.

Wage increases, amounting to 5½ per cent in the lower brackets and tapering off in the higher

# ANTI-WAR MOTION Hague Rule Is Matter'-F.D.R.

## Roosevelt Skirts Pleas For Action Against Jersey Fuehrer

Last week Boss Hague followed up his cheap victory at Journal Square on May 7 with fresh blows at his adversaries. His chief victim was the liberal Rabbi Benjamin Plotkin, whose congregation was evicted from ts meeting place at the Jewish Community Center through the pressure of the Hague machine upon its officers.

The president of the Communty Center, Judge Morris E. Barison of the Hudson County Juvenile Court, and the treasurer, Louis W. Jacobs of the Jersey City Board of Education, are ooth Hague office-holders.

#### He Criticized Hague

Rabbi Plotkin has been one of the most outspoken opponents of the Hague regime in Jersey City. He has criticized Hague's desnotism at numerous meetings and last year publicly denounced Speech At A. C. W. Meet him for his ban on picketing during the seamen's strike. His recent appearance in court as a character witness for John Longo, convicted last week on a trumped-up charge of filing "fraudulent" nominating petitions for the anti-Hague ticket at the primary elections last fall, was the immediate cause of his evic-

> Norman Thomas was again denied a permit to speak at Journal Square and signified his intention of testing the ruling of the Jersey City "Director of Safety" in the courts. At the court action was tested when a Federal Grand Jury in Newark voted "no indictment" on the complaint of the American Civil Liberties Union that their letters had been · illegally opened and photostated by Hague's po-

## Roosevelt Declines To Act

Judge William Clark of Newark denied Jeff Burkitt's application for a review of his six to speak without a permit in

Meanwhile President Roosevelt, petitioned by the liberal press, hands of responsibility for own party. Queried whether he would take any action either as chief executive or as head of the Democratic Party, he replied that Hague's actions were purely a local police matter, and that his Postmaster-General Farley, National Democratic Committee his influence among them, but chairman, would answer for the second. Farley, it was later reported, answered that he was powerless to act on the technical ground that Hague had been legally elected by the Democratic Convention. Thus do these watchdogs of "democracy" display their vigilance in guarding the democratic rights of the American people!

Brave, bold, representative Bernard, who failed to show up in Journal Square on May 7

## Call To Labor

Carl Holderman, state chairman of the New Jersey Labor's over Station WEVD last week tral Labor Union, who, through paralyzing fear or rank corruption, have sold several misguided workers for a mess of Hague

This clarion call of the C.I.O. eader ought to be translated immediately into action. The organized workers of New Jersey must unite against Hague. They should hold their own mass meetings in defiance of his bans and in defense of their democratic rights. They should form Workers' Defense Committees to protect themselves against the attacks of his gangsters in uniform.

The united ranks of labor are powerful enough to overthrow the Hudson County Hitler, once they spring into vigorous direct action against him. .

Weinstock's original election platform accused the previous administration of collaborating with the bosses in the calling of fake "strikes." The Stalinist administration has been no less for union methods of improving obliging, entirely in line with "People's Front" policy of er. The unemployed painter does the Communist Party, in coope- not even get the odd job he rating harmoniously with the would ordinarily get under a fair New York is indicated by the like a vicious poison, by sup-

everything must be done to performist pacifism. mit German conquest of Czechoeither by a treaty of agreement or slow economic strangulation." To assure this course, Chamberlain, heading a government devoted to the League, now favors a surgical operation which would ed, they serve to transform the give Germany the rich and forti- reformist pacifism of the masses fied regions of Sudeten Bohemia.

nas government, ready to defend retreat within her own empire them with the methods of inde- and the shaky situation in her internal social life.

### Empire Cracking Up

part of the imperialist conquer- | Canada, Australia, South Africa ers, is an aid to the emancipa- and Egypt, manifest increasing tion of the proletarian and pea- tendencies towards independence The enemy is powerful. Neither China and Latin America the the Mexican government nor the British lion is under heavy at-Mexican working masses can win tack. Even after the Anglo-Italian the battle if they remain isolat- agreement, the Arabian moveed and without aid. The task of ment in Palestine - apparently organized labor in America is to directed against the Jews, but forge a fighting solidarity with in essence a revolt against the the Mexican drive toward libera- imperialist yoke — continues to civilizing British bombs rain test against the arrogant provo- heavily upon the heads of the Every trade union must invite hand within its empire, the

