Deal Futility

Capitalist Legislators Strip Wages and Hours Bill

Of Progressive Features, Display Impotence

In Face of Deepening Crisis

UNITY SHOWN ON WAR PLANS

Completing a five months' re-|sentials; and the two measures

structive content, and designed

only as demagogic talking points

Wages and Hours Bill

The Wages and Hours Bill

provided such an abysmally low

wage level and was so hedged

around with restrictions, modifi-

cations and exceptions that, even

according to the Administration's own analysis, it could at most

affect only a few hundred thous-

and workers. As a specific "re-

covery measure," it amounts to

just about as much as a joint

Congressional prayer lamenting

the poverty of so many good christians, and imploring God. in

his own good time, to make eas-

The skillfully-publicized pump-

priming bill ended up with much

the flavor of a stale joke. Far

from being able to give a gen-

nine stimulus to industry, the

testimony of the Administration

witnesses showed that the bill

was utterly incapable even of

beginning to handle the minimum

maximum of 3,000,000 can be

ances might take care, at most,

of a few hundred thousand more.

The rest of the loans it envisages

will go to bail out a few shaky

New Deal Bubble Burst

These bills are the sole and

to the sharpest economic crisis

in the history of the United

The bubble of the New Deal

answer of the New Deal

banks and railroads.

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ord of unparalleled incompetence, were emerging, shorn of all con-

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With all congressional eyes

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sion-the Wages and Hours and

the "pump-priming" bills - was

being stripped in conference

IN FIGHT FOR

Were Faked

secutors to convict four union

NEW EVIDENCE

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AKRON-DETROIT-NEWARK The Workers Can Make Only One Answer!

Within less than two weeks, three events have occurred on the labor front in the United States which bring home an elementary lesson to any worker who has eyes to see with and a mind capable of thinking.

In Detroit, members of the C.I.O. and sympathizers, engaged in picketing the struck American Brass Company, were savagely attacked by strike-breaking police—not protected, but attacked. Tear gas, clubs and guns were their weapons. Result: more than 50 workers injured, several arrested, others sent to the hospital and the picket-line broken up.

Assault In Akron

In Akron, more than a hundred rubber workers were injured when the police—in the service, as usual, of the bosses-made a brutal, armed sally against the picket-line surrounding the struck Goodyear Rubber Company plant. Once again, the picket-line was broken up to facilitate the work of the scabs.

A short time later, Norman Thomas, head of the Socialist Party, attempted to speak at a public meeting in Military Park, Newark. He had a permit from the local authorities. The police were on the scene, presumably to "protect" Thomas in the exercise of the right of free speech. A gang of reactionary hoodlums, who had no permit and never asked for one (the gangsters of capital don't need any!), attacked the meeting, assaulted Thomas, broke down the platform and, with the police right on the spot, dispersed the meeting and prevented Thomas from speaking.

What "Free Speech" Means

In every case, the uniformed and civilian "defenders of law and order" were on the side of capitalism and reaction. In every case, they cynically trampled upon the "right of free speech and assembly" supposedly guaranteed to the people. The only "right" they recognize and are interested in maintaining, is the right of the capitalist class to rule, to exploit, to oppress. That right, they seek to maintain by every means in their power, above all by force.

How is labor to protect itself? How can it win the right to democratic liberties like free speech, free press, the right to organize, to strike and to picket?

By sending telegrams of protest to mayors under whose direction the police act? By sending telegrams of protest to governors who, as in Ohio, are ready to supplement the police terror with the terror of the National Guard? By sending telegrams of protest to the President, who has as the vice-chairman of the National Committee of his party the notorious Frank

Labor Must Defend Itself

That's a waste of good money and of time unless it is backed up by something substantial. Nobody will defend labor and its rights unless labor does it by means of its own organized strength. And labor is more than strong enough to protect itself without asking its enemies to help.

The only way in which the workers can preserve themselves from attacks and massacres by the organized thugs of capital-be they in civilian clothes or in uniform—is by organizing their own ranks into Labor

Surround every picket-line with a solid wall of Defense Guards and then let the hooligans try to break

Surround every mass meeting with a determined, organized group of Defense Guards and then let the hopped-up mercenaries of the Hagues try to disperse it!

German Trotskyists Get **Long Prison Sentences**

The slight recession in the | and a half years, |and Ullrich wave of G.P.U. terror against Wittschiebe, one year and nine Trotskyites and alleged Trotsky- months. ites in the Soviet Union has been made up for by a renewal of ing the cases of the Solingen man section of the Fourth In-

ternational. Magdeburg group of the Fourth were held of the arrested com-

Berlin and Magdeburg.

Joachim Wittschiebe and Gerwin years. Hinze were given 6 and 3 years imprisonment respectively. In is unknown beyond the informathe Magdeburg trial, Kurt Sliewsky received four years, Oskar tion that sentences were passed years each, Walter Soder, two of those involved.

Fragmentary reports regard-

Gestapo terror against the Ger- and Cologne comrades, who were tried some time ago, have also been received. The Solingen Reports from Germany inform comrades were tried in the mass us of the arrest and conviction trial of the Gelsenkirchen group. of the leading comrades of the Of the 26 comrades involved, information is only available on Internationalists. Two trials Comrade Walsken, who received four years imprisonment, Paul rades in the Fascist courts at de Grote, who received three and a half years, and Comrade X In the Berlin trial, Comrades who received two and a half

The fate of the Cologne group Kramer and Walter Ruhle, three and that Comrade Metz was one

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Weinstock Defeated By Own Local

NEW YORK-Louis Weinstock, leading Stalinist in the New York Painters' Union and secretary-treasurer of District Council 9, was eliminated as a candidate to succeed himself when members of his own local, 848, defeated him by a vote of 449 to 389 and named Louis J. Stevens as their candidate. Election rules of the painter district council provide that a candidate must be named by his own

This defeat of the Stalinists is all the more significant in view of the fact that in the past Local 848 nominated Weinstock UNANIMOUSLY as its candidate for the major office in D.C. 9.

The defeat of Weinstock marks a major victory for the progressives in the New York Painters' Union, who have been carrying on a campaign against the disruptive practices of the Stalinist leadership in the field for the coming election. Next week's issue of the Socialist Appeal will carry a full story on the developments in the union.

Labor Guard Must Answer Hague Menace

Thomas Meeting Broken Up By Mobsters In Newark

The black plague of Hague im spread to neighboring Newark last Saturday when a Socialist Party rally in Military Park was broken up by mobsters masquer ading as veterans in collusion with the Newark police.

Just before Norman Thomas was scheduled to speak, a procession of thugs and ward-heelers in Hague's service swung into the park behind a hired brass band and marched toward the center of the crowd. Shouting "We want Americanism, we don't want Reds," the storm-troopers, together with their confederates in the crowd, bombarded Thomas with eggs and vegetables, howled him down when he attempted to speak, and smashed his plat-

Police Aid Mobsters

abetted by the Newark cops, who sive militants in the Workers first plowed a pathway for Alliance, and by the growing Hague's troopers and then allow- discontent and seething among ed them to disrupt the meeting and pummel the auditors as they pleased. Over a dozen people, Thomas included, were injured n the fight around the platform.

When David Clendennin of the Workers' Defense League protested to a police captain that he had been slugged by a cop, he was told that he might also have been arrested. After the rally had been smashed and it appeared that the Hague mobsters, who had armed themselves with clubs from the wrecked speaker's stand, were getting a bit beyond control, the Deputy Police Chief finished the job by ordering the crowd to disband, restoring "law and order," and taking Thomas to Socialist head

Workers' Meeting Banned

The next day City Commissioner Joseph Byrne, a Hague stooge, announced that he would hereafter deny permission for open air meetings in Military, Washington, and Lincoln parks to all except fraternal and military organizations. "These parks are in the Newark business area," he declared, "and such meetings don't do the city's business any

Mayor Hague followed up his offensive by marshalling all his forces in a tremendous rally on Monday evening in Journal Square. The rally was preceded by a parade led by Hague and his Goering, Colonel Hugh Kelly, head of the Veterans' Law and Order League. Behind these marshals, appropriately enough, came the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and two regiments of the New Jersey National Guard.

Behind the bosses and their military guards marched representatives of the Hudson County (Continued on page 3)

THE FIGHT FOR RELIEF



Mayor LaGuardia, the "labor mayor," has had his police dish out brutality to the unemployed in ample portions—as the above photo of a recent demonstration shows—while doing his best to chisel away the meager appropriations for relief.

City-Wide Relief Sit-In Called For N. Y.

Alliance Progressive Group SWP Rallies Held Demands Militant Program

Local Relief Appropriation Slash Forces Plan To Bring Pressure On Authorities

By GEORGE MILTON

NEW YORK.—In spite of steadily increasing unemployment in this richest city in the world, only \$9,022,450, was voted by the Board of Estimate for relief for the month of June, a decrease of \$121,550 from the appropriation for the month of May, and a saving of \$721,550 from the April figure.

To keep within these steadily decreasing appropriations, the local lems of slums and fire-trap the Governor told its represent-Welfare Department is barring from the relief roles needy single men, "deporting" dependent relief clients back to the states and countries where they came from, eliminating clothing allowances broke out in a long-condemned Jones, secretary of the Evarts from the relief budgets, and attempting in every conceivable way to "chisel" the last possible penny from the starving unemployed.

Sit-In Planned

Forced to take action by the Their attacks were aided and unrelenting pressure of progres-

the unemployed, both organized York's East Side. and unorganized, the Stalinist leadership of the W.A. has decided on a city-wide "sit-in" at but by the time they arrived the relief bureaus.

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entire structure was blazing like Protesting the "deportation" of a matchbox. The flames spread (Continued on page 2)

To Protest Slum Firetrap Menace

Meeting Held at Scene Of Fatal Blaze On **Houston Street**

side branches of the Socialist ed of conspiring to murder three Workers Party and Y.P.S.L. mine-guards who were killed. instituted a series of actions, beginning last Saturday night, on a search for additional evidence the increasingly pressing problever since December 1936, when

o'clock in the morning, a fire ther." The prisoners are: W. B. "old law" tenement at 302 Hous- local of the United Mine Workton Street in the heart of the ers of America; Al Benson, Jim working class section of New Reynolds, and Chester Poore. The firemen took no more than

a few minutes to reach the scene,

JAILED MINERS Kentucky Governor Gets **Proof That Photos** NEW YORK. - Startling new proof that fraudulent evidence problems of relief and unemploy-

miners serving life-terms in the put on W.P.A., against a total Evarts battle cases of 1931 was of at least 13,000,000 now unplaced before Governor A. B. employed. Its W. P. A. allow-Chandler of Kentucky last Saturday by the Kentucky Miners NEW YORK.—The lower east Defense. The four were convict-The defense has been pushing

atives to "bolster up your record On Saturday, June 4, at four and I'll consider the matter fur-

The Accusation

the Smith-Kelly building, 1,700 feet away. The prosecu-(Continued on page 3)

bursts at the first touch. It re-

States!

was used by Harlan county pro- ment. Under its provisions, a

quired but one serious test for the whole New Deal structure to come tumbling down, and to lay bare what that structure has Benson was accused of shoot- for five years tried so desperately ing from a third-story window to hide: the collapsed and hopelessly rotting foundations of American capitalism. The shameful, futile record of

the New Deal during this session of Congress it not, however, any particular comfort to the Republican-Southern Democratic coalition which opposed it. In these five months the score of the opposition was exactly zero. It neither accomplished nor proposed anything at all.

