What is the plain, blunt truth about Czechoslovakia? Czechoslovakia is one of the monstrous national abortions produced by the labors of the infamous Versailles Conference.

It was constructed, in total disregard of the interests of the workers and peasants included within its national boundaries, to serve the plans and needs of the dominant Allied powers and of the Czech big bourgeoisie.

France and Great Britain believed that Czechoslovakia could serve as a barrier to German relations with the rich agricultural and mineral territories to her west and south, thus preserving those territories as outlets for surplus French and British capital.

A WEAPON FOR EXPLOITATION

The Czech bourgeoisie saw in the new state a splendid weapon not merely for the exploitation of their own race, but for the super-exploitation of the workers and peasants of the various "minorities" — which together constitute a decisive majority of the Czechoslovakian population.

Czechoslovakia is not in the least a "colonial" or "semicolonial" nation.

It is a nation of big capital, with mighty monopolies like the Bata Shoe Company, the Skoda Munitions Works and the huge textile concerns grinding down the workers, and keeping the masses of the peasantry in poverty and dejection.

It is, moreover, an integral part of the world imperialist system, with a thousand economic and political ties to the great imperialist powers.

Czechoslovakia's "democracy" has never been more than a shabby cloak for advanced capitalist exploitation.

WHAT CAN OUR PERSPECTIVE BE?

From the beginning, the only solution for the workers and peasants of all nationalities and races within Czechoslovakia lay in firm revolutionary class unity in the light of the perspective of the European revolution, of the United Socialist States of

This remains the sole solution and the sole perspective. This perspective necessarily entails the firmest revolutionary

opposition to the Czechoslovakian bourgeois state, under any and

First the Social Democracy, and then the Stalinists, destroyed the basis for this solution and hid this perspective.

They counselled "national unity", defense of the main ene $m\gamma$ — the enemy at home — of the workers and peasants, the Czech bourgeoisie and its state, under the hypocritical slogan of "defense of democracy."

This policy was elaborated during these past few years as the People's Front. Using as blackmail the specter of Hitler, the reformists and Stalinists foisted it upon the masses. The result of this policy now reaches fruition.

RESULTS OF PEOPLE'S FRONTISM

Instead of uniting the workers and peasants in one solid front, it has divided them along national and racial lines.

Instead of steeling them and arming them to resist as an independent force, allied with their class brothers throughout Europe — including most especially the workers of Germany, who would have been fired to resistance and revolt by the example across the border — instead of this, it has hamstrung the workers and peasants by turning them over to the tender mercies of the Czech bourgeoisie and through it to French and British im-

French and British imperialism are now speaking in no uncertain voice, once again demonstrating the real meaning of their "love of democracy", once again showing that "collective security" is designed to secure.

All debates over "plebiscites," "self-determination," and the rest are so much tommyrot, thrown up by the bourgeois ideologists and diplomatists to obscure still further the class lines.

A plebiscite under the current circumstances is simply one alternative imperialist device for the possible temporary liquidation of a knotty imperialist problem.

WHAT THIS WAR WOULD BE

Far more vicious and treacherous tommyrot is the slogan of a Holy War "to save Czechoslovakia", "to preserve democracy". Any war fought over Czechoslovakia would be at once transformed into a general imperialist war.

Its issue would be not at all the farce of capitalist democracy -which would disappear overnight in all warring countries, as it is being rapidly done away with in most of them (including Czechoslovakia) just by the threat of the war.

Its issue would be the preservation of the spoils and plunder of French and British imperialism against the needs and threat of German imperialism.

The masses have no stake in such a war - except to fight with all their class strength against it, on both sides, in every capitalist nation.

WHO WILL STOP HITLERISM?

Our war is the class war of the workers and peasants against their exploiters, against the whole system of exploitation.

Hitler, Hitlerism, the most terrible scourge of mankind, now ascendant, now throwing its black shadow over the whole continent of Europe, must be stopped if humanity is to survive.

But only the revolutionary workers of Europe can stop Hitler

The task of the workers cannot be carried out by French and British and U. S. imperialism. To rely on, to support the "democratic imperialisms" means to make certain the triumph not of Hitler perhaps but with absolute certainly of Hitlerism, of fascism, throughout the world.

Once again this is proved, this time by Czechoslovakia. The People's Front, abandonment of the class struggle, national unity, support of the democratic Czechoslovakian nation, has today led directly to: the triumph of Hitler.

Thus we see the literal truth of what was pointed out by the revolutionists: The People's Front paves the way for fascism. The only struggle against fascism, in Czechoslovakia, in

France, in Great Britain, in Germany, in the United States . . . is the class struggle for workers' power, for the world socialist

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PLAN WAR ON SOVIETS

Truck Drivers Tie Up New York City

RANK AND FILE LEADERS BACKED **MEMBERSHIP**

Huge Meeting Balks Strikebreaking Attempts

BULLETIN

NEW YORK, Wednesday morning, Sept. 21.—As we go to press it is announced that Acting Mayor Newbold Morris, with the wired approval of the Mayor from Los Angeles has given the truck drivers an "ultimatum" to end the strike in twenty-four hours.

No such ultimatum has been issued to the Merchant Truckmen's Bureau and the Highway Transport Association, the bosses' organizations, to stop their horseplay and recognize the strikers' representatives for the purpose of realistic negotiations. In fact, the Acting Mayor's action appears to be the direct result of pressure from the trucking bosses and other employers' pressure groups. The latter have been moving neaven and earth to defeat the just strike of the drivers. The Publishers Association has an-

See Editorial: "A Bona Fide Strike" on page four.

nounced that it is sending a delegation to City Hall to protest against the limiting of newsprint shipments. Cloak trade associations have protested to Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine against "unwarranted interference" with deliveries. A certain John Block, placarded in the press as a "veteran resident buyunat " if something is not done quickly . . . much trade will be diverted to other cities (Cleveland St. Jouis v.) The something is not done will be diverted to other cities (Cleveland St. Jouis v.) The something is not done answered the talegree and the something is not done quickly . . . much trade will be diverted to other cities (Cleveland St. Jouis v.) The something is not done answered the something is not done answered the something is not done and the something is not do land, St. Louis and Chicago)."