Inside the N. Y. Painters' Union

series of articles on the real administration resulted in "vic

sition and thus the Stalinists last "general strike," the de-

York Painters Union as smooth- from \$9 to \$11.20 per six-hour

Weinstock and Co. had a clean deep sceret. But the assessment

sweep of the field. The member- levied, it may safely be said,

ship clearly was behind them. more than covered the expense

was in the opposition, their pita tax raised recently from

platform voiced many of the \$1.50 to \$1.75 go to maintaining

sentiments and desires of the an office staff of some 60 ap-

membership. Once they came in- pointed job holders, as against

to office, the platform became the dozen or so in pre-Weinstock

pretty much forgotten, the Sta- days. Weinstock, in his election

linists concentrated on control campaign, called for a monthly

conditions." How does the matter knows anything about Stalinist

of strict enforcement stand to- methods of control in the unions

and he will tell you that "strict the Communist Party machine

ever, that "kick-back" flourishes make it a complete appendage of

combat

Now let us look at their record of the short-lived strike.

3. Stalinist Wreckers Move In

Weinstock opposed job favortories" consisted in filling the Today it flourishes not only on coffers of the administration the part of the bosses through of the Weinstock administration ing the union the right to fill

## the Stalinist "line."

form called for:

That plank has become a scrap

In locals where voting is carri- them.

Stalinists Deny It The Daily Worker, interesting-playing "Over There" and the Spanish Popular Front Clubs of \$200,000 a year, or some banker, ly enough, was compelled to claim national colors flying in profu- Cleveland and vicinity, the Chinthat accounts of this report pubsion, the American League for ese benevolent protective Assolutional coupons, pronounces lished in the N. Y. Times were Peace and Democracy paid its ciation (in Cadillac V12's) and vengeance.... a fraud and forgery. The World tribute to the mothers of Ameri-Bank's cold and impersonal con-

clusions, written up for the be- Parade" on May 8. 25 per cent of the jobs in every of planning and progress under fully small group from the In-

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the union has developed into one ranks and bring about an acceptable solution to the problems Stalinist leeches on their backs.

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## The Wages and Hours Bill

The victory of the Roosevelt yes-man, Claude Pepper, in the Florida primaries, has suddenly reminded large numbers of Congressmen of their social consciences. The reminder becomes especially poignant when the Congressmen contemplate the billions of dollars which the new Relief Bill will give the President for irrigation purposes in next autumn's electoral fields.

Three days after Pepper's triumph, hundreds of Representatives nearly trampled each other to death in their scramble to sign a petition to lift the Wages and Hours Bill out of the asphixiated chamber of the Rules Committee, where it was being painlessly suffocated, and on to the floor of the House.

The Bill has now a fair chance of passing, though its opponents in the Senate plan delays which might prevent completion at this Session.

Whether or not it will go through depends in large measure on the strength of the pressure brought by labor to demand favorable action.

All sections of the labor movement do, and must, support the Bill. Inadequate as it may be, if it improves conditions in even a single sweat-shop, if it stimulates even one move to wipe out subunion standards, it will be that much to the good.

It would, however, be either a profound mistake or shameless hypocrisy to maintain that this present Bill is a model of its kind, or that any legislative measure can solve the problem of guaranteeing economic security for the workers. We leave such apologetics to the Stalinist union-busters and the other Roosevelt press-agents.

The present Bill provides, nominally, for a twenty-five cents an hour minimum wage and a forty-four hour maximum week, to be modified over a period of three years to a forty-cents an hour wage, forty-hour week. But even these miserable provisions apply to only a minority of workers. Only industries related to "interstate commerce" are affected. Dozens of fields - agriculture, fishing, domestic service etc.—are specifically excepted; and general authority is granted to suspend the application of the Bill in the light of "specific circumstances."

An \$11.00 a week minimum, when the Government's own experts say that \$1500 to \$1600 a year (about \$30 a week) is the minimum wage to make possible health, let alone comfort and decent living; and when the most competent technicians estimate that the United States productive plant can today—even without improvement—provide a general minimum income equivalent to from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year to every fathily!

The present Bill makes no provision for the unemployed; and a forty-four hour week is not going to be such a great blessing to the millions of workers on ten to twenty hours part-time.