Roosevelt Still On Top

It is partly for this reason, combined with the control over vast sums granted him by the pump-priming bill, that Roosevelt, in spite of his defeat on the Reorganization Bill, comes out of the session in a still powerful parliamentary position. The hope of the opposing coalition that the collapse of the New Deal neans a swing back to Hoover-Coolidge Republicanism is vain. A whole era has passed since the days of Coolidge. American capitalism has entered the stage of irrevocable decline. Not all the ponderous generalities of the Lippmans and Glenn Franks will ever bring "normalcy" back

On one and only one question did the President and Congress during this session display "statesmanship," force and decision. And on this question the opposition coalition dissolved. All hands, or nearly all, came on deck at the captain's call.

Unity For War

For this question - the war question—was not a matter for party squabbles" or "divisions.' Here all the pretenses of bourgeois parliamentarism drop overpoard. Here the fate of American capitalism itself, and as whole, directly at stake. Before that hallenge Republican, conservaive Democratic and New Deal hearts beat at a common rhythm.

With scarcely a murmur, "reg-(Continued on page 4)

"KEEPING AMERICA

Just as the Stalinists seek to unite all their forces behind 'peace and democracy" congresses whose purpose is to swing American imperialism behind a "collective security" program, so the recently constituted Lovestone-Thomas combination is seeking to unite all and sundry behind a program of imperialist isolationism. The first stage of its efforts has just culminated in the Washington "Keep America Out of War" Congress, at which, taking a leaf out of the strategy book of the Communist Party, the actual sponsors of the Congress kept in the discreet and modest background and shoved forward the by now customary assortment of retired generals, capitalist politicians, professional pacifists and nostrum-vendors, priests and rabbis. The exceptionally shy Lovestoneites, among the chief manipulators of the congress, did not even have their representatives listed in the roster of sponsors.

The assertion that the Washington Congress adopted the program of imperialist isolationism may appear, at first blush, to be at once exaggerated and contradictory. Yet, in point of cold fact, that is precisely the case. And it explains the otherwise perplexing fact that this self-styled "anti-war" movement could have among its sponsors such rankly reactionary Republicans as Senator Capper; Representative Hamilton Fish, red-baiter and purveyor of Nazi propaganda in the United States, against whose presence in the official committee the Socialist Party issued a mealy-mouthed protest in the columns of its Chicago paper, without having the courage to take up the question on the floor of the Congress itself, where it might mean something; and Representative William Lemke, late presidential candidate on the Union Party ticket of Father Coughlin, the illustrious warrior for democracy.

WHAT THE CONGRESS FAILED TO DO

Before considering what the congress did, it is perhaps even more important to learn what it failed to do. There was no expression of solidarity with the workers and peasants of Spain who are engaged in a life-and-death battle against fascism, although it would seem that a congress preoccupied with the question of war would take some notice of the event. Neither did the Lovestoneites and Thomasites dare to put before the Congress a resolution that the infamous Roosevelt embargo against Loyalist Spain be lifted. Neither of these steps was taken because of one simple consideration: the fear of antagonizing the swarm of petty bourgeois pacifists who were present;

so that the latter, who represented nothing but their own confusion and reactionary prejudices actually prevailed over the labor delegates, who at least represented some forces. To save their faces, the Lovestone-Thomas bloc had the so-called "labor group" adopt an anti-embargo resolution, with emphasis on the fact that this did not commit the congress as a whole. In other words, it delicately refrained from compelling the pacifist melange from taking a position on this crucial question, With respect to the Soviet Union, the Congress acted even

more shabbily. That is, it did not act at all. Neither the S.P. nor the Lovestoneites had a single word to say about the defense of the Soviet Union from imperialist attack, although this, too, is not among the least important problems of our time. The pressure of the pacifists and bourgeois politicians was enough in this case also to bring about the total capitulation and silence of the "radical wing" of the Congress.

IMPLY APPROVAL FOR "DEFENSIVE" WARS

Neither did the latter propose any revision of the Ludlow Amendment as at present formulated, a revision, that is, which would extend the referendum on war to cover also the so-called "wars of defense," which the present Amendment provides may be engaged in by the government without consulting the electorate and which, according to all indications, will be precisely the pretext upon which the U.S. will precipitate the masses into the coming imperialist war.

The key to the program of the congress is contained in the report of the commission on "Building a War-Less World," and the recommendations in its 3rd section, "How the American People Can Work for Peace." The very wording of that section indicates its decisive importance, for it is in the concrete steps proposed whereby the "people can work for peace" that the true measure of this and similar congresses can be taken.

The key sentences in the concrete proposals of section 3 are

"As a first measure of immunizing the American economy to the armament infection, a government reflecting the popular will for peace would deny the economic resources of the United States to all countries now dominated or in the process of being dominated by the armament system of economics.... As a second measure of American initiative in resisting the armament and war offensive we propose that the economic resources of the United States be offered to the arming powers only on (Continued on page 4)

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so rapidly that 20 persons were trapped on the top floor of the building, the stairs having collapsed.

More Than a Score Hurt

There were more than 60 persons living in the house, of whom over a score were injuréd. Those who escaped did so in their night clothes. All belongings, furniture, and clothing were lost in the

The greatest tragedy occurred when the 46-year-old mother of two children, Mrs. Esther Cohen, Mayor" LaGuardia's starvation died from suffocation. Her husband, and their two children were severely burned and taken to hospital. Next day, the 14-yearold boy died of the burns he had suffered in the fire.

Ironically enough, a family had moved into this house of death on Friday, the day before the fire. They had not yet had time to arrange their furniture properly when they lost everything in the flames. This is a result of the LaGuardia policy of closing some condemned tenements and forcing the tenants to move into other ramshackle fire-traps.

Wave of Indignation

A great wave of sorrow and working class of the East Side as a result of this tragedy. of a strategy committee. Hundreds stood around all day

long watching the charred ruins. On the evening of the fire, the S.W.P. and the Y.P.S.L. branches distributed a leaflet calling for action and placing the blame where it belonged—at City Hall. A mass protest rally was held that night under S.W.P. auspices at the scene of the fire. A program of action and a series of demands were presented which were eagerly accepted by the hundreds of assembled workers. Liberal money contributions were made by the workers for the continuation of the campaign.

On Sunday night, a second large street rally was held. Petitions were presented demanding immediate action on the following: "That all families living wide "sit-in" after less than 10 in old law tenements be imme- hours of occupation of the city's signs away from the young midiately moved into safe and bureaus, contrary to the expres- litants, and push them, with the sanitary homes. That the cost of sed sentiments voiced by the moving be borne by the city. Alliance rank and file. A larger picket-line, the Yipsels held That these families shall not pay any increase in rent. That all the old law tenements be closed up and demolished."

500 Signed Petition

Some 500 signatures to the petitions were obtained on this program of action," delegate rally their entire membership same night. Dozens of workers Sherman, speaking for the other for the most effective action, among their neighbors. When some Stalinists began yelling "Fascist-Trotskyists" and similar epithets, the workers came to defense of the S.W.P.'ers and demanded that the C.P. put up or shut up.

The C.P. attempted first to re- in": surrect the Stalinist skeleton, the Tenants' Union, which had been dead for two years. But the speed and militancy of the S.W.P. action and its eager acceptance by the workers forced the Stalinists to expose their hand, The Tenants' Union obligingly closed its meeting on Sunday afternoon, yielding the platform to C.P. The Stalinists foamed and yelled about Trotskvist disruption and issued a petition which called upon the Constitutional Convention in Albany to amend the N.Y. State Constitution so as to provide for a better housing program.

Stalinist Action

No program of immediate demands was included; no call to can therefore hold out just a litaction. Just an attempt to kill the longer." It compels young the housing issue by placing the solution of the problem in the hands of those very politicians of the Democratic, Republican, and American Labor parties who are responsible for the present conditions.

At the funeral of Mrs. Cohen, held on Monday morning, thousands of workers swarmed into the streets in a spontaneous farewell demonstration to the martyr of capitalist greed.

The S. W. P. and Y. P. S. L. branches called an indoor mass meeting for last Tuesday, inviting speakers from the Workers Alliance, Local 15. This united front will be extended to all unemployed, and not for the other working class organizations in the neighborood.

to present the petitions to La-Guardia and demand action is being planned.

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THE SOCIALIST APPEAL concessions."

SWP Rallies Held | Alliance Progressives Seek Militant Program

(Continued from page 1) unemployed persons, one hundred and thirty men, women and

children, conducted a "sit-in" at the Welfare Department, at 376 Lafayette Street, last week.

While members of Local 4, of the W.A., picketed the Single Men's Bureau at 552 W. 53 St., demanding an end of the present policy of the Welfare Department in rejecting from the relief roles as many single men as they could get away with, Charles Morrell, who, for two months desperately attempted to get on home relief, was carried away in an ambulance, a victim of "labor policy.

"Give us adequate relief, not story, wherein she claims the hospitalization," the pickets Mrs. Gutierrez "struck" her. shouted as Messrs. LaBella and Backer, relief administrators at the 53 Street Bureau, and the police, whom they called in, looked on apathetically.

Council Meeting

The decision for a city-wide sit-in" at all relief bureaus against the present "chiseling" campaign of the Welfare Department and for a 40 per cent increase in relief, long overdue, came at a meeting of the W.A. the W.A. Progressive Group, Delegates Council, last week. "Sit-ins" will be staged in nine annual dance there, to the street bureaus on June 14, culminating indignation swept through the in "sit-ins" at all bureaus by June 20, according to the plan bers of the S.W.P. and Y.P.S.L.

of the Stalinist motion for a tacked. committee of 7. With the vote going into a 23-23 tie, with many Stalinist "fellow-travellers" voting for the Sherman substitute, Jerry Benton, Stalinist head of the Unemployed Division of the W.A. who presided, cast the deciding vote in favor of the smaller hand-picked committee.

Last Year's Sell-Out

It will be recalled that last year, a Stalinist strategy committee, after reaching a "compromise" with Mayor LaGuardia and even attempted violence on and his lackeys, called off a citythe part of the Stalinist leader-

"The Progressives will fight in leaders." this sit-in for a real militant progressive militant delegates, told the Stalinist leaders.