Furthermore, the newspapers report that "SOME PRODUCERS (NOTABLY IN THE SHOP AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES) WERE USING RAILWAY EX-PRESS AGENCY SERVICE." The strike committee is aware of this danger and is attempting to tie up the American Railway Express. So far, legal complications (Continued on page 2)

OMAHA DRIVERS

New Set-up Ties Up Trucks Over Vast Area

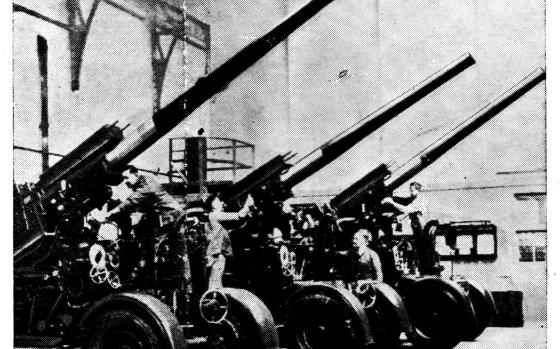
OMAHA, Neb. - The powerful North Central Area drivers movement swung their newly established strike machinery into action last week in the first major test of strength since the signing of the 11-state pact two weeks ago, and Omaha trucking companies found their equipment tied up throughout the vast area. At terminals from Denver to Chicago trucks from Omaha stood idle as the Permanent Area Committee smoothly coordinated the strike that extended far beyond the city limites of Omaha, where both city and over-the-road operators joined in an attempt to smash the teamsters' union and avoid the contract designed to place all trucking operations under union conditions and wages. Present Agreement

When General Drivers Local 554 of Omaha presented operators of this city with the contract recently negotiated with representatives of the majority of operators in the North Central Area, the union threatened strike action unless the pact was signed within 48 hours. Agreements were to cover both over-the-road and city trucking.

Fearing that some of the independent companies would sign up the Nebraska Commercial Truck ers Association called a lockout before the expiration of the 48hour period. Supporting this plan to break Local 554 are employers

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DIPLOMATS TALK TODAY; GUNS TOMORROW

Pena Challenged On Trial Of Spanish Revolutionists German invasion of Czechoslovakia seemed only a matter of hours, the bourgeois world was treated to the startling spectacle of a

arrival in this country on August

answer all the communications it

ers of the POUM that the trial

had been postponed by request of

their counsel in order to study

Socialist Workers Party Letter Demands TREASON Clear Statement From Minister of Justice

During a press conference at the Hotel Pennsylvania on September 20, a delegation from the American Fund for Political Pris oners and Refugees questioned Gonzales Pena, Spanish Minister of Justice, on the fate of the revolutionary political prisoners in Spain. Sentence of Death Asked by George Novack, Sec-

CHANGES IN PACT

Modifications May Mean Compulsory Arbitration

SAN FRANCISCO.—Agreement between representatives of waterfront employers and longshore men on "amendments and clarifications" to the pact due for renewal Sept. 30 eased tension in the West Coast labor movement. The changes in the contract will TRUCKING The changes in the contract will be submitted to the membership of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union in a coastwise referendum.

> Declaring their willingness to accept similar modifications in agreements with the warehouse operators, I.L.W.U. officials are pressing for an end to the lock- they found necessary. He said warehouses in this area. Waterfront employers hailed the modifications as "eliminating 'quickie' strikes and other stoppages of

Mass Picketing Curbed

Picket lines are being maintained in the strike of the retail clerks against 27 department stores, but the militant mass picketing that marked the first days of the strike has been curbed by the strike leadership. Offers of other unions, notably the maritime groups, to supply additional pickets have been re fused, except as relief pickets during the night.

Seniority is the only demand standing in the way of agreement with the employers and the union has given up demands for a closed shop and the 35-hour week. In addition to the attempts of the mayor and various other "citizens committees" to intervene in the negotiations, William Green has sent his personal representative, Meyer Lewis, to bring "industrial peace" to San Francisco. This Lewis has a notorious record of sell-outs, and was once sent to Minneapolis to break up the powerful teamsters' union there.

While complete details of the changes in the longshoremen's agreement were not made known, considerable fear is expressed that the new agreement will adand financiers who have long versely affect the waterfront un-

Asked for Three

PARIS - The Spanish Loyalist 23, signed by John Dewey, John prosecutor in Barcelona has ask-Chamberlain, Carlo Tresca and ed the Special Tribunal on Esothers, he asked Novack a quespionage and High Treason for the DEFEATS tion instead. "Do you know of penalty of death to be imposed any government that is obliged to upon three leading Spanish Bolshevik-Leninists, Manuel Fernanreceives?" Novack replied that dez Grandizo Munis, Adolfo Carlthe signers of the telegram were ini, and Jaime Fernadez Rodrigamong the first to rally to the uez, who have been held for defense of the Spanish workers months in prison at the Loyalist in their fight against fascism and capital.

that John Dewey, for example, The three militants were to be was Chairman of the first great tried along with the leaders of mass meeting held in New York the outlawed P. O. U. M. on Augat Madison Square Garden on ust 20, according to an official their behalf and thereby deserved announcement of the Ministry of Justice. But this trial never ma

> Postponed "Indefinitely" (Other reports received in this country said the trial would open

the indictment and that he per- on Sept. 14. but there has been sonally had agreed that they no announcement of it in the could postpone it for as long as press.) out that has closed 121 major that they had already been al- Aug. 27. said that the trial of the lowed their own, independent Bolshevik-Leninist and P. O. U. counsel and that the trial, when M. militants had been "postponed held, would be open. He said

> ternational commission to be pre-(Continued on page 3)

GOVERNMENT

Militants

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A dispatch from Barcelona on sine die." The same report said nothing about permitting an in- that the prosecution was asking

Auto Strike Is Menaced by Ruse of Union Jobholder 187 to 152; L. U. 874 by 306 to 20; L. U. 892, by 151 to 110; L. U. 1011

Police Attack Pickets After McCord Workers Repel Attempt to Force Return to Work

here and in Wyandotte continues into its seventh week despite In Local 442, where Weinstock strong-arm methods used against it by police, and deliberate attempts controls the administraction, no on the part of reactionary officials of the United Automobile Workers vote was taken at all on the to sell it down the river.

After the most frivilous treatment accorded to the strike, Lo- ready been signed. ren Houser, U.A.W. Regional Director for Detroit, went over the and signed a temporary truce in the school of the old line A.F. truce agreement was in a wire were issued to the press denouncreceived by President N. J. Mos-

Picket Line Grows

But Local 210 was not to be heads of the regularly elected of- railroaded back to work by a ficials of Local 210, its bargaining typical bureaucratic ruse which mitting it to a vote. committee and its membership Mr. Houser undoubtedly learned which specified that the workers of L. labor skates. The next morwould return to their jobs while ning the workers appeared on the (Continued on page 2)

Post-War European Lineup Shattered

WIN TEMPORARY RESPITE

The process of liquidating the system of post-war alliances that tered a new phase this week.

Rather than go through with an immediate war — with its inevitable revolutionary upheavals — Great Britain and France accepted Germany's territorial demands on Czechoslovakia.