When a starving man gets a crust, it is sensible for him to eat it; but his aim should be to get a full meal-particularly when the table is loaded with food. Let us take this Bill, put it under our

belts, and then go on toward a real Wages and Hours standard. The kind of Wages and Hours Bill

which labor should demand in this country should include at the very least the following features:

1. It would apply to all industries and occupations without exception.

2. Its minimum must be at least as high as the Government estimates of a minimum adequate living wage: \$30 a

3. Its maximum hours provision must be low enough to give jobs to all those displaced by technological advance: 30 hours per week.

4. If it is actually to aid in maintaining and raising the standard of living of the masses, the minimum wage must apply to all workers over the entire 52 weeks of the year, whether they are employed, unemployed, or employed parttime. Supplementary relief to bring weekly income up at least to the minimum should operate automatically and immediately whenever regular employment slows up or stops. Only in this way will the bosses and not the workers carry the burden of unemployment; and only in this way will a wages and hours bill actually protect the standard of living of the workers.

There is nothing either "unreasonable" or utopian in these demands. They are in fact extremely modest when compared with this country's resources.

If U. S. labor fights for provisions of this kind, and fights not primarily through its fair-weather "friends" in Congress and the White House but above all through its own direct organized strength and its own class actions, it will find itself no longer giving thanks for the crumbs, but getting its teeth into the meat course.

## Untouchables

The new constitution of the Communist Party, U.S.A., which is to be adopted unanimously at the forthcoming convention of that organization, provides that no party member shall have personal or political relationships with Trotskyists, Lovestoneites or "other known enemies of the party and the working class."

We can understand the disquietude of the Stalinist chieftains. They have been losing those members whom the monolithic party regime has not succeeded in shielding from "dangerous thoughts" provoked by the Moscow trials and the party's political renegacy.

But what a confession of bankruptcy -to write into the party constitution a decree quarantining the followers of Earl Browder against outside ideological influences!

The new constitution also provides that only American citizens, or those who have declared their intention of becoming citizens, shall be eligible for party membership. Next we may hearing that only Aryans-or those who have declared their intention of becoming Aryans -will be admitted to this party of hasbeen internationalists.

## On The Ludlow Amendment Statement of the National Committee, SWP

After discussing the Ludlow Amendment, and the policy adopted toward it by the Political Committee, the April session of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party came to the following conclusion:

Though the Political Committee and the party press were correct in combatting the pacifist illusions engendered by the sponsors of the Ludlow Amendment and the treacherous distinction between wars of "aggression" and "defense" embodied in the Amendment, they failed to estimate rightly the genuinely progressive character of the popular response to the project of a referendum on war, a response based upon the legitimate distrust which the masses feel toward the bourgeois government, their unwillingness to fight without protest in the threatening imperialist war, and their desire for democratic control of their own destiny.

From this failure, the Political Committee drew the incorrect tactical conclusion of a negative position with respect to the Amendment itself and the general project of a popular referendum on war. Such a negative position isolates the party from the progressive mass movement aroused by the project, and tends to sterilize its active struggle against imperial-

The party and its press must therefore alter

their line on this question. They must become the most militant advocates of a popular referendum on war. They must seek to have labor everywhere demand that the amendment be formulated to provide for a popular referendum on the undertaking of any war, be it allegedly "defensive" or "aggressive", and that all citizens from the age of 18 upward, since from that age they are liable to military service, have the right to vote in the referendum.

They must take no responsibility for the pacifist illusions fostered in connection with the amendment and in particular must continue to expose the bourgeois politicians, including Ludlow, LaFollette and Co. themselves, who seek to exploit the honest anti-war sentiment of the masses by introducing a bill in Congress and then either dropping any serious fight for it or so diluting and circumscribing it as to nullify the will and longings of the masses. They must endeavor to extend the struggle beyond the confines of purely parliamentary debate, so that workers' pressure may be brought into play by means of organized mass action. In this way, the party will not only be able to correct its tactical error, but also to deepen and solidify its connections with the genuine and progressive movement of the

## "Preparing the Shot!"



Without apology, we reproduce this cartoon from the "Daily Worker" of three years ago. Readers of that Stalinist sheet will note that then, in contrast to the present proclamation of Roosevelt's "peaceful" role was regarded by the Communist Parts as grist to the imperialist war mill. It is not Roosevelt who has changed!

# One In Six Depend On Relief, Says Hopkins

By DAVID COWLES

Harry L. Hopkins, Works rogress Administrator, testified recently before a House Appropriations sub-committee that six million families in the United States are dependent on some form of public relief. These comprise 20,000,000 persons and make up one-sixth of the whole population. They are doomed to unemployment and continues. According to the New York Post "Hopkins said he believed the present economic system could never entirely correct the unemployment situation."