It seems that the Grimm Committee's report, which last year revealed that relief expenditures been filed away for posterity collaboration with the city ofare 40 per cent inadequate, has by that "progressive" of mayors, The Stalinists were unable to our "Little Flower" LaGuardia. take up the issue of the slums In addition to the main slogan militantly because the finger of for a 40 per cent increase in reblame pointed clearly to the fire- lief, the following demands will trap LaGuardia administration. be raised at the city-wide "sit-

> Jobs for all who can work ("at trade union wages," add Alliance militants);

Elimination of red - tape wherein clients are compelled to wait weeks and months on end while being "investigated" to starvation:

For 24 hours' service on emergency cases and 72 hours on regular cases;

For the setting up of an Appeals Board to "adjust" rejected relief applications; and Adequate medical care for all who need it.

The Welfare Department has been rejecting applications on basis. the grounds that they "will soon be getting Social Security, and people who have been forced to break with their families, in desperate economic plight, to sue their parents in court for sup-

Militancy Alone Can Win

"This vicious treatment of the must be stopped immediately," a spokesman for the Progressive Every possible support must be given to the unemployed in these coming 'sit-ins.' All militant progressives in the labor movethis action into a victory for the politicians of all stripes, those on the inside and those who hover over the labor movement A mass demonstration and like vultures. No back - door picket line in front of City Hall | double-dealing by the Stalinist leaders can eliminate these intolerable practices on the part of the Welfare Department. Only the unemployed, together with their only genuine allies, the employed workers, will win any real

Because Mrs. Elisa Gutierrez, a 34-year-old home relief client, defended herself against the degrading attitude taken by her

slapped her.

Fire-Trap Deaths

Coming on the heels of a lower East Side old-law tenement fire at Houston Street and Avenue B, in which four were killed and seven others injured, another fire broke out at 157 Rivington Street, near Avenue B, adjoining S.W.P. and Local 15, W.A.,driving members and friends of who were attending its second -early last Sunday morning.

Only a short time before, memhad returned to the Labor Center, strategy committee of 15 in place of old law tenements was at-

Militant Slogans Unwelcome

At a demonstration, a week ago, in front of 902 Broadway, central offices of the Welfare Department, more than 50 members of the Y.P.S.L. (4th International) shouted such militant slogans as: "All war funds to the unemployed," and "Schools, Not battleships." The Stalinist leadership of the W.A., which sponsored the demonstration, took exception to these slogans

the Yipsels. In spite of attempts to snatch committee, with progressive mi- their ranks. Many Stalinist rank litants on it, would perhaps and filers took up the militant scotch another such betrayal on slogans and shouted them along with the Yipsels, much to the chagrin of the Stalinist "cheer

> "All progressive Locals must when the sit-ins take place...It is during these sit-ins that the unemployed have an opportunity to learn at first hand the lessons of progressive policy and militant action as against those of ficials." Rhoda Pearson, secretary of the Progressive Group in the W.A. said, in urging the widest support for the coming city-wide

Akron Defense Organ Created

Recent Battle On Picket Line Was Stimulant For Action

AKRON, Ohio. - While negotiations at Goodyear apparently remained deadlocked this week, the United Labor Defense Committee composed of representatives from the C. I. O. and A.F. of L. unions voted to continue its work on a permanent

The need for protecting the union's rights of picketing, and guarding the civil liberties of labor was given as the reason for the perpetuation of the committee which played such an important role in the recent Goodvear strike.

Meanwhile, city officials were harrassed by damage claims filed by unionists and bystanders who were injured in the vicious police unemployed, both young and old, attack on the peaceful Goodyear picket line two weeks ago.

The executive board of the Group in the Alliance declared. United Rubber Workers of America, holding its quarterly meeting in Akron, announced plans for an extension of the nationwide organizing drive, and again ment must cooperate in turning recorded itself against "unauthorized stoppage of work." The latter action was partly a reaction to the pressure placed on the U.R.W.A. following the Goodyear strike, and also was interpreted as a flank attack on the progressive leadership heading Goodrich Local, since this

ASK FOR THE APPEAL

Local 544 Leads In Battling For Unemployed In Minneapolis

By CARL O'SHEA MINNEAPOLIS — As the that the relief crises, the hunger dissipated in perfectly useless the Non-Settlement Bureau of relief investigator, Mrs. Ida Mae mounting economic decline throws and want existing in many large parades to Washington, inter-Snyder, she has been charged new millions of unemployed into cities today, are due to the rotten minable conferences with "labor" with simple "assault" and sub- the streets, a new upsurge in People's Front line of the Work- mayors, etc.. sequently held in the Court of organization of the jobless is ers Alliance. The Stalinist death-Special Sessions, in \$500 bail, seen in America. The progres-grip on the W.A.A. makes it It seems that investigators can of grappling with their probbulldoze, the unemployed without lems. In their search, they tend mercy or let-up, but when the to look to the labor leaders who unemployed strike back, imme- are best handling the interests diately there is a hue and cry of the unemployed and of the set up by Relief Commissioner union movement. Each day, in a Hudson and the city's official- growing stream, inquiries flow "Official" interest and into the Federal Workers Secmuch publicity has been given tion of General Drivers Union Mrs. Snyder's version of the Local 544, Minneapolis, which story, wherein she claims that has won a national reputation for its intelligent handling of the problems of the unemployed

> Origin of the F.W.S. The Federal Workers Section was formed in 1935 out of the Minneapolis Central Council of Workers, the unemployed grouping that arose in the great drivers' strikes of 1934. The F.W.S. the East Side Labor Center, head- pioneered in linking up the unquarters of the neighborhood employed to the trade union movement and the F.W.S. has been able to win fruitful victories, one day for the unemployed, another day for a striking

The F.W.S. has its own office in the Minneapolis Drivers Hall. It is represented on the board of Local 544. It is financially sup-William Sherman, a leading after holding an open air protest ported by many unions. It has progressive militant and dele- meeting near the scene of the a permanent staff of organizers, gate from Local 4, proposed a earlier fire, where maintenance grievance men, etc., working under centralized direction. It makes no distinction between W.P.A. workers and relief clients, embracing both categories. To the unions, it gives great aid in strikes by furnishing pickets and getting relief for strikers.

Attempts To Unite With W.A.A. The F.W.S. is not a part of the Workers Alliance. Two attempts have been made here to unify the movement. In the winter of 1937, when the last attempt was made, David Lasser demanded as the price of admission to the Workers Alliance that the Federal Workers Section sever its relations with Local 544 and the Minneapolis union movement. On such terms unity was impossible, a step

Delegates Walk Out On L.N.P.L.

Refuse To Accept Rule | ers work only oo hours at hourly for common labor. Barring 15 Steel Lodge Men

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio. - The Mahoning County convention of Labor's Non - Partisan League held in Youngstown, Saturday, May 25, broke up when the chairman, a Stalinist stooge bureaucratically ruled that no organization could have more than five rotes at the convention.

This ruling, had it been accepted would have disfranchised about 15 delegates from two steel odges, and left the convention in the hands of the Stalinists, who had a considerable number of delegates from their paperorganizations.

Ruling Challenged

The delegates from the steel odges challenged this ruling, but the chairman refused to recognize the challenge and thereupon these delegates walked out of the convention, asking all sincere delegates to do likewise. The convention adjourned at this point, but since the steel lodges intend to protest the action of the chairman to the state executive committee, it will probably reconvene as soon as a ruling is handed down. The L.N.P.L. state constitu

tion provides that affiliated organizations shall have one delegate at conventions, and an additional delegate for every one hundred members or major fraction, and that no delegate shall have more than one vote. The chairman ruled that this section meant that no organization could have more than five voting delegates, and in spite of all argument to the contrary refused to recognize the other voting delegates of the steel workers. All the Communist Party stooges supported him in this obviously ridiculous ruling.

This experience was certainly an object lesson in the kind of "democracy" that the Stalinists want, and when the convention reconvenes the C. P. will be union won its contract following shown up for the true bureaua so-called "unauthorized stop- crats and disrupters that they militant action on the part of page" which was turned into a are. Rule or ruin is their policy. The progressive labor movement in this area has been placed on guard and is determined to pre-AT YOUR NEWSSTAND vent any attempt to repeat this disgraceful farce.

F.W.S. leaders are convinced energies of the unemployed are

Relief in Minneapolis Facts and figures. Due to the although according to Mrs. sive trade unions and the more impossible for unemployed to support of the trade union move-Gutierrez, it was Mrs. Snyder who militant unemployed organizations buckle down to the task of build-ment to the F.W.S., the following are probing for the best means ing strong and militant unem-supplementary aid budget (which ployed organizations capable of has been in effect here since last forcing the state and the author- November 15) was renewed May ities to concede relief. Instead, 15th of this year:

Budget to be used for computing Supplements to W.P.A. earnings in effect from May 15, 1938 to October 15, 1938

١	Groceries	\$1.1.50	\$18.40	\$24.30	\$30.90	\$38.00	\$44.10	\$49.60
۱	Milk	1.40	2.20	2.90	3.70	4.60	5.30	6.00
١	*Rent	9.00	16.00	18.00	18.00	20.00	20.00	22.00
١	Gas .	1.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.50	2.50	2.50
١	Electric	1.25	1.50	1.50	175	1.75	2.00	2.00
١	Ice	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.50	2.50	3.00
١	Clothing	3.00	6.00	9.00	12.00	15.00	18.00	21.00
I	Incid.	4.50	5.00	5.50	6.00	6.50	7.00	7.50
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	Totals	\$34.15	\$53.10	\$65.20	\$76.35	\$90.85	\$101.40	\$113.60
	Size							
-	of Family	8	9	10	11	1,2	13	
	Groceries	\$57.50	\$66.90	\$74.30	\$77.80	\$86.60	\$94.20	
	Milk	7.00	8.00	8.90	9.40	10.40	1130	
1	*Rent	22.00	24.00	24.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	
	Gas	2.50	3.00	3.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	
	Electric	2.00	2.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	
	Ice	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	,

\$126.00 \$142.40 \$155.70 \$1,65.70 \$179.00 \$191.00

30.00

*Rent-for rent plus heat add \$4.50 per month. for rent plus light add one-half of light allowance. for rent plus light and gas, add one-half of light and

> for rent plus light, gas and heat, add one-half allowance for light gas and heat.

> > Authority.

33.00

36.00

The F.W.S. is also seeking to

housing funds allotted by Con-

Demands are being pressed on

Governor Benson to call a spe-

cial session of the state legisla-

ture to set up a State Housing

F.W.S. Effectiveness

A week ago a Minneapolis boss paper said editorially: "There is

only one possible answer to com-

plaints raised in communities

like Chicago and Cleveland, now

running into grave difficulties in

taking care of relief clients, that

'we cannot keep on paying for

Through this budget the liv-in support of the latest demand ing standards of W.P.A. workers of the F.W.S.: To increase the are raised appreciably. Example: state quota of W.P.A. jobs from In a family of five, a W.P.A. 60,000 to 120,000. Pressure is worker is working on a \$60.50 being brought to bear on the job. His family will receive each Farmer-Labor representatives in month \$30.35 supplementary aid. | Congress; on the W.P.A. adminis-In the winter season, the ice tration, etc. allowance is replaced by an allowance for coal, ranging from get for Minnesota some of the \$9 to \$13.50 monthly.