Whether even this will avert conflict for any appreciable period is highly doubtful. It does mean, however, that a brand new balance

on both sides of the Rhine, Germany won hands down. When a British Prime Minister taking hat in hand and flying off to the Bavarian villa of the German Fuehrer and begging him to accept a deal rather than precipitate a war right now. Hitler dictated his own terms. Chamberlain flew back with them to London. Premier Daladier and Foreign Munister Bonnet of France scurried across the channel and after an all-day parley accepted all of Hitler's principal demands, including the outright cession to the Reich of the

Rejected by Ranks

NEW YORK. - Giving pointed cynicism is part and parcel of the notice to all and sundry that they will not stand for any more panhandling schemes to provide soft jobs for do-nothing chair-warmers in the District Council office while thousands of painters are unemployed and more thousands are subjected to ever worse conditions on their jobs, the rank and file of D. C. 9 decisively defeated a proposal for a \$5 tax proposed by the Stalinist administration of the New York Painters Union in a referendum concluded last week. The vote constituted a rout for President Louis Weinstock and his hench-

A full tabulation of the votes shows the following results: Local Union No. 51 defeated the proposal by 292 to 141; L. U. No. 261 by 297 to 181; L. U. 454, by 69 to 45; L. U. 803 by 60 to 0; L. U. 848, 187 to 152; L. U. 874 by 306 to 20;

Fear Own Locals In Local 490 the Stalinists r

ceived a majority of 55 to 11 for their proposal; in Local 905-th Communist Party stronghold in the union-the opposition showed DETROIT, Sept. 20.—The strike at the McCord Radiator plant unprecedented strength, the vote grounds that even a complete vote position could not change the readmitted defeat but were afraid against their proposition by sub

The progressives thus defeated the administration measure by a popular majority of 505-with one local not voting - in a total of negotiations with the manage- picket lines in greater numbers 3,187 votes cast. Their victory is ment proceeded. The first indica- than ever before and nobody re- all the more impressive when comtion that strikers heard of this turned to the plants, Statements pared with the results of the every veering wave in the dizzy Appeal of last week).

Collective Security Is Interred at Berchtes-

gaden: Anti-Soviet Four-Power Pact Is Next Aim

began when Hitler marched into the Rhineland two years ago en-

of power is being rapidly created in Europe. All of Central Europe passes under the domination of Germany. Britain will now exert every effort to create a four-power understanding uniting Britain, France, Germany, and Italy at the ultimate expense of the Soviet In the ticklish game of bluff that both sides played during the past two weeks, involving mobilization of more than 2,000,000 men

Sudeten areas of Czechoslovakia. To sweeten the sour pill, they added a proposal for an international "guaranty" of what will remain of Czechoslovakia after the operation has been carried out.

French and British capitalism—the necessity for self-prebourgeoisie of its right to exploit the various national minorities sandwiched into the monstrous TAX sandwiched into the monstrous abortion of a state created by the Versailles treaty. It required giving up the strategic advantages Administration Plan which were the pricipal reason for the creation of Czechoslovakia in the first place. This will now be done. If this meant the cynical disregard of pacts and pledges, this should surprise no one. Such

> politics. Those who find themselves clutched by feelings of indignacion over the fate of "poor little Czechoslovakia" (remember "poor little Belgium"?) have a lesson to learn in the measures taken by the Czech bourgeoisie in anticipation of a war with Germany. Besides military mobilization, the Czech government - symbol for the liberal and Stalinist supporters of "collective security" of "democracy" - decreed the immediate and drastic suspension of all democratic rights.

methods of international boss

Democracy at Work A rigid censorship was clamp-

ed down on the entire press and upon all messages and mail. The right of free assemb ly was suspended. Arrests and searches without warrants were authorized. In other words Czech "democracy" was transformed by a few government decrees into a perfect little imitation of a Fascist regime. That is precisely what will happen in all the "democratic" states when war comes -and probably, as in this case, long before actual hostilities begin.

In extremes, the Czech bourgeoisie appealed to its other ally in of the membership for the pro- the late lamented system of "collective security," — the Soviet sult. The Stalinists there not only Union. But there too it met a stone wall. The Kremlin would be to increase the already huge total pleased to see Britain and France clash at last with Hitler but all its calculations to that end have. for the time being at least, been upset. Having taken up the game of inter-imperialist politics, the Kremlin follows all the rules. The Soviet Union now stands terribly isolated, and at the mercy of elections last June (see Socialist plunge of Europe to ward war. Cut

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Unions Fight Picket Ban

Pass Anti-Picket Ordinance

LOS ANGELES. — Organized reaction struck a vicious blow at trade unionism in Los Angeles on September 16th, 1938; a day that will go down as Black Friday in local union history.

The reactionary anti-picketing ordinance, sponsored by laborhating Southern California, Inc. as a part of the coast-wide unionsmashing campaign, was passed in a special election by a vote of 198.507 to 152,065.

The A. F. of L. ordinance, offered as a substitute to the reactionary ordinance, lost by a was supported by the A. F. of L., the C.I.O. Council and the Trade Union Conference.

Bosses Spend Half a Million

The Southern Californians, Inc. according to Business Week, "spent \$500,000 in bill-board, radio,, and newspaper advertising" in order to secure the passage of this ordinance. The Chamber of Commerce, the Merchant and Manufacturers' Association, and several other anti-labor organizations were active in attempting to put over this law.

The Council of the A. F. of L. and the Trade Union Conference aided each other in united activity in opposition to this ordinance; their lead was followed by all other labor organizations, including the Los Angeles Industrial Council. Although handicapped by lack of funds and the division between the A. F. of L. and C.I.O. nationally and locally, labor was able to effect a great degree of unity on this issue and succeeding in arousing a large section of the working class.

The anti-picketing ordinance, if enforced, will virtually eliminate all strikes and picketing and will deal a smashing blow to the trade-union movement. Sympathetic strikes, secondary boycotts, right of a union to decide for itself the calling of a strike, the right of free speech and mass picketing are practically out-

lawed by the new law. Workers Deprived of Vote

A large number of workers employed in the city of Los Angeles were prevented from voting against this measure by reason of their residence in workingclass districts outside the city limits. In addition many Mexican

rkors who are denied citizen ship were unable to vote. Of course, the youth under 21 who make up a large section of the workers particularly in mass industries were without the right to vote, and could only stand by and watch the Wilshire and Hollywood potbellies rally the middle class and scabs to the polling booths to relegate the youth to industrial peonage.

Labor, marching 75,000 strong in the recent A. F. of L. Labor Day parade carrying banners against the ordinance, will not permit itself to be shackled by this enslaving measure. The initial unity that saw A. F. of L. and C.I.O. unions get together in joint action in this fight must be extended to include all bona fide unions within a defense commit tee that will protect their right to strike and picket lines, to protect their union organization, to de fend the working class against the onslaught of capitalism. The rank and file of labor is thoroughly aroused and resolved to take militant action in self-de fense against this reactionary

OMAHA DRIVERS HALT TRUCKING

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boasted that Nebraska is free from "trouble-making" unions.