The number of unemployed is already unbearably large. The W.P.A. alone is giving work relief to 2,600,000 now. But due to "the present economic system' unemployment is increasing so rapidly that, according to Hopkins, the number of W.P.A. jobs will have to be increased of it. to at least 3,100,000 in the comthe Federal government would nificance. If the aid is not given, on the one hand, and on the other have to spend \$3,000,000,000 for their inability to live within its share of the year's relief expenditures.

## Drop In The Bucket

This sum barely scratches the surface of the needs of the unemployed. And so long as "the present economic system" continues, the plight of the unemployed will grow increasingly worse. This is because the workers can have wages, and the purchasing power which wages gives them, only if they are needed in production. However, American capitalism is declining, its production is declining, and it is throwing workers into unemployment. Moreover, to keep up profits, capitalism introduces more efficient machinery, and this throws even more workers out of work. In addition, each year a half million youths come out of school and look for employment in industry. The three sources combine to create a large and ever-growing army of un-

The relief appropriation for their problem nor save the status quo. It is not intended to do the first and it cannot do the second. By Hopkins' own admission, the W.P.A. funds alone "will not by any means provide the total increase in private employment which is essential...." Private industry must be depended upon to give jobs. But private industry cannot give jobs. On the contrary, it is declining sharply, its navy is absent engaged in a Paciprofits are falling, and it is pas- fic war... sing on the burden of its bank-

with increasing clarity: either vernment pays relief to the un poverty and demoralization under employed by taking the money the present economic system" or a struggle for a new economic of sales taxes, etc., and from the system that will ensure a decent middle class in the form of livelihood and will permit human higher income taxes. It makes

## Problem Intensified

The numbers who face these alternatives grow as economic activity slumps down and unempoverty so long as capitalism ployment goes up. At the peak were still 9,000,000 whom private United States is in transition. industry could not employ. The current depression has increased discontented because increasing their number by more than 5,000,- taxes cut their purchasing power 000. Hundreds of thousands of The unemployed are discontented tenant farmers who have been ex- because their relief is inadequate propriated from agriculture join for a decent living and because millions of industrial workers permanent unemployment stares who have been disinherited from production. Most of them depend ists are dicontented because they upon government relief for a fear the half-hearted gestures part of their livelihood if not all at making them pay higher taxes

 Their struggle for government ing winter. He estimated that aid has deep revolutionary sigreal with all the reality of death. Their struggle becomes not only a struggle against the government which refuses to help them duce an efficient machine for sup-"the present economic system" which dooms them to poverty, fascism. demoralization and death.

Will Cut Relief If aid is given, it still does not ensure the permanence of the status quo. For the aid must

ing amounts, it will still not allay manently the problems of unthe unemployed will not solve the growing discontent. The go- employment.

from the workers in the form only half-hearted gestures to tax the monopoly capitalists. At the same time, the relief appropriations cannot keep up with the

### rapidly mounting unemployment Menace of Fascism

These conditions show that the The workers and middle class are them in the face. The big capitalmay become a reality. Therefore, they fight continuously to cut down relief to the unemployed. to pass on to workers and middle the framework of "the present class the cost of the decline of economic system" becomes vivid capitalism. To control the diswith the pangs of starvation and content which may burst out at any time against "the present economic system," which they control, they prepare to introlive, but also a struggle against pressing the unemployed and the workers. This machine is called

The actions of the unemployed who want to fight fascism must be: (1) Strengthening the unemployed movement for more jobs and greater relief; (2) maintaining the Workers be given in increasing amounts liance as a militant, independent because of the increasing unem- union of unemployed, free from ployment. If the relief appro- the control of the bosses, the priations are not increased, the LaGuardia or Roosevelt Adminigovernment will resort to cut-stration; (3) emphasizing the ting the relief that each unem-! fighting unity of the unemployed ployed person gets, to stopping with the employed workers and the distribution of clothes, and tenant farmers; (4) assimilating to inventing all sorts of schemes the truth spoken by Hopkins bethat will spread the misery. fore the House Appropriations These actions will drive the un-sub-committee: The "present employed to sit-ins and struggles economic system" cannot solve against the relief administration. the problems of the unemployed. If the aid is given in increas- Socialism alone can solve per-

## U.S. Imperialism Shows Aerial Might Over N. Y.

(Continued from page 1)

The word "absent" here as-

It is against this war that the workers of America must prepare—in their own way. Not by supporting the war-making criminals of imperialism through ruptcy to the workers by cutting, suredly means absent far out support to the principle of "colnot increasing, employment; by over the Pacific, engaged in war lective security," but by their cutting, not increasing, wages; with Japan. War for what? War own independent class action and by increasing speed-up. The to decide which of the imperial- which alone can frustrate the alternatives face the workers ist robbers shall enslave and ex-war plans of imperialism.

ploit the masses of China.