24.00

27.00

Clothing

Direct Relief

Direct relief in Minneapolis was about 8 to 10 per cent higher than direct relief in New York City before LaGuardia's 10 per cent cut last fall. The percentage in favor of Minneapolis is of course now higher. From New York's "labor mayor," the unemployed drew a cut. The F.W.S. backed by the Minneapolis unions, forced through the supplementary budget.

Whereas in many cities W.P.A. workers work 110 hours at 55c Sessions In Ohio hourly, and in some instances receive less than \$60.50 monthly, relief.

Close Check Kept

The F.W.S. keeps up a conministration, the welfare boards, etc. Many W.P.A. workers are constantly being reclassified into higher wage brackets by F.W.S. policy continues to be the counpressure, if they perform any tasks but common labor.

Example: A W.P.A. worker is doing common labor. He is asked by this foreman to do some semi-skilled job. Through F.W.S. pressure on W.P.A., the workgets the increased wage rate.

Present Demands

Each W.P.A. project has a held on call. On Wednesday night, May 25,

the last special membership meeting was held in the great relief for those who need it and at the results that Minneapolis other parts of the state that the Drivers Hall Auditorium. Lead- are not getting it, and to securdressed the meeting. All spoke all a living.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Insertions in this column are 25 cents for five lines. Copy must be in at the APPEAL office before six o'clock Monday evening.

NEW YORK

YPSL ORGANIZERS MEETING MEETING OF ALL YPSL CIR-CLE and fraction organizers this Saturday at 1 p.m. sharp at District Office.

AFFAIR EXTRAORDINARY Supperette for our new headquarters in Williamsburg. Eat, sing, dance, and play, all for 39 cents. June 11 at Comrade Ruth Zeitlin's, 450 Gates Ave., Brooklyn. Eighth Avenue subway to Nostrand Avenue.

CAMP SEVEN OAKS, Eatontown, N. J. Excellent swimming pool and tennis court. Capacity 25. Good food and

things, are a form of insurance widespread disturbance aimed at A.F. of L.

the status quo... The relief of society and government." A Lesson For Labor

As the Northwest Organizer

answered, also editorially: "It is er either gets an increased hour- by no means accidental that this ly rate, or he refuses to work at unusually frank statement apthe new job. In most cases, he peared in a Minneapolis paper. For in this city the unemployed have as their spokesman the Federal Workers Section of 544. Here unemployed and employed F.W.S. steward. The stewards are closely knit together. The start, too, as this week's list of meet every Wednesday night to full power of organized labor is discuss their problems and lay thrown into the fight for W.P.A. out plans for the future. General jobs and unemployment relief. membership meetings are held As a result, relief standards are the second Friday in each month. | high and are kept high by the Special membership meetings are vigilant work of the F.W.S., backed by all labor...

"And this fact points the road ers from all sections of the Min- | ing still higher standards of livneapolis labor movement—the ing for W.P.A. and relief work-Building Trades Council, the ers. More and better organiza-Teamsters Joint Council, the tion. More militancy and deter- past weeks but getting better Central Labor Union, etc .- ad- | mination that the bosses owe us

housing. No tents, no mos-

quitos. Fare 80 cents to Red Fank. Inquire phone Bryant 9-7620 for train schedules. June rates, daily \$2.50, weekly,

ATTENTION NEW YORK Winners of the "Build the So-cialist Appeal Contest" were Fred Larin, Edith Kirkman, and M. Leopold. Will these comrades please call at the City Office and see Abe Miller to collect their prizes.

WANT ADS

SINGLE ROOM for rent on Riverside Drive, near 125th St. Very Reasonable. See S. Stanley at City Headquarters for Details.

GIRL wants to share attractive two-room apt.; privacy; in Astoria, 15 min. from Times Square; radio; small library; \$10 mo.; write E. Kimmel, c/0

Workers Boo Employers' Plea For 'Cooperation'

Bridges Praised for Smashing Picket Lines At San Francisco Meeting; Audience Shows Distinct Class 'Bias'

meeting last week at the Civic to hush. Center with the Committee of 43, a group of leading San Francisco industrialists, in an effort

to establish "industrial peace." Heralded as a "Town Meeting" where problems could be thrashgathering was attended by 11,-000 workers and business men. was reached, a number of important commitments were made by both groups. The workers plause and boos just how well their class instincts were work-

Cash Box Ideology

Speaking for the bosses, attitude, turned to Bridges and Roger Lapham, shipowner, dis- said: "In all fairness I must adplayed the complete bankruptcy mit that Mr. Bridges did live up of the capitalist class when ask- to his contract by going through ed if all the good will he was the picket lines set up by the expressing meant he would not sailors recently." This reference try to drive down wages or to Bridges' attack on the picket worsen working conditions. He lines set up by the Sailors Union said that depends on what comes of the Pacific to enforce their of this present depression. contract with the Shepard line, "After all there is that old cash met with a cold response from box. And there has got to go the audience. Even the business into that cash till a little more men had the good sense to rethan can be taken out."

they cannot operate industry at has just congratulated one of his a profit and feed the people they agents publicly for union-wreckshould get out of the way and ing efforts. let the workers do it, Bridges replied, "we know there is a ceiling to wages."

"We don't want strikes," he continued, "if there is any way we can get a square deal." Brid- Meeting" and calling on the ges added that it might be well if the bosses came to a few union meetings to present their case, that Lapham and the other employers "might find them (the workers) much tougher to deal workers, was well received by with than possibly their offi- the audience. The manner in

er-filled balcomes greeted efforts ample proof that they will take of the employer spokesmen to at face value Bridges' attacks appear in the role of humanitar- on the bosses and will sooner or ians and public servants. When later reject his efforts to tie

SAN FRANCISCO. — Harry by depressions," his words were Bridges, West Coast C.I.O. drowned in a spontaneous boo director, met here in an open which the C.I.O. officials tried

Bridges Talks Left

A high-light in the discussion was the question of sympathy strike action in "violation" of contracts. In defending this right, ed out and the class struggle Bridges put himself on record for smoothed over amicably, this the coming struggle in September when he declared that if the seamen were forced into strike While, of course, no real solution action at any time the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union would be forced to support them on the picket present indicated by their ap- line. This declaration met with wild applause.

A few minutes later, however, as he was summing up in his best peace and light manner, Lapham while deploring this alize that applause would not be Instead of answering that if in very good taste when a boss

Call For Unity

A leaflet put out by the Socialist Workers Party exposing the real purpose of the "Town workers in both C. I. O. and A.F.L. unions to form a united front against the bosses and repudiate this united front between the latter and a section of the which the workers conducted Loud laughter from the work- themselves at the meeting gave one of these declared "we too them to the apron strings of understand the suffering caused their exploiters.

S.F. Warehouse Workers Vote To Quit C.I.O.

"That answer is, 'You've got in Minneapolis the W.P.A. work-ers work only 88 hours at 68%c "What many people forget mitting to bureaucratic ultimat-men's Union and the local C.I.O. who bemoan the high cost of um or fighting for their demo- Council. caring for the unemployed is that | cratic rights, the organized warerelief and W.P.A., among other house office workers of San Fran- under the order would be placed cisco chose the latter, as last directly under Bridges' dominastant pressure on the W.P.A. ad- against first-class trouble on a week they voted, 95 to 5, to leave tion, is the real base of the union wide scale . . . insurance against the C.I.O. and affiliate with the and is the only division that has

Local 34 be disbanded and placed linist officials.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Confront-, under control of the International

The Warehouse Division, which obtained contracts for its mem-This action came as the General bers. More important, from Executive Committee of the Bridges' point of view, it is from try's best safeguard against sub- United Office and Professional this section of the union that versive action against our form Workers of America acceded to the progressives have obtained the demands of Harry Bridges, their support and have succeeded West Coast C.I.O. director, that in throwing out of office the Sta-

Appeal Army

National Appeal Campaign: The drive is on and it has a good subs proves! All campaign matway to branch literature agents. July 1 is the official starting has been getting!

Here's the list for the week, and better:

MINNEAPOLIS New York City Montana St. Paul Newark Chicago Texas Pennsylvania Washington, D. C. Total

Jack Kane of Toronto has inerial is in the mail and on its creased his bundle order by six, while Fred Walker of Portland. Oregon, has opened up a new account with 10.... St. Paul and date, but there should be plenty Montana (due to the fine work of local campaigns under way by of John Boulds) moved up among that time. If you doubt the value the leaders this week.... John to securing W.P.A. jobs and of a local campaign, just look writes us: "I have word from workers are putting their o.k. on the Socialist Appeal ... " New with Minneapolis not only keep- York City is lagging way being up its fine showing of the hind and dropping into the minor leagues..... Abe Miller says all his stars are going on a sitdown strike against getting new subs.....

> We want to hear from all literature agents just as soon as they've received campaign material and have drawn up plans for action. Let us know what you're doing to raise the circulation of the Appeal to the 10,000 mark.

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I enclose \$ for which please send me the
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Railroad Union Leaders Move In Wage Cut Crisis Without Ranks

Unionist Points Need For Planning United **Action To Combat Employers' Offensive** And Forestall Sell-out Maneuvers

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ers? In that case the roads would

have to deal with an organiza-

tion that would offer a more

militant opposition and drive

in effect, recognize the superior-

ism as an instrument for defend-

Verbal Intransigence

The newspaper Labor had an

article on May 10 containing quo-

this time. The statement is un-

ment made, good, bad, or indif-

An Immediate Program

1. Attend our local lodge meet-

2. Demand that united action

members of all crafts.

workers.

By RAILROAD UNIONIST

A proposed raid on the living this unity under an organizastandards of railroad workers is tional set-up of 21 autonomous Railway Labor Act Will now before us, the railroads hav- crafts is a problem we must coning served notice of a 1.5 per sider and solve before any "bitter cent cut in wages to take effect end" fight can be successfully July 1, just nine months after made. The charges of bad faith an increase of approximately six and double-cross indulged in by per cent became effective. Ac- executives of some of the organicording to the Association of zations as a result of experiences American Railroads, the cut is in the "concerted movement" of necessary in order to "save the 1937, should convince us that changes in our organizational industry. structure are necessary. An ever-

Railroad labor leaders counter this by pointing out that the increasing number of railroad wage bill is not the cause of the workers understand this and present difficulties of the roads; that if the railroad managements and those who control the financial policies of the roads would revise the topheavy financial structures with which they are burdened, there would be no need called attention to the activities of asking the workers to sacrifice of the C.I.O. He warned the their living standards. Any one Pelley Committee that if we reasonably well informed on should agree to a reduction in these matters must agree with wages the railroads in a few the statement made by President months would be facing a much Robertson of the Brotherhood of more serious situation than that Locomotive Firemen and Engin- which they are now facing." The eers, at the Washington conference on March 24, that if we Roy Horn also called attention could wipe out the railroad wage to the threat of the C.I.O. bill entirely, we could not save What other conclusion can be the industry.