The attempt of the owners to take the offensive has gained them nothing. Backed by the entire drivers' movement of the North Central Area Local 554 has made the strike fully effective. Cruising pickets patrol all highways coming into Omaha, and fink trucks are met by union representatives.

By agreement between the Gen eral Drivers' Union and farmers organizations, farmers driving their own trucks to market were permitted to pass through the is directing the strike. And while picket lines. The farmers are in cfficials like Michael Cashal, in guard against all possible tricks full sympathy with the strikers.

Local 554 was an authoritative subcommittee of the Permanent Area Committee, elected only the week before in Indianapolis at a meeting of 175 local drivers' unions. The strike will be maintained until the employers involved sign both city and overthe-road contracts.



Los Angeles Bosses Grand Jury Clears Mpls. Unions; Slanderers Hit

the slander machine.

Boss Lie Machine

ween the deepening economic

crisis on one hand, and the rising

union movement on the other,

and the "right kind of leaders"

The suit of the five finks a-

cases against various unions and

put in.

MINNEAPOLIS - Declaring disappointed the employers who that charges of "labor racketeer- had hoped that the report would ing and gangsterism" in the Min- aid the drive to smear the unneapolis labor movement cannot ions. However, the complete abbe substantiated by facts, the re- sence of any evidence against the port of the summer panel of unions or their leadership forced Grand Jury, issued last week, ex- unanimous agreement with the ploded the campaign of the ene- report, even though several memmies of labor who for months bers of the Jury are very symhave been trying to smear the un- pathetic to the employers behind ons with these charges.

The report, summarizing four nonths of intensive investigation, hit hard at Mayor Leach, chief instigator of the slander, and closer margin. This ordinance stated, "The Grand Jury considers it unfortunate that a person in high official position should have systematically sought to make charges, noth in public propagandize the people with lies and before the Grand Jury, concerning organizations embracing a large section of our population the city, and that consequently without being in a position to the unions must be "cleaned up" substantiate such charges and ac-

Probe Death of Brown

The Grand Jury spent four weeks investigating the death of attorneys, is a vehicle to carry Bill Brown, militant leader of such slanders. The many court General Drivers Local 544 killed last summer, and though "there union leaders in the past few were many reports that dark forces were involved" no evi- labor drive. dence could be found to substantiate such reports.

The report, appearing in the get an audience for the vicious midst of a slander campaign lies spread by the enemies of the backed by the boss press and the Minneapolis labor movement. Stalinist clique who pretend to Even their own allies will no speak for the C. I. O. in this area, longer believe them.

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arising from the Federal Com-

munications Act, have proved to

is in order.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20-Twelve

thousand trucks have stopped

rolling in Manhattan, Brooklyn,

Queen and Staten Island. All gen-

eral trucking in this city is at a

standstill. Five thousand team-

sters are patrolling the streets in

cruising cars to see that the

strike is 100 per cent effective. At

the three key locals in New Jer-

Building construction jobs and

factories face immediate closing,

Newspaper publishers have de-

clared that continued limiting of

newsprint shipments will soon

cause suspension of the city's

daily papers. Local and state gov-

ernment officials are working

overtime to force through a set-

tlement but with no success so

Strike Voted Last Week

Strike action was voted by ac-

clamation at membership meet-

ngs of Locals 807, 282, and 816,

negotiating committees reported

no progress in obtaining a new

agreement with the bosses. The

old agreement expired September

I. The men demand the establish

ment of a 40-hour week at the

old basic wage of \$56.50 in order

ious to solve once and for all this

the strikers and their leaders re-

will be no compromise on this de-

Although the strike has been

doubt that the membership of the

ternational vice-president and

cal 807, are loathe to declare the

strike legal, many other officials,

such as Business Agents Austin

Furey and William Campbell, are

Meanwhile, conduct of the

strike rests in the hands of an

elected rank-and-file committee,

which has the complete confidence

of the men and is doing a re-

markably effective job of pulling

and picketing. Outstanding among

the leaders of this committee are

younger men such as Abe "Red"

Klein, Bob Dillon and Jack

Strong. They stress the fact that

they do not intend to supersede the

reported as inclined to favor im

mediate sanction.

Wednesday, September 14, after

STRIKE TIES UP regular union officials and negotiators, but that their whole actiators, but that their whole action is intended to back up the officials with the utmost effectiveness. Some of the regular officials are known to be cooperating and advising this commit-

action publicly for reasons be-

yond their control. be an obstacle to the official call-At a mass meeting last night, ing of the Express drivers who held in the 69th Regiment Armothe truck drivers' union, but the ry and attended by 5,000 of the striking drivers, Acting Mayor matter is being given further Newbold Morris, the Governor's consideration by the strike lead-'crack" mediators Arthur S. Meyer and Mrs. Anna Rosenberg Cooperation by the strike comof the State Social Security Board mittee and the regularly constiappealed to the men to call off tuted officers of the striking lothe strike pending negotiations. cals is reported to be improving The drivers rejected this phoney steadily. An appeal for aid to the proposition with loud "no's" and A. F. of L. unions and the rest of demanded in no uncertain terms the city's organized labor movement against the combined efaction which had been promised forts of the various employers' in statements issued to the press associations to break the strike by Mr. Cashal and Mr. Devery.

A high point of the meeting came when a delegation from the New York port branch of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific entered the hall to announce support of any truckmen's picket welcomed Dick Hanley, Tom Gunta and Frank Lovell, speaking for the delegation, with loud acclaim. this writing, it is announced that After four tumultous hours the sey, at the other end of the Holland Tunnel, have joined the

> This morning the strike spread to New Jersey. Meetings were held at City Hall, where unsuccessful negotiations were carried on by representatives of the bosses, union officials and the rank-and-file committee. The employers' representatives announced that they would not agree to the demand for a fortyhour week and that they would seek a wage reduction with abrogation of the seniority clause.

force.

Strike May Be Extended It is known that 500 members of the employers' association met BE CAREFREE with the Astoria last night to plan their strategy in combating the strike. The drivers intend to bring about a complete stoppage of newsprint shipments and to hold up perishable goods if the employers continue their present stubborn attitude. to spread the work to the 4,000 The hypocrisy of the employers unemployed members of the driv- was clearly exposed before the ers' unions. At present they are full view of the strikers and the required to work 48 hours. Anx- general public when the spokes men of the bosses announced that crucial problem of unemployment, they could not negotiate with the union because the strike was a iterate time and again that there "wild-cat" action and at the same time declared to the press today that they would not deal with the union if the strike were sanccalled "outlaw," there can be no tioned by the regular officials because "a formal strike vote at locals involved are completely be- this time would not necessarily behind the committee of ten which a sign of responsibility."