## On Housing

The housing situation in the United States is a running sore and no serious measures are being taken to cure it.

Let us look at some of the startling figures:

Two weeks ago the United States Public Health Service estimated that about three million (3,000,000) urban families have fewer rooms in their homes than there are persons. That is, families of three persons that live in two-room houses or flats; families of five persons that live in four-room or even three-room houses. One million live in dwellings with more than one and one-half times as many persons as there are rooms and 700,000 live in dwellings with at least twice as many persons as there are rooms.

And naturally, as is the custom in our great Democracy, the Negro families, both in the North and in the South, live under the worst conditions.

## 6,000,000 Homes Are Needed

Last November, Roosevelt in his message to Congress said that from 600,000 to 800,000 dwelling units a year would be needed for the next five years.

The American Public Health Association, however, estimated that there is a need now of 6,000,000 new homes, and it emphasized that they must be of low cost.

Even the more modest figures of the conservative Brookings Institution say that there is a need of 4,500,-000 houses by 1941, or 1,125,000 a year, while the National Housing Commission raises the figure to 1,503,-000 a year for the next two years.

In New York City, which only reflects conditions throughout the country, there are more than half a million families living in 64,000 condemned, fire-trap tenements. Flames took a death-toll of 33 persons in these traps in one year; 19 others died under the debris of fallen structures; the annual disease toll is beyond estimate.

## New York's Needs

Last month, Commissioner of Housing and Building, Alfred Rheinstein, told the City Council Committee that about one billion dollars would be needed to make a substantial improvement in slum eliminition and the construction of new low-cost housing.

Former City Housing Authority chairman, Langdon W. Post said that figure was two modest by half—two billion dollars are required at the least. And this for New York City alone!

What is being done about this situation?

Within the past four years the government has provided only 2,318 low-rent dwellings in New York. The immediate need is for 500,000!

The new government plans are no great improvement. Under the Wagner-Steagall housing act, only 5,000 additional low-rent apartments will be built within the next 3-4 years—a drop in the bucket.

And bear in mind what Mayor LaGuardia has pointed out and what was pretty well known without him: The absolute top rent for the slum dwellers is \$30 a month; and eighty percent of them can afford to pay only \$20 or under.

The latest housing bill put through by the Roosevelt New Deal is not, properly speaking, a house-building bill. It is a financing bill. It provides that a government corporation shall guarantee new mortgages on homes and apartments, under certain conditions. It is a boon to the banks for the credit they extend on housingfor it guarantees their loans.

Moreover, the bulk of the homes and apartment buildings erected under this bill, where they are not jerry-built, inadequate, ill-planned, are beyond the reach of the vast majority of the home-needing, slumdwelling, high-rent-paying workers.

## For A Real Housing Program

The only serious step that will bring us close to a solution of the scandalous housing problem is a truly large-scale government building program. It must be based on three points: sound construction, low rents, and the payment of union wages to building workers. An absolute minimum, making possible a serious beginning, is for Congress to vote a Five-Billion-Dollar Housing program—with the five billion really to go towards building houses!

Where is the money to come from? Why, from the plutocrats, of course!

The Treasury Department report of tax returns received up to the end of August 1937, shows that 61 in-

dividuals admitted taxable net incomes, after all conceivable deductions, of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more in 1936. As against the 40,000,000 American people who live in slums there are 18,196 persons in the United States who reported a total net income for 1936 of almost two billion dollars (\$1,875,783,000).

These are the incomes of the individual plutocrats. They do not include the deductions which clever lawyers fix up for them. They do not include income from taxexempt securities. They do not include, above all, the huge "earnings" of wealthy corporations.

Five billion dollars for housing would be a good beginning. It can easily be obtained. Roosevelt, Ickes, Jackson-all the New Dealers-talk about the "economic royalists." Good! But how about putting the squeeze on these plutocrats? How about making them disgorge a small percentage of their fabulous profits for housing the slum-dwellers of America? How about some Action, instead of Fireside Chats, instead of words?

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