What Is To Be Done?

But notice has been served on the workers and the question now uppermost in the mind of every one of them is: What program and policies must we adopt to prevent this raid on our pay checks? The workers who will be affected by the outcome of this struggle should have something to say in determining the program and policies to be used. Yet up to the present, there is no indication from our officers that they will be consulted.

A statement issued by the union Executives on March 16 points out that the railroads can get relief without cutting wages, which is termed "as ineffective as cutting a corn to cure a toothache." At the Washington conference on March 24 the Executives were unanimous in their position that a cut would not be accepted. Since that time several officers have been quoted to the effect that any attempt to reduce wages would be fought are to have the final say in the to the bitter end. But so far the matter. But if past routine is to union memberships have not been be followed, it is useless to talk advised as to what preparations about what the workers will or are being made for this "bitter will not do. They will simply end" struggle. Statements to the approve in advance any settle- ed, neither side may act. press are not enough. Something far more effective is needed: The ferent. mobilization of the workers be-

Action Must Be Planned

We are aware that the Railway Labor Act prescribes a certain course to be followed in negotiations of this kind. But if we are to believe our leaders that this will be a fight to the bitter take the following action: end, while at the same time the managements announce "no compromise," it should be plain that no agreement will be reached ings and demand that general under that law. This being the chairmen arrange for joint union case, it is high time preparations meetings where the workers may were made for the most effective be given all available informause of the organized workers' tion and where they may propose, main defense: their economic ed time remaining, no proposed best program. action has been submitted for of the rank-and-file again to be that craft interests be not allowlimited to the formality of author- ed to jeopardize such unity. In izing their officers to "negotiate the event of a strike vote, it to a conclusion?"

The results obtained in the ganizations, with action authorwage movement of 1931-2 are too ized by majority vote of the fresh in our minds for us to be convinced that such conferring of authority works out satisfactorily. Then as now, statements were issued to the press announcing our opposition to a wage cut "labor cannot be called upon to pay a dole to idle capital." ed "in the hope that our action may improve the health of our industry.

May stimulate a Toomstan U. T industry... may stimulate a Teamsters Union. Their presence munism," is a p p a r e n t l y revival of business and advance was an insult to every worker the general welfare." The result in New Jersey and a disgrace to was that the workers dropped the A.F.L. These corrupt bureauapproximately \$450,000,000 into crats ought to be scourged out the tin cup of the railroads bet- of the labor movement. The ween 1932-5. Are we again to be marchers were made up of conasked to confer unlimited author- scripted relief workers and on Thursday. "You wanted to be be summoned into direct action ity on our leaders and take Hague officeholders. chances on another settlement based on "hope?"

900,000 Rail **Workers Face** Big Pay Slash workers in the industry is an absolute necessity. How to achieve

Be Used To Bog Down Militant Action

Over 900,000 railroad workers are threatened by the recent decision of the carriers to reduce wages 15 per cent. The unions involved-of which there are 20 large ones-maintain that already some workers are receiving an hourly wage of only 20 cents and that more than 100,there are signs that some of the 000 workers receive less than 40 leaders are being forced to adcents. According to the best available statistics, the average A report of the March 24 monthly wage during 1937 was Washington conference states \$133.50, despite the fact that that "Brother A. O. Wharton... some highly skilled workers were

able to average about \$175. Unemployment in the railroad industry is at its peak. Today there are 6,023 fewer workers employed than in March, 1933. Since last July, 260,000 workers have been laid off and part time employment has been on the increase.

Back to 1932!

The 15 per cent cut would save the carriers about \$250,000,000 a workers' reaction to a wage cut year and reduce wages below the would be loss of faith in their 1932 level after the 10 per cent

present leadership, making them cut. In compliance with the Railway Labor Act, the carriers have already given official notice that they intend to put the cut into effect on July 1. The unions have Beal was passed. Both resoluharder bargains with the rail- given their first answer in the tions are to be submitted to the road bosses. Whatever their in- form of a strike threat.

tention, Wharton and Horn did, The Railway Labor Act is constructed to extinguish the milit- action. ity of industrial over craft unionancy of the workers. According to its terms, the National Meing the best interests of the diation Board may intervene of gles of the federation have cenis called in, it can stall for months and bring uninterrupted the carriers' demands. If the tations from different union unions hold firm the board may commerce agents on the school leaders to the effect that a wage suggest another wearing down cut will not be accepted and questioning the intelligence of either side rejects voluntary ar- groups in the teachers' college of any one who believes railroad bitration, and the workers vote workers will submit to a cut at to strike, the board notifies the President of a threat to interdoubtedly true, if the workers state commerce. The President then has the power to create a "fact-finding" board to "investigate" and report within 30 days. Until another 30 days have elaps-

If our officers have a plan of The workers must thus be preaction, by all means let us have pared to fight the government as tion that will have their united it. July 1 is not far off. Why well as the carriers. For the next the support of the organized support. It should be evident, are not union meetings being four months or more they will labor movement of Akron. even to our present leadership, called for discussion of a pro- have to remain firm in the face At its last meeting the fedethat such support can best be gram to be adopted? Nothing of government-carrier pressure ration rejoined the Trades and financial secretary of his local had after the workers have had the kind is being done, and and demand at the very outset, Labor Assembly, from which it had failed to fill out her report the opportunity to discuss and evidently nothing will be done before any bargaining is entered was expelled several months approve the program to be adopt- unless the workers insist on it. into, the opening of the books. ago, when the C.I.O. locals and It is our duty to make the best Should the debit side of the other progressives were thrown preparations possible for our ledger be appreciable, the work- out. Once more the federation defense. Are we railroad workers ers have no reason to resign will act as a polarizing force for to be satisfied with leaving such themselves to a cut, but must the progressive and militant demand nationalization of the rank-and-file who still compose preparations entirely in the hands railroads and workers' control; that is, the workers must strike their domination by a crew of of the union officers without the opportunity of making our own for public ownership and their building trades fakers. wishes known? If not, we must wages, hours and capital invest-

however, show the unreasonableness of the carriers' demand for a 15 per cent cut. Whether the railroads are bankrupt or not, now spread beyond the boundaries the workers must prepare themdiscuss and take joint action on selves for a long struggle with boss gets away with his despotstrength. But in spite of the limit- what the majority decides is the the possibility of the National Guard and the army being called reactionary forces will be imout. The success of the struggle mensely strengthened. Imitators membership discussion and ap-of all workers in the industry be for public ownership and workproval. Why? Are the activities made a reality in this fight and ers' control, or even for the prevention of this and future pay cuts, depends on immediate pre- of New Jersey. paration for workers' defense groups.

must be a joint ballot of all ored by the agreement must have the final say, by referendum vote, as to approval or rejection. If 3. Authorize our officers to union democracy is anything but negotiate, but not to a conclusion. a name, this is union democracy The workers who will be affect- in action.

and informing the public that Labor Guard Is Answer To Menace of Hagueism sustained struggle in the very

duct an effective fight against the U.S.A.," as well as blazing ed Longo. a wage cut, united action by all figures of Uncle Sam, the Statue | Hagueism is a form of prevent- they are not to be overwhelmed tion from coast to coast.

ism," Earl Browder to the contrary notwithstanding.

Longo Sentenced

John Longo, framed by Hague, was given a nine months sentence a martyr," roared the Hague against him. With the A.F.L. Fireworks following the review judge who sentenced him, "well, leadership under Hague's thumb, displayed such fiery Ku-Klux that is your privilege." Longo's the task of mobilizing and orslogans as "Keep our country sentence is being appealed by his ganizing the people against Hagueism. A decisive victory ists. The trouble is that the Sta-For United Action safe from Communism," "Amelawyer, Vito Marcantonio, who I am sure all railroad workers rica for Americans Only, Reds has proof of perjury on the part will agree that in order to con- Keep Out," "Reds Stay Out of of the Hague jury that condemn-

ciation expired on May 28. The union refused to concede to the open shop demanded by the association and interprets this deshop conditions. shops, 10 have signed agreements up to June 2, including

NEW YORK .- Seven hundred members of the United Automo-

bile Workers, Local 259, walked

out on strike from 35 auto body

building shops June 2. The strike

was called after all attempts to

committee, the Colonial Body Company. Albert Fischer, Chairman of mittee, in a statement to the that within a few days the majority of workers would go back to

work under signed agreements.

the chairman of the association

Akron Teachers Demand Release For Fred Beal

Anti-War Resolution Is Also Passed: Active **Year Comes To End**

At a recent meeting the Akron Federation of Teachers passed an anti-war resolution similar to that passed by the Minneapolis Central Labor Union. At the same time a resolution

demanding the release of Fred state convention of the Ohio State Federation of Teachers for

The federation is ending its most active year. Recent strugits own volition or be appealed tered around the placing of the to by either side. Once the board first grade on half-time, which necessitated the laying off of 38 teachers; the unnecessary cutting pressure on the unions to accept of the school year three days at the behest of the chamber of board; and the projected discriprocess: voluntary arbitration. If mination of religious and racial the local university.

Teachers in Lead

teachers' organization opposing these reactionary measures. As International president, had ofa result of its progressive policies fered to accept a note in paythe federation has earned the ment of back per capita. An apfire the progressive financial secretary of the organization. His case is being fought with be appended to Stalinism. Easton,

a majority of the body despite

deadly threat to the democratic rights of the American people. The opening of the books may, According to his fellow-Democrat, Pres. Roosevelt, Hague's actions are "only a local police matter." But this pestilence has of Jersey City. If this political ism, the most brutal and brazen will spring up in industrial centers throughout the country. Hagueism has to be cleaned out

Petitions Won't Do

All the incidents in the fight against Hague in the past few months prove that he cannot be overthrown by petitions to the President, by prayer from the clergy, by parades, or by individual protests. Hague can only be dislodged and his machine broken up by an organized mass force prepared for serious and citadel of his power. While they serve to keep ablaze the fire of revolt, small inadequately defended meetings only result in themselves against the assaults victories for Hague. They cannot successfully defy his regime or crush his storm-troopers and

uniformed gangsters. To smash Hagueism the masses in Northern New Jersey must Hague falls upon the C.I.O.

unions and the W.A.A.