The Strike Committee is or contemplated by the Association Cooperating on the spot with William Devery, president of Lo- strategists and are making all necessary preparations and expressing confidence that the drivers can hold their own to a victorious settlement.

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Drive on Picketing Iails Seven L. A. Strikers

LOS ANGELES. - Seven members of the I.L.G.W.U. were arrested last week on charges of having committed assault and battery in a manner likely to produce great bodily injury a felony. Appearing before Judge Chambers of the Municipal court, they were released on bail of \$1,500 each and were requested to appear the following Friday for their preliminary hearing. They were represented by attorney For many months now, the bos-Marshall Ross. ses of Minneapolis, caught bet-

The union men were employees of the I. Youlin Embroidery Co and had gone on strike Sept. 15. demanding Union recognition higher wages, and the settlement of charges of discrimination. that "labor racketeering and

Arrest All Pickets

gangsterism" were prevalent in The first morning of the strike Dick Jones, a scab, attacked 3 members of the union with a stick and attempted to provoke a fight. After being struck, two of the union men attempted to degainst the General Drivers Union, fend themselves against the now being fought by the union's scab's attack, wrested his club from him and were successful in warding off further attacks. This story was corroborated by several persons questioned by the union months have furthered this antiattorney. Police who came to the cene of the fight immediately af-In the face of the findings by ter its occurrence refused to ar the Grand Jury it will be hard to rest either the strikers or the scab, but that night after listening to the story of Jones, the District Attorney issued warrants against the entire picket line with the exception of three women, including one member of the union that was absent from the

scene of the struggle. The arrests occurred the same day that an anti-picketing ordinance, virtually destroying the ployed and W.P.A. workers." The right to strike and picket, was Local's membership voted to send passed by a vote of 198,507 to delegates to the October 1 con-152,065 in a special election held ference, called to consider setting tee, though unable to endorse the in Los Angeles. The frame-up of up a new unemployed and W.P.A. these striking workers is appar- union. ently part of a planned anti-labor drive in Southern California.

At the present time several union, including some of its ofof "labor terrorism." A special diwith "goon squad activity" and are apparently ready to order the The arrest and trial of the teamsters was used to whip up a frenparently marks the beginning of bers. a persistent and continued campaign against labor.

campaign against the anti-picketpassed. Labor in Southern Cali- style. fornia is reaching its most crucial crisis since the recent organization drive, and this very crisis must be used to bring unity to the ranks of labor.

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Set Hearing for :-Jobless Youth

Four members of the Workers Alliance, charged with felonious assault as a result of a demonstration in a Brooklyn home relief bureau, are out on \$1,000 bail, awaiting a hearing on Oct. 1 in the Brooklyn Felony Court. The police are trying to railroad them to prison for a long term in order to quell the militant spirit of the unemployed.

The riot in the bureau folowed the refusal of relief officials to consider the case of William Lubin, starving and homeless youth who had been given an 11-week run-around. Sixteen members of the Al-

liance delegation were arrested, beaten, and charged with disorderly conduct. Lubin and three others are charged with felonious assault. Funds are sorely needed for defense. Contributions should be sent to the Lubin Defense Committee c. o. the Socialist Appeal. Save the 16 militants from jail!

ALLIANCE HEADS READY TO EXPEL MILITANT LOCALS

Stalinist Committee Able to Revoke Charters

BULLETIN

NEW YORK. - The Jamaica Local of the Workers Alliance, the largest in Queens County, with a membership of more than 500, quit the Alliance, and denounced its Stalinist leadership's policies and tactics as "not in the best interests of the unem-

By GEORGE MILTON

NEW YORK. - Becoming panmembers of the local teamsters' icky over reports of a growing revolt against Stalinism in the N ficers, are being tried on charges Y. Workers Alliance, the Brow derite leadership last week met vision of the District Attorney's in special session of the Joint office has been set up to deal Board and referred to a subcommittee the suspension and subsequent lifting of all Local arrest of entire picket lines when charters whose membership rethe bosses charge that some one fused to take a loyalty oath, and the sanctioning of the strike, has been injured, and file felony rescind action in sending observcharges against the union men. ers to the October 1 Conference called by the Mechanics' Union. Involved in this purge move zied campaign in support of the are some eight or nine locals enanti-picketing ordinance, and ap- compassing more than 1,200 mem-

The sub-committee, which has been given complete power to If labor is to resist this attack, suspend and lift charters "whenlines thrown around piers where it must begin to weld together in ever it sees fit," consists only of heir ships dock The meeting unified action all the unions in Stalinists or their stooges, where Los Angeles. The A. F. of L. as on the Joint Board are a few Council and the Trade Union members of the Socialist Party Conference, which includes the Fear was expressed by San unions recently resigned from the Wiseman, Stalinist secretary, that meeting adjourned with a vote Los Angeles Industrial Union publicity to these splitting moves affirming the intention of the Council, have taken a step in this by the C. P. would prove a boom men to continue the strike in full direction by their unity in the erang, and so the deed will be committed behind locked doors ing ordinance that recently and carried out in true Stalinist

> Aimed at Convention This piece of strategy wa evolved to forestall any progress ive delegate from getting the floor at the national convention. which is convening in Cleveland Ohio, Friday, September 23.

Again utilizing its well known method of using the S. P. for front" purposes, and then conveniently discarding them after heir work is completed, the Stalinists have thus begun to greas their expulsion machine for al Alliance members who refuse to put themselves under their dictatorial thumbs.

Said Stalinist Elvin Abeles at the Joint Board meeting: "We've got to clean house in a hurry, and before the National Convention. Mrs. Roosevelt, and other New Deal dignitaries, who have been will be revealed to all who plunk invited to the convention, must not be embarrassed by any untoward incident there, which may otherwise mar the solemnity of the occasion, or interfere with the re hearsed proceedings.

A delegation of four, represent ing N. Y. locals, and all accredited delegates, will appear at the national convention, and dare the Stalinists to do their dirty work. The delegation consists of Brendan Sexton, Rhoda Pearson, Judah Altman, and Neil Harrison. Four-Point Program

At a meeting of the Progress ive Group in the Alliance, the challenge laid down by the splitting tactics of the Stalinist wreckers was taken up, and a basis upon which to rally all sincere and progressive elements in the Alliance was incorporated in the following four cardinal points: 1. Militancy in action;

2. Real democracy in the organization; 3. Non-partisanship; and 4. No pussyfooting with the

politicians. It was pointed out that imme-

NEW YORK C. I. O. RUSE MENACES SUPPORTS F. D. R.

Head of State Body Pledges Workers had no authority whatever and declaring that the strike would to War-Makers continue.

NEW YORK - Support of President Roosevelt's New Deal, speech-making for company union politics, and a pledge made by Allan S. Haywood, President of the newly organized State Industrial Council, to go to war in defense of democracy, were the keynotes of New York's first C. I. O. convention held here over last week-end. The first day's session was

ransformed into a campaign rally for aspiring Democratic Party candidates. The 800 delegates representing between 700,-000 to 800,000 organized workers, listened to Governor Lehman, who has recently announced his candidacy for the Senate, outline his good deeds in the behalf of labor. Lehman contended that "pro-

sperity hinges on the intelligent cooperation of industry, labor and government." Deploring the use of strikes to settle the worker's economic problems, he declared that "he had found industrial strife frequently comes because of misunderstanding and ignorance of the actual facts." Parade of Politicians

A long and loud parade of politicians followed, haranguing the delegates on the familiar subjects of New Deal politics, support of President Roosevelt "who is the greatest friend the workers ever had", tearful appeals for A. F. of L. - C. I. O. unity, demagogic speeches on fascism and windy orations on the many blessings of democracy.

The main report of the convention was made by Allan S. Haywood, setting forth a program of legislative reforms and emphasizing the need for redoubled support of the Wagner Labor Relations Act. Among the future activities named in his report were a fight against racial and religious discrimination, more adequate relief standards, union assistance to the unemployed, improvements in the Social Security Act. This program was voted on and passed unanimously by the convention. Haywood in his main speech

declared that the convention was not being held to widen the split in the ranks of organized labor. "The formation of this State body is not directed against the A. F. of L." he said. "Our first consideration shall be to carry out the eader, John L. Lewis, namely to organize the unorganized and while we are doing this, we must progress and strengthen the C.I.O. unions.'

Pro-War Resolution

A war-mongering resolution in support of "peace" was carried. It said in part: "the mad rush of nations toward war, en gineered by the autocratic fas cist powers, can be checked if the proper economic measures are put to use, and we urge that fascist war aggression be resisted through economic means. We call upon the democratic nations of the world to join efforts in utilizing to the utmost the economic instrumentalities of peace, to the end that war may be prevented. . ." The resolution called upon the States government "to cooperate with the democratic forces makers and to preserve peace and democracy.'

Many delegates proposed reso lutions in favor of Roosevelt running for a third term, but they were tabled by the convention, although it was made amply clear Broadway, S. E.; at Fourth Ave., that the deference of this issue was due only to tactical reasons. "Stand by France"

In the last session held at Med ca Temple Leon Jouhaux, president of the French Confederation of Labor, was introduced by Hay wood with the pledge that the American workers "would stand with the workers of France in the French found it necessary to go to war to safeguard democ In line with the Stalinist-in

spired tone of many of the reso- Southern Boulevard; 174th St. & lutions adopted by the convention, a good sprinkling of Stalin- Ave.; East Moshula Subway Sta. ists were elected to the State Committee, set up by the conven-The International Ladies Gar-

men Workers Union did not send any delegates to the convention, though some of its locals sent formal telegrams of solidarity Plaza N.; Crescent St. and Bridge with the convention's aims.

BOOKS ASKED FOR SCHOOLS The International Allied Printing Trades Association has requested that the W.P.A. allot ten million dollars to purchase new text books for the many thousands of schools in the United States whose expenditures for school purposes have decreased nearly 700 million dollars annually during the past eight years despite the fact that the number of students has increased many hundreds of thousands.

and that now is the time to lay diately after the November elec- the groundwork to fight these tions a wave of lay-offs will be in- layoffs, a task in which the Alstituted on the W.P.A. projects, liance failed miserably.

(Continued from page 1) ng Houser's move for which he

Ever since the strike at the McCord plant began and for weeks prior to its commence ment. Houser and his cronies or the International Executive Board, on both sides of the faction fight, viewed the McCord sittuation with great uneasiness. The local had called upon the International to furnish assistance through sympathetic action in other plants. Promises were plentiful, but Local 210 was put on a carousel as far as any real assistance was concerned. Houser's attempt to end the strike under the worst possible circumstances came as a culmination to months

of delinquency and sabotage. Houser Condemned

A statement of the local union well as the constitution of the policy committee of the Execuand carry out the resolution passed at the Regional Conferon scab McCord products.

the union and that they expected member that a certain Francis mal decision of assistance to the behaving in a not dissimlar strike. The Executive Board fashion.

met but took no action other than appoint a policy committee empowered to decide policy in McCORD STRIKE this and similar situations. The next move of Local 210 was to next move of Local 210 was to send a delegation of 75 McCord strikers to the headquarters of the International, the Griswold Building, which demanded immediate action by the policy committee. The policy committee hedged and dodged, and Houser, Reuther and Co. tried to weasel their way out of any definite commitment. but the insistence of the delegation finally compelled Houser to phone the company informing them that the truce was off and that he wished to open new negotiations.

Police Assault Strikers As we go to press, Wyandotte police are attempting to smash the picket line. Several strikers, including John W. Anderson. member of the Executive Board

of the West Side Local were arrested and held by the police for several hours. Members of Local 210, however.

are convinced that with the active support of other U.A.W|, they could successfully repel the atappeared in the press condemn- tacks of the police. But they have ing Houser for violating every become increasingly and rightaccepted practice of unionism as fully bitter of the shameful and criminal treatment accorded U.A.W. The Local called on the them by Houser and Co. Mr. Houser and his kind are directly tive Board to meet immediately responsible before the workers of Detroit for the outcome of the McCord strike. His recent colluence of all Michigan locals to the sion with the management makes effect that the International in- the possibilty of a victory more struct all locals to refuse to work difficult and his actions over the entire seven-weeks' period have President Martin was advised in inflicted serious damage on the a wire from the local that Houser strike. Houser and those who had violated the constitution of agree or follow him should rehim to convoke a meeting of the Dillon was sent back to the bush-Executive Board and reach a for- leagues by the auto workers for

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(Continued from page 1) off from the working class in all countries, it is now threatened mortally by the friends it tried to make among the capitalists. The "victory" of Hitler in Central Europe is another "victory" for Stalin's brand of "realistic poli-

Re-Making the Map

Both in London and Paris the hope rides high that war has been averted. But that hope has little basis. The troubles of the World War victors are only beginning. The successful German campaign for the amputation of the Sudeten regions of Czechoslovakia has quickly aroused the other countries bordering the land of many played by the reformist trade unraces. Hungary, with full support ion leaders, the so-called Socialist from Hitler, has demanded "self- and Labor parties, and above all determination" for the Hungarian by the Stalinists. That way leads minority in Czechoslovakia. Pol- to war and mutual destruction. and has come forward with a demand for the strip of Czechoslovak Silesia — containing incidentally the richest coal region in Czechoslovakia - in which the Polish minority lives. The map makers will not be able to keep up with the process of dismemberment that will now set in.