N. Y. Auto Builders Office Union Session Strike In 35 Shops Sterile Under Gag Rule

Stalinist Leadership Concentrates On Keeping **Opposition Silenced At Washington** Office Workers' Session

renew existing agreements with the employers' association had Office and Professional Workers vention was not unrelieved. A Union, C.I.O., held its second progressive program was pre-The agreement with the assonational convention at Washing-sented by the National Progreston, D. C., May 18 to 22. The sive League of the U.O.P.W.A., Stalinists made it plain before- even though its representatives hand that they intended to were denied seating and the primand as an attempt to destroy achieve "unity" at the convention. vilege of the floor, through its the union and go back to open It developed that "unity" was to organ "The National Progressive be achieved by the systematic Office Workers" which was dis-Already, of the 28 association exclusion of anyone who might tributed to delegates against the take exception to their reactionary program.

This aim was carried out so effectively, and the meeting bedissent, that President Merrill was held to eject distributors of the Union's negotiations com- found it necessary to persuade of the publication. the delegates to comment on the shop stewards, expressed belief various canned proposals. Taking linist raid on the San Francisco delegates took the floor. But Local 16, and proposed a conobjections they found themselves and resolutions calling for: caustically rebuked by the same Merrill. One proposal after another went through with record speed. Sporadically, however, the embarrassing quietude would be oroken by some hardy soul-in correction of a typographical or grammatical error. The chairman repeatedly slurred through requests of negative votes, knowing it was a waste of breath.

Opposition Baited

Presaging the happenings at the convention, a campaign to raid, to silence and to destroy any opposition was carried on. Nevertheless several delegates who were opposed by the Administration were elected and duly accredited by their locals. But when these delegates arrived at the convention, they found that mere election was not sufficient. It seemed that certain technicalities had been overlooked by their locals. Per capita taxes were not paid up, reports were not properly drawn, copies of receipts had not been submitted, etc. The delegates were not seated on one or the other of these grounds. Some aura of credence might have surrounded these if locals derelict in the same way or to a greater extent had not been seated.

Local 34, San Francisco, sent Ernest Norback as its delegate. mitted to the Resolutions Com-After traveling 3,000 miles to Norback was promptly refused a The federation was the only seat on the pretext that per capita was not paid. Previously Merrill, enmity of school officials, who peal to him at the convention have retaliated by attempting to to accept such a note and seat Norback resulted in a flat refusal. Local 24 had refused to regularly elected delegate of the St. Louis local, met the same fate on the ground that the properly.

New Constitution A new constitution was adopt-

in the pockets of the Stalinists. minated for a highly centralized, top leadership organization in the best Stalinist tradition. The constitution empowers the General Executive Board to revoke charters, redistribute Local memberships, and control Local finance and functional machinery without the formality of consulting the local people involved. a member of the executive board the clause permitting revocation of charters gave the International officers too much power. Rothman was shut up immediately and hardly uttered another word for the balance of the con-

vention. before the convention for discussion although some 160 were accepted by the Resolutions Committee. The rest were summarily referred to the incoming General Executive Board. The top leadership would handle these matters as they had everything else. However, the dismal and re-

and their meetings dispersed, they must be ready to defend of Hague's storm-troopers and police. They must organize their own labor guard.

against reaction. They have a the injunction in the party's new marched side by side in the dethe forefront of the fight against litical relations" with Trotsky- here. over the Hudson County Hitler linists either have to consort The C.I.O. unions should militant spirit of all workers out of the anti-Fascist fight alpostpone action no longer. If struggling against rising reac- together.

The Stalinist controlled United pressive atmosphere of the conopposition of the Administration. Richard Lewis, chairman of the convention arrangements committee, called the manager of came so sterile and devoid of the hotel in which the convention

The League exposed the Stahim at his word, some of the Local, the gag resolution in when they naively dared to raise stitution giving local autonomy

1. Unity of A.F. of L. and C.I.O. without sacrificing the principle of industrial unionism. 2. Greater and more efficient activity in organizing the unorganized.

3. Democratic union structure including representation of minorities.

4. Striking a proper balance between trade union problems and political questions that confront the trade unions. 5. Reduction of per capita tax

so that Locals would have sufficient funds for organizational work.

6. Expansion of the W.P.A. program to take care of all unemployed. 7. Organization of W.P.A.

white collar workers into locals of the U.O.P.W.A., obtaining union conditions for them, etc.

8. Opposition to the annexation of the union to the Communist Party, by way of affiliation to every stooge organization of the Stalinists.

The Nat. Progressive League has representation in locals dozens of delegates representing throughout the country, including Chicago, St. Louis, Boston, Cincinnati, Toledo, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and San Francisco. The N.P.L. program was submittee which refused to present participate in the convention, it on the floor of the convention. A request for the floor by Ernest Norback so that he could present the facts of the outrageous San Francisco situation was denied.

vice-president and member of the seeing the mine-guards. is a member of Industrial Insurance Agents Local 30, New York. evidence to show that the mine- houses. Six of the ten delegates from guards were killed when they this local opposed the election of attacked a strike-picket line with Kranis on the ground that he automatic rapid-fire guns. One farmers from the surrounding was practically unknown in either union miner, Carl Richmond, also country, are expected to be conthe Local or International. They proposed the election of Charles ed which virtually puts the Union Caplan who has taken a leading death. part in the organization of the Local autonomy has been eli- Local. Nonetheless Kranin was elected, doubtless on the one qualification that really mattered, i.e., membership in the Com-

munist Party. The tragic rubber stamp cha racter of the convention once more confirmed the aims of the Stalinists in the U.O.P.W.A. was made by a rabid Administra- denied representation in the leadtion supporter, Nathan Rothman, ing bodies of the union. Every obstacle is placed in the path of of Local 16. Rothman said that a minority member seeking participation in the organizational and general life of the union.

Nevertheless beneath the sur-

face of complete Stalinist domination, important opposition forces are developing. The revolt controversial matters were put section of the International, pre- ness in those regions. the future. The formation of the National Progressive League with its paper gives the Progresworking for the building of a veral places." healthy progressive office work-

West Coast C. P. Has Hard Time Obeying New Dictum the anti-Fascist German-American workers' organizations which

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Com- | Stalinists and members of the Jersey today stand in the front- munist Party in San Francisco Socialist Workers Party and The organized workers of New line trenches in the struggle is having a hard time obeying Young People's Socialist League will immeasurably heighten the with the Trotskyists or else stay Alvin Pastern, was arrested

Last week, as was reported, Labor Defense attorney had to to be held on June 6.

Help Refused To Dying Baby, Miner Tells Jury

Union Card Costs Miner Life of Infant Son As Company Doctor Neglects Child At Order Of Harlan Mine Boss

miners and sympathizers, reveal- Coal Company, who charged that ing the terror and intimidation used against union members and the life of his infant son. organizers by the owners of the coal mines of Harlan County, ruled against defense objections last week concluded the case and Isom was permitted to anspresented by the government in wer Prosecutor Brien McMahon's the trial of 19 corporation and question about what Harry Ben-44 individuals, charged with conspiring to prevent organization

of mine workers. Developments last week cluded the arrest of two of the defendants after they had attempted to intimidate government witnesses during the trial. They were Merle Middleton, a third cousin of Theodore Middleton, former High Sheriff of Harlan County, and Lee Hubbard, former deputy and poolroom owner.

Bosses Suborn Perjury

Ernest Huff, young coal miner from Ages, Ky., was called into Hubbard's poolroom and taken into the backroom to discuss "particular business." The young miner promptly reported the brazen attempt to force him to recant his testimony, and the inspire hatred in the jurors totwo men, already free on bail, were arrested and charged with subornation of perjury.

Another highlight of the case of Boyd Isom, former machine

NEW EVIDENCE IN FIGHT FOR **JAILED MINERS**

(Continued from page 1) tion's trial exhibit photographs, supposed to have been taken from that window, gave a view of the spot near a water birch where the guards fell.

But a corrected survey of the terrain involved, made by Prof. Pugsley, now reveals that the trial photographs were taken where he would have to move 30 from another point, some of them 60 feet to one side of where they carload of coal. This assignment should have been taken, and 30 was given to him after he testifeet above the proper level. Prof. fied against a former employer Pugsley's findings were submit- in Frankfort. ted in affidavit form. Prof. Bangson's sworn report

disclosed that he had made cuttings of typical trees in the this time contented themselves long and wide line" cited, and other scientific tests, which show-The first and last sign of op- ed clearly that those trees were position to the steam-roller oc- of ample height and fullness in the testimony concerning the curred in connection with the May, 1931, to prevent any one nomination of Jack Kranis as a in the Smith-Kelly window from fendants, the attorneys for the General Executive Board. Kranis | Prior to today's hearing the members with being drunkards

defense had presented a mass of and with keeping disorderly

Additional testimony by union operator for the Harlan Central union membership had cost him

Federal Judge S. Church Ford nett, superintendent of Harlan Central Coal and a defendant in the trial, had said to him a few days after the burial of the Isom baby.

Damning Testimony

"He said if I hadn't joined the union I'd got doctor's treatment for my baby," said the witness in a loud, clear voice.

Defense attorneys tried frantically to shake the witness' story, and to prove that no persons were refused treatment by company doctors. "I know it was refused to me," Isom maintained.

Next move of the defense, as they could see the effect of this testimony on the jurors, was to make a motion for a mistrial, describing Isom's testimony as "inflammatory and calculated to ward the defendants." This mo-

tion was denied. The long procession of miners to the witness-stand found each for the prosecution was the story of them with his story of persecution, intimidation and outright violence, coming from the bosses and their gunmen who acted as deputy sheriffs. Superintendents and foremen had their own means of discouraging workers from joining the union.

Tells of Discrimination

Lincoln Lowe told how, when he was straw boss for the Harlan Central Coal Company, the mine foreman gave him a slip with the names of four union men on it and told him to assign them to a place where the coal was so thin that a miner could not make a living.

Carey Hood, a Clover Fork miner, was assigned to a place carloads of rock to get at one

The defense, who were to begin the introduction of direct evidence this week, have until with attempts to blacken the reputations of the witnesses. Rather than attempt to refute corporations charge the union

These frank appeals to the prejudices of the jurors, largely was killed in the battle, but no tinued throughout the presentaone was ever prosecuted for his tion of the case for the defend-

More Workers Killed As **Jamaica Strikes Spread**

The revolt of labor in the aica, police killed four demon-Island of Jamaica against the strators and wounded fifty. appalling conditions in the colony | Heavily armed reinforcements and in every union cursed with continues to spread in spite of were concentrated in the district. the blight of their control. the violence with which it has Cane fields were fired on the The reins of dictatorship were Minorities, however substantial been met by the armed forces of Tate and Lyle sugar estate of drawn so tightly that a protest their numbers, are consistently British imperialism. The latest St. Thomas Parish, where 1,400 strike wave began in Kingston laborers struck early in January. on May 23 and rapidly extended The authorities, in moving their to rural districts.