What we are witnessing is the alone — toward peace.

dissolution of the entire political ystem created as a result of the last World War. The process, left in the hands of the bourgeosisie, "democratic" and Fascist, is leading directly toward a Second World War. It will be sharply interrupted and put on the rails towards a real lasting peace only by the revolutionary intervention of the workers of all countries. The workers have no side in the war that is being prepared. To say they have is consciously to accentuate the divisions in the working class along national lines, to fan the national and race hatreds which keep the workers lashed to their respective capitalist classes. That is the role now

By cutting across these national lines and uniting the workers of all the would-be belligerent nations and of all the races in Central Europe with a revolutionary program identical with their common interests, the revolutionists will lead the way toward proletarian power and - this way

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Akron Unionists Blast Lying Liberty Article

By R. FERGUSON

AKRON. — Akron labor began its response to the vicious anti-C.I.O. attack launched against the local union movement in the article "Why Akron Is a Ghost City - How Strikes Brought Ruin" pubished in last week's Liberty magazine, by entering a libel suit for \$500,000 damages against the author, publisher, and local distributors of the article.

C. Nelson Sparks, ex-mayor of Akron and founder of the late Law and Order League which fizzed out in the Goodyear strike of 1936, wrote the article from his customary stock-in-trade of rabble-rousing vigilantism. Its publication in a nationally known magazine such as Liberty signifies that this type of reactionary propaganda is steadily gaining favor with the real rulers of

Workers Know Sparks

Sparks, in the legal action greed of a tiny clique of capi taken against him, is charged talists. with being "irresponsible, untruthful, unreliable, bankrupt, a distorter of facts, a disgruntled politician, an exploiter of World War veterans for his personal gain," etc.—all of which charges VARIED CONTENT the workers of Akron have long since substantiated as the result of their experiences with him in the first Goodyear strike. The extreme verbal violence of Sparks' fascist appeal to run the "outside agitators" out of town in March, 1936, even caused so much alarm amongst the more "responsible" Akron capitalists that the Beacon Journal immediately printed a bold front-page editorial "No Room for Vigilantes" to

The Liberty article obviously is meant to be for outside-of-Akron consumption, inasmuch as everyone locally knows Sparks as a former agent of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., in whose service at that time he appealed to war veterans to help his Law and Order League crash the picket lines around Goodyear. His league flopped dismally because all Akron labor was waiting with weapons in hand to meet it.

The article claims to show how Akron as a community has been "ruined" by the "invasion" of the in book form in the Jewish and C.I.O. and how law and order has English languages a comprehen-"broken down." The truth of the matter, however, is altogether different, and it is to be hoped that the C.I.O. movement will not be content with taking Sparks to task merely for his obvious fakeries, but that it will utilize this occasion to take the offensive against the real inspirers of Sparks, the rubber barons and Wall Street banking houses.

Who Ruined Akron?

Czechoslovakia, War, American The "ghost city" aspect of Sparks' propaganda was origin- Politics, and a special editorial on ally propounded by the Chamber of Commerce and the rubber Farmer." The Soviet Arts today are reviewed by Edna Margolin companies this Spring as a method of intimidating the Goodrich Archive material never before unionists to accept a drastic wage published in the English langucut or be faced with loss of 5,000 age; a discussion article contribjobs through decentralization to uted on the "Their Morals and out-of-town plants. In this respect Ours" discussion by R. E. Scoul-Akron is no more of a "ghost ler, Marxist journalist from Glasgow, Scotland; and other interestcity" than Flint, Detroit, Toledo, New York, etc., etc., where bosses have moved production away to the South or to Hague-protected New Jersey, in order to chisel away at labor standards.

But there is a certain truth in calling Akron a "ghost city." It is that for thousands upon thousands of workers and their fam- The price for a single copy is 20c. ilies, with 21,000 men and their families dependent on W.P.A. wages for livelihood, with 2,000 trying to get on W.P.A., and UNIVERSITY PLACE, NEW 12,000 individuals on direct relief YORK, N. Y.

ment of the Bolshevik-Leninists, Munis, Carlini and Rodriguez. and said he knew nothing of their impending trial.

In regard to the P.O.U.M. leaders, he declared that they would be given every opportunity for a legal defense in the courts. The tribunals in Spain, he insisted several times, were "absolutely independent", even of the Minister of Justice. The judges draft the indictment, hold the trial and pronounce their verdict, and it is the function of the government only to carry out the decisions of the courts.

"Denies" G. P. U. Trials

Secretary Novack then inquired of the Minister of Justice whether the G. P. U. also had its independent tribunals in Spain. Shrugging his shoulders the Minister, emphatically denied that any such Stalinist tribunals existed.

Later the Minister's interpreter told another member of the delegation, Assistant Secretary Kluger, that even if the trial were held, the defendants confessed, and a verdict rendered, he felt sure the defendants would be pardoned as they did not wish to murder workers having differences of opinion.

"We are not interested in the petty squabble between the Trotskyites and Stalinists", Mr. Pena declared. "We have bigger pro blems to concern ourselves with, such as winning the war." Asked where he stood in the fight between the Trotskyites and Stalinists. Pena replied that he stood in the middle, and that was a difficult position to be in. He made no reply to the query what he rectly dependent on relief to prethought about people who said they stood in the middle during work two or three days per week, the Civil War.

> Minister Not "Responsible" Asked if he knew whether Andres Nin had been assassinated by the G. P. U., he disclaimed any knowledge of Nin's fate. He inferred that Nin had been killed

during the barricade fighting in Barcelona a year ago last May. He did not answer the question as to the fate of Erwin Wolfe, former secretary to Leon Trotsky, Marc Rein, son of Rafeal Abro mowitch, leader of the Second In ternational, and Kurt Landau, Austrian socialist, all reported ist law and order as a threat kidnapped and assassinated by against serious attempts to better the G.P.U. in Spain. He said he was not responsible for what happened before he entered the gov-

> He promised to personally investigate the Russell Blackwell case on his return to Spain, stating that the rearrest had taken place after he left and he had no knowledge of the circumstances surrounding it.

ernment.

He said that there were no prisoners belonging to the U. G. T. -C. N. T. being held for trial since both these groups were now part

of the government. Concluding the interview, he repeated that labor prisoners now being held for trial would be given as fair a trial as could be secured anywhere in the world. Novack replied that hundreds of thousands of supporters of the now going to press. In many Spanish workers in the United States were waiting to be convinced of this fact.