> island. Banana workers on Unit- down telegraph poles. ed Fruit farms in the "Spanish Maria, virtually suspending busi- mitigating unemployment — the

British Soldiers Patrol

armed police and volunteers turned to "normal." He also sives an opportunity to crystallize patrolled the strike areas with, warned that the administration the opposition that exists in the as the dispatch to the New York ranks of the union and rally to Times moderately expressed it, and disorder. its support all those elements | "intimidation of workers at se-On June 3, in a clash with

rural strikers in northern Jam-

the Stalinists, one S.W.P.'er,

along with three other demon-

armed forces into the rural On May 31, new strikes were strike areas, at times had to reported in many parts of the clear roads blocked by chopped-The acting governor of Jam-Town" area struck for higher aica, in announcing a new backwages. Strikers paraded at Mon- to-the-land scheme devised by tego Bay, Anotta Bay, and Port the government in the hope of

unemployed have joined the strikers in many demonstrations -stated it would not be put into British soldiers, Island militia, effect until labor conditions re-"would not tolerate lawlessness

Since May 1 ten workers have been killed and scores injured in police attacks on unarmed crowds of strikers.

defend him in court with the others or else be exposed before can workers' organizations which participated in the demonstration. The case was dismissed.

This week the Stalinists were again forced to recognize the

duty to themselves and to the constitution forbidding its mem- monstration of protest against S.W.P. as part of the antirest of American labor to be in bers from having "social or po- the convention of the Nazi Bund Fascist movement. Their delegates kept eloquently silent when To the great discomfiture of the Trotskyists were invited to participate in the anti-Nazi committee preparing for a city-wide strators, and the International anti-Fascist conference scheduled

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Jobs or Relief!

The somber plight of the unemployed is again headline news. Chicago, second largest city in the country, has closed its relief bureaus. In Cleveland, where one in every three depends on direct relief or W.P.A., relief has broken down since the end of April and spontaneous sit-downs have occurred. Drives against the workers' living standards and very lives are being conducted all over the country.

In order to live, the workers must have wages, must have purchasing power. This is obtainable only from two sources: either private industry or the government. But capitalism is in a new period, the period of its dotage, of its decline, of its bankruptcy. It cannot profitably give more wages and a better life. It can only give more unemployment and slow death.

This is fully realized in Wall Street. Months before the current depression set in, J. G. Frederick, outstanding financial writer, warned: "Industry will not be able to absorb them (the unemployed).... despite valiant promises. The problem is beyond industry; it is—and will remain —a social, governmental problem."

And what is the government doing to solve the problem? What work and wages does it give the unemployed? Little, very little. Barcly enough to keep them quiet. With fifteen million unemployed, Hopkins announced that the W.P.A. will first give three million jobs in the winter. At the most, only one out of five will get a W.P.A. job: And those who do get jobs-at what wages will they get them? In the South, the monthly wage is as low as \$20 a month. In New York City, most of the workers get \$55.78 a month. No man can support his family decently on such wages. Whether down South or up North, they mean slow starvation even for those who do get a W.P.A. job.

These conditions are intolerable. Private industry and the capitalist system of profits cannot furnish jobs. We must prepare to throw this system into the discard and replace it with a system that will give jobs and a decent life to all. We must fight for and establish social-

Meanwhile the unemployed need help NOW. We must demand of the government: JOBS AT TRADE UNION WAGES - OR RELIEF - FOR ALL THE UNEMPLOYED!

Those who do not get jobs must get PROMPT relief-within 72 hours. In emergency cases—within 24 hours. And the relief budget must not be the starvation budget which it is now!

The unemployed can never get relief by keeping quiet. Militant action—nation wide sit-ins, mass picket lines, and vast demonstrations that end in marches on the centers of government, now the city hall, then the state capitol, and, when necessary, on the national capitol itself -is needed.

Actions such as these will show the bosses and their government that the unemployed victims of their system mean business.

"Aiding" the Loyalists

England, France and the United States—the great "democracies" presented to us by the Communist Party as the friends of the Spanish peoplehave dug more than one dagger into the back of the Loyalist forces since the beginning of the civil war. One of the latest thrusts is the Chamberlain plan to "evacuate foreign fighters" in Spain in such a manner as is obviously to the disadvantage of the Loyalist side.

Supported by England and the French "Popular Front" government, it was at first denounced by the Stalinist press as equivalent to aiding the fascists. The same press pointed proudly to the fact that Stalin's diplomatic representative in London would have no part of such a dirty deal.

On Wednesday, June 1, the Daily Worker put it this way:

"The Soviet Union today again balked a British Tory plan to aid the fascist armies in Spain under the guise of 'nonintervention'.

"S. B. Cahan, Soviet Embassy Counsellor, informed the international 'Non Intervention' Committee that the Soviet Government refused to contribute to the cost of the unequal evacuation of foreign fighters in Spain.

"Moscow has held out single-handed against the other members of the chairman's Sub-Committee of Nine in opposing the entire plan as a 'deliberate attempt' to aid the fascist troops to win a rapid victory, in line with the Chamberlain-Mussolini pact of friendship."

So far, so good. But on June 3, a mere 48 hours later, the same paper prints a new dispatch from London, after Cahan-Stalin have capitulated completely to the "Chamberlain-Mussolini pact," to the "deliberate attempt to aid the fascist troops"—and with a perfectly straight face presents this capitulation as a... Soviet-Loyalist triumph!

"The British plan will be acceptable to the Soviet Government, Cahan announced, only on condition that international observers be stationed permanently in Spanish ports to control and check unloading of cargoes.

"Other points in the British draft of methods of counting foreign troops, division of their forces into four main categories, and control provisions, are acceptable to the U.S.S.R., Cahan said."

In other words, the "Chamberlain-Mussolini plan," the "deliberate attempt to aid the fascist troops to win a rapid victory," is perfectly acceptable now to Stalin if only... it is properly enforced!

And by the way, now that the Kremlin bureaucracy is committed to such an "absolute" embargo on Spain, is it not exceptionally hypocritical for the Browderites to continue shouting in New York and Washington for a lifting of the American embargo on Spain?

We are absolutely in favor of direct and ample aid by the American workers to the workers of Spain. We are just as firmly opposed to the vicious embargo of Mr. Browder's Roosevelt which prevents the Spanish workers from getting arms but facilitates the armament of Franco through Germany. And we are no less firmly opposed to the aid which Mr. Browder's Stalin now proposes to give to the "Chamberlain-Mussolini plan"—those are the Daily Worker's words!—for a fascist victory in

Socialist Party and the A.L.P.

After weeks of the most careful negotiation, from which was excluded any mainder of Hudson County, really business agents and ditto-mark representative of the Socialist Party who has or once had the label of a "left winger," the excutive committee of the American Labor Party has turned down the appeal for admission into its ranks made by the Thomas Party.

The rejection is interesting from the standpoint of both organizations.

The real leaders of the Socialist Party shell, Thomas and Laidler, offered their organization to the A.L.P. bureaucracy at a pretty cheap price. Playing in with the Dubinsky-Jewish Forward-Social Democratic Federation group, which would like to see the Thomasites in the A.L.P. as a counter-weight to growing Stalinist penetration, the S.P. negetiators debased themselves to the point where they offered to dissolve as a political party once they were admitted. The party which not so long ago spoke about its "masses" and "mass influence" was and is prepared to liquidate itself into a piddling little "educational society," giving lectures on Laidlerian socialism to the A.L.P., in the hope that some day it will work itself down to the level of the Fabian Society in the British Labour

The A.L.P. bureaucracy, which controls the party as a board of directors controls a closed corporation, nevertheless turned down this generous, if abject, offer. More exactly, the Hillman-Stalinist combination turned it down. The statement by executive secretary Alex Rose is a model of arrogance and bureaucratic self-contentment:

"If the S. P. wants to join the A.L.P. because of an honest change of heart, and in the feeling that our methods in political education have been more successful and because they, too, want to make their contribution toward this newly-adopted method, they are welcome. But if they want to come into our party to reform our party in the direction of 'more orthodox' methods, then we are better off apart."

In other words, the program, methods, and leadership of the A.L.P. are sacrosanct and unalterable in perpetuity, and short shrift will be given anybody who, lacking faith in A.L.P. infallibility, proposes to change ("reform") the party's course. By this statement, Mr. Rose

Hague Will Be Ousted By Workers Offensive

-and financial-support to pre-

Fourth, the union leaders now

of the membership, but by in-

dulgence of Hague. Any move in

the ranks toward independence

is promptly suppressed by the

tion." Such receivership is easily

by having a few members sign

Then, it may be asked, why

doesn't Hague permit the C.I.O.

to come into Jersey City and

organize, and as soon as that is

done hold the same club over

its head-the threat of receiver-

ship? The answer is that if the

C.I.O. does organize, then to

retain its membership it mus

extract from local industry some

wage and hour benefits. These

concessions cannot be granted

without stimulating wider orga-

nization and at the same time

alienating industry proportion-

Runaway Shops

Jersey City is a town of run-

away shops, businesses that have

liberation from Hague depends

on understanding, hard-working

and honest leaders who must

persistently and consistently, not

ganize both the workers and the

unemployed. A healthy nucleus

exists in the C.I.O. unions

which were organized before the

"drive" of last November, such

as the steel workers. Further

sound material is the unemploy-

ed. Even the rank-and-file of the

A.F. of L. will support a serious

and intelligently organized drive

Hollywood Bows To

Orders On War Film

Just how the army is building

up war psychology through the

movies is explained in a Holly-

wood letter published in the

Pressure was put on Para-

mount to change the ending of

its new film, "Men with Wings."

As originally planned the

movie ended with the heroine

giving a fervid talk condemning

war plans. However, as the letter

states, "...the dialogue was re-

written to personalize the emo-

tions of the heroine, and a ge-

neral denunciation of war is

The pressure used was the

threat to withold army air ser-

vice co-operation and technical

advice unless the change were

In such a manner does the

government, through its most

powerful propaganda medium,

prepare the road to war.

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avoided.

New York Times for May 29.

and dramatically,

ately.

Mayor Hague's control over Jersey City is so complete that liberation from his domination only after Nature or some other agency sends him to the limbo of departed souls. These onlookers consider futile any fight to remove him. What these blind souls do not see is that Hague is already grooming his nephew as his equally vicious successor. Three or four years are all that are needed for this job. In that time the numerous political deals and appointments will be delegated by Hague to the young man to follow him. A personal instead of to Hague will be felt by every political beneficiary- pation in a labor union which that other "equitable" every judge, prosecutor, tax collector, policeman, street cleaner and W.P.A. worker, every building contractor, supply man, garroad-builder.

Hague's nephew will inherit

Hopeless Courses

Any attempt to effect Hague's al political parties is equally prejudices within their own ranks, hopeless. Hague, a Democrat, has insinuated himself into the Republican Party and by patronage has tamed all potential opposition from that source. The Hague - Hoffman, Democratic-Republican alliance in the last governorship term was an open scandal. In addition, the constant rivalry and dissension among the "honest" Republicans is so pronounced that this opposition is reduced to a farce.

As to a rebellion against Hague by a fusion party or by a attempt to unionize the unorgangroup within his own party, this is impossible so long as Hague has control over the election apparatus. In tabulating the votes, whether Republican. Democratic or otherwise, Hague employs his ment of "our mayor, staunch own unique method of counting. friend of labor."The labor spokes-Any effort to verify it in terms men behind these declarations of of our own numerical system is loyalty and confidence are frewasted, as witness the futile efforts of the Young Investigation fought and denounced Hague in of the last gubernatorial election the fiercest terms. Today they to get the registry books in make dictated speeches and sign Jersey City in order to determine prepared statements in his praise the actual duly qualified vote without even reading them befor Hague's governor, A. Harry forehand. This is the bureau-Moore. By manipulating totals cracy that the A.F. of L. unions in Jersey City and in the re- have fallen into, rubber-stamp one continuous city, Hague ar- delegates. ranges for a vote big enough to Republican.

parish church. Now priests in completely regimented by Hague. the sanctified privacy of the confessional box deem it proper to ask parishioners if they voted Hague hollers "communism" at destroy the Church."

likely. Yet very significant is an declaring or carrying on strikes incident of last year, in the very was concerned. Third, local busimidst of Hague's initial fight ness rallied to the boss's moral most liberal observers expect against the C.I.O. "drive" in Jersey City. Although the C.I.O. vent strikes in their plants. was promptly painted "red" and by implication anti - Catholic, hold their posts, not by the grace nevertheless a group of underpaid Catholic grave-diggers entered upon a sit-down strike. Needless to say, it was hastily settled and hushed up. Translat- bureaucrats-lest the union be ed into ordinary language this thrown into receivership and thus event means only one thing: The lose the last vestige of "organizaworker will not always be fooled by an institution, political or effected in New Jersey, simply religious, when it comes to his own immediate material welfare. affidavits that the union funds His obeisance to a church which are being squandered, or that the obligation to this new figure dwells on his "hereafter" will union is insolvent and cannot decrease directly as his partici- meet its financial obligations, or caters to his well-being increases. for receivership exist.

minating Hagueism from Jersey City or his equivalent from any bage collection company and other locality is the working class. Meanwhile the workers continue to be split by groupings the throne by his own right that do them no good. They Then our well-meaning but do- divide politically between Renothing liberals will have the publican and Democratic parties job of wishing for the death of to maintain a sham of a twothe new king. The death of an party system, in reality not even individual solves no vital political a one-party system, but its apotheosis, a one-man system. Again, they group themselves ecclesiastically, demarking a strong Catholic allegiance. And removal, or his successor's rethen, still more tragically, many moval, by resort to the tradition- of them observe economic group a bias against the C.I.O.

The only force capable of eli-

No Real Conflict

fled from other cities to get the jump on their competitors by the The fact is that until this date low wages made possible by local the two types of unions have non-unionized labor. This influx not conflicted in Jersey City exof sweatshops and home-work cept in Hague's mind. No effort industries has served and saved has been made by the C.I.O., Hague in two wavs-first. by the newcomer of the two, to steal giving some residents a hare either the workers or the indusminimum wage and thus remov trial field of the A.F. of L. ing them from the overcrowded Nevertheless, the A.F. of L. relief rolls and so reducing the leaders in general have evinced strain on city finances; second a marked hostility to the C.I.O.'s by making vacant industrial properties tenantable once more and ized. This enmity always arises so restoring them to the ranks concurrently with Hague's animof sites that contribute the need osity, and invariably the ed taxes that seem increasingly A.F. of L.'s condemnation is acharder to collect as time passes companied by a lavish endorse-If the C.I.O. is allowed to organize, the fly-by-night shops will fly again, these two benefits with them. Hague, to maintain himself, must fight any effort to quently men who in the past have further organize labor. But this does not mean that the workers cannot be unionized On the contrary, the field is most fertile for an intelligent and energetic campaign. Jersey City's

Why Hague and the A.F. of L. carry the whole state, normally are so vigilant in "protecting" Jersey City from the "radical" Next, Jersey City is reputedly C.I.O. is a question of great 70 per cent Roman Catholic and importance. To begin with, the the Church loyally supports rank-and-file as well as the lead-Hague in his every endeavor ership of the A.F. of L. have They did even before he gave a been in years past victimized \$50,000 cash donation to the and intimidated. Now they are

Receivership Weapon

This was accomplished chiefly for Hague. Of course, when through receivership suits against a number of union locals. First his opponents, the priests fitting- the vicious patronage system was ly respond in a well - timed extended to the trade unions by chorus: "Communism seeks to the appointment of Hague receivers and attorneys whose large Thus, an ouster of the Jersey fees liquidated the unions' funds, City dictator as a result of Second, the unions were rendered

Congress Reveals Utter Bankruptcy Of New Deal

(Continued from page 1) | see only one conceivable way llar" army and navy appropria- out: in the aggressive adventure tions of more than a billion of a new imperialist war. dollars swept through both nouses of Congress and across

bolized the insoluble dilemma of American and of world capitalism. The bankruptcy of capitalist

Preparedness Moves On that question alone

the president's desk. With only Congress able to act decisively. the feeblest, most apologetic and Billions were poured into the impotent objections, the special war machine: the foundations Naval Bill triumphantly authoriz- were laid for universal conscriped another billion and a quarter. tion, "industrial mobilization," There is much here from which and a dictatorial war regime; made. to learn. Indeed, this session of the movement for a popular re-Congress by its own actions ferendum on war, with overclearly and unmistakably sym- whelming mass support behind it, was smashed head on.

Under the leadership of Roosevelt, this Congress set a direct economy leaves normal capitalist course toward war, in whose politics likewise bankrupt. Nei- blood and terror and destruction ther Republican nor Democrat, American capitalism grasps for THE SOCIALIST APPEAL neither Old Deal nor New Deal, what it takes to be its sole hope has any answer to give. They of survival.

joins the distinguished company of the bosses of the Catholic Church and the Communist Party.

Bureaucratism and hypocrisy are Siamese twins in politics. Hence it is not surprising to see that in justifying their adverse stand on the S.P.'s application, such members of the A.L.P. executive committee as Louis Weinstock and Michael Quill piously declared that if the S. P. members want to join the A.L.P., they must disaffiliate completely from the S.P. and dissolve the latter. So far as anybody knows, neither Wein-

ped into the A.L.P. in droves. Of the two partners to the unconsummated bargain, the professional "democrats" of the A.L.P. executive proved to be as alien to democratic procedure as the Socialist Party leaders are to the

principles of socialism.

stock nor Quill have disaffiliated from the Communist Party of which they are members, nor have they made such a demand on the hundreds (if not thousands) of Stalinists who have been ship-

"Keeping Out of War"

(Continued from page 1)

condition that they shall not be used for armament purposes.... If these 'poor nations' (the Fasicst nations-M. S.) abandon armament economics and gear the production of their industries to the consumption of their people, they can secure American raw materials. A government expressing the popular will for peace would declare that, on condition and in the measure that armaments production is reduced, the United States will take its part (while protecting American labor standards) along with other nations in lowering tariff barriers, in extending raw materials credits, in setting up agencies for economic world cooperation to relieve distress and to make an economic alternative to war possible.

If we refrain for a moment from the side-splitting laughter evoked by the mental picture of the fascist (or any other capitalist) nations "gearing the production of their industries to the consumption of their people" (this double-barrelled drivel was put out by a commission whose secretary was the noted Marxian scholar, Lewis Corey.....), we see stated in the smoothest possible terms the classic position of American imperialist isola-

ADOPT CLASSIC POSITION OF U.S. IMPERIALISM

It is true, of course, that American "isolationism"—like Nazi autarchy-is only a myth, a utopia, a deception; that it is the 'typical American" method of preparing for imperialist expansion and aggression and for Wall St. domination of the entire world. But that only serves to emphasize the thoroughly reactionary, imperialist nature of American isolationism.

One administration after another-Roosevelt's included-has cleverly put forward the very same ideas formulated by the 'Keep America Out of War Congress." They have enabled the American ruling class to pose as enemies of war, of armament races, as a "government expressing the popular will".... and at the same time enabled it to justify its own war preparations. its own armaments program, and to advance towards the imperialist conquest of the world.

Why? How?

Wealthiest, most highly industrialized, most ambitious power in the world today, the United States since the end of the last World War has constantly sought to blackjack its imperialist rivals into reducing their armaments by holding over their heads the threat of its own economic and financial power. "If you disarm, we'll give you loans." "If you spend less money on cannon and airplanes, and pay us back the billions we loaned you during and after the war, we will help you economically." "If you disarm, we'll cut down our own armaments propor-

A very cunning policy of tails I win and heads you lose. For the shrewd American "isolationists" and "disarmers" are perfectly aware of the fact that if every capitalist power in the world, the U.S. included, were to disarm 100 per cent tomorrow, the United States would be in the decisively dominant position when the next war broke out. Its industrial and financial superiority would enable it to turn out more arms and munitions per minute than its rivals could produce per hour.

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And when its rivals, who are just as well aware of the stratagem, refuse to fall for it, and continue (as imperialism everywhere must) to pile up their armaments strength, the United States wins again! Then Roosevelt, like his predecessors, says with feigned resignation and sorrow: "You see, we offered them a reasonable proposition. In the words of the 'Keep America Out of War Congress,' we offered our economic resources 'on condition that they shall not be used for armament purposes.' But they turned us down. They are arming at a furious pace. We regret it terribly, but we have no alternative but to arm ourselves in turn, not, God forbid! for aggression, but only for

It is this monstrous duping of the American masses that has now been taken up as the principal "anti-war" panacea of the Washington congress to "Keep America Out of War!

Its fathers are not Lovestone, Corey and Thomas. They are only the belated god-fathers of the natural and legitimate child of American imperialism. To Roosevelt's sabre-rattling Chicago speech on "quarantining the aggressor," they echo: Economic quarantine for the "arming powers" (simply another name for "aggressor"). If this means anything, it means economic warfare on the so-called "fascist" nations, or the "poor nations," or the "aggressor" nations. It means, more importantly, that Wolfe, Allen, Corey and Co. are calling upon the capitalist-imperialist government-the bourgeoisie-of the United States to launch this economic war, and that they are ready to support the government in it.

AND STILL THEY BECOME PATRIOTS!

But Wolfe, Corey and Lovestone, who, unlike Thomas, are at least acquainted with the ideas of Marxism and the realities of modern politics, know that economic warfare is only incipient military warfare, that the latter is only a continuation of the former by other, more violent means. Their "knowledge," also, has not prevented them from adopting a program of imperialist isolationism, forerunner of imperialist war.

That is why the Washington congress was not a means of mobilizing the masses for struggle against imperialist war, but a gross pacifist fraud, aided and abetted by the Thomasites and the Lovestone leaders. That is why-as in the Stalinist "peacecongress" masquerades—the class struggle was not mentioned. That is why the independent class action of the organized proletariat—the only possible basis for a struggle against war was prominent only by its complete absence; it was Jim Crowed out of the Congress.

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