A sharp protest against repression of revolutionists in Spain and in particular against the legal frameup of militants of the place within the territory of your P O II M and the Bolshevik Leninist group in Barcelona was made in a letter last week to Gonworkers, to sow division in the zalez Pena, Spanish Loyalist Mi- ace of the enemy and therby to nister of Justice, by the Socialist act as a grievous obstacle to the Workers Party.

self "D. S." contributes an article The S. W. P. warned the Loyalropean Crisis." A telescoped, but ist minister against the adoption of fascist methods by the governprofound review on various asment he represents.It demanded pects of "The Political Situation that the Bolshevik-Leninist militin Palestine" has been offered by ants now under menace of death which your government has fol- ternational commission, composed sentence in Barcelona be accorded a free and open trial to be held with an international commission attending.

> address a mass meeting organized by the Trade Union Relief. Text of Letter

The S. W. P.'s letter was as fol-

"We address you as loyal and determined anti-fascists who Spain, stern and front-rank fighthave from the beginning supported, with every means in our were long months ago imprisoned power, the struggle of the on charges obviously and brazen Spanish Government against the ly framed up by the Spanish re mercenary hordes of the fascist presentatives of Stalin's GPU. In violation of the most elementary Franco and his reactionary allies.

"The welfare of the workers of civil rights, they have been held the world is bound up with the incommunicado, without benefit success of this struggle against of counsel, without public indictthe fascists, and consequently the eyes of all workers follow with the most intimate concern every phase of the events in Spain.

"We bring once more to your attention the grave apprehension felt by all serious anti-fascist militants at the invasions and abrogation of working class rights and the repression of working class militants which have taken place within the territory of your government. It is impossible to defeat fascism by borrow ing from the methods of fascism. Only through full proletarian democracy and freedom can the the workers of Spain and to the boundless resource of the work- world, their complete innocence ers be gathered together for suc- of the GPU's frame-up charges cessful resistance to, and triumph against them.





Left: Ignace Reiss, who broke with the Soviet secret service and declared for the Fourth International, was kidnapped and murdered by Stalin's G.P.U. near Lausanne, Switzerland, on Sept. 4, 1937. Vladimir Kondratieff and Dmitry Smizensky (Upper right), Renata Steiner and Gertrude Schildbach (lower right) are the G.P.U. agents who participated in this dastardly crime.

MURDERERS OF REISS SEEK LIFE OF TROTSKY

The G.P.U. that shot down Ignace Reiss in Switzerland a year ago, that kidnapped Erwin Wolf, Trotsky's secretary, in Spain last summer, that kidnapped and probably murdered Rudolph Klement, secretary of the Fourth International. in Paris last July, is now plotting to take the life of Leon Trotsky in Mexico.

This dark international mafia directed by the hand of Stalin in the Kremlin is behind a new campaign that has been begun by the Stalinists and their agents in Mexico in an attempt to work up a lynch atmosphere directed against Trotsky. Stalinist agents in the unions in Mexico are trying to exert pressure in this direction. The Teachers' Union recently adopted a resolution, Stalinist-inspired, hostile to Trotsky. In the Stalinist press the familiar lies and slanders are being whipped up into a fresh frenzy of hysterical hate of the world's premier Bolshevik.

This campaign, begun as soon as Hernan Laborde returned from his secret visit to New York, the G.P.U. center for North America, is designated to create an atmosphere "favorable"

and individuals in the United

States, such as Eugene Lyons,

and Charles Yale Harrison,

will appear in the October

number of the New Interna-

over, their enemies. The effect of

government can only be to weak-

en the united struggle of the

workers and their allies through-

Held Incommunicado

"In particular we are alarmed

and indignant at the proceedings.

Leninist group, Munis, Carlini

"These good comrades, all of

them with long and spotless re-

cords in the labor movement of

ers in the struggle against Franco

ment and with no opportunity to

defend themselves. Secret trials

have been planned for them. One

such trial was scheduled for Aug-

ust 20, but without either prior

or subsequent explanation, it was

postponed in the same secrecy

that has marked all the actions

taken with respect to these de-

"In the name of the struggle

against fascism and reaction, to

which we have dedicated our

lives, we demand for these defend

ants their full rights so that they

will be able to make known to

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out the world.

and Rodriguez.

to a terrorist attempt on the life of Trotsky.

We have in the last few months been able to follow the traces of various prominent G.P.U. agents who have been ordered to Mexico to organize the assassination of Trotsky. Last February police investigating the murder of Ignace Reiss, the ex-G.P.U. agent who broke with Stalin and came over to the Fourth International, came upon the effects of one Rossi, alias Rous. Among his belongings were found a map of Mexico City and a copy of Rossi's application for a Mexican

Another French agent named Georges Fournial was reported in Mexico last March. In April it was reported that George Mink, an American who has carried out some of the most murderous assignments of the G.P.U., especially in Spain, was on his way to Mexico. All these attempts are now going to add up to what the G.P.U. hopes will be the final and successful one.

Safeguard Trotsky's life! Let the guard around him be doubled and trebled. The G.P.U. must not be permitted to carry out the vicious

involved.

the Marine Firemen, have arbi-

tration clauses in their contracts,

they are not effective unless

regardless of picket lines.

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ported fakers.

Compulsory Arbitration Looms

are united behind a policy of

most of their efforts in seeking to

win the support of "public opin-

ion." With the solid support of

the whole trade union movement

behind them the clerks' are in a

given determined leadership. Un-

Lewis is only a danger to the

strikers. This personal represen-

tative of William Green entered

the situation uninvited and im-

mediately offered to settle the

strike. The unions in San Fran-

cisco suffer enough from the

class-collaboration of the Stalin-

crime it contemplates.

BRIDGES ACCEPTS The Defense of **CHANGES IN PACT** Czechoslovakia

In an article, "The Defense of Czecho-slovakia," Walter (Continued from page 1) Held analyzes the positions of ions as a whole. The drive of the various working class and pabosses aimed to prevent the uncifist forces in relation to the ions from tying up shipping, Czecho-slovakian Government either in protest against infracand War, and sets forth the tions of agreements or in sympathy with other unions. Statepolicies to be pursued by revolutionists in case of war bements by Almon E. Roth, president of the Waterfront Employtween Czechoslovakia and German Fascism. This penetrating article, taking the form has been accomplished. of a controversy with Willi Bridges Willing Schlamm, former Communist Party leader, and having direct implications concerning the attitude of similar forces

That Harry Bridges, head of the I.L.W.U., was not opposed to such an agreement, striking at the power of the union, is known from both statements and actions. Elementary labor solidarity has often been violated by Bridges, culminating in an open attack on picket lines established

From statements of both union and employers, it seems clear that all work must continue durthe repressions which have taken ing such arbitration. While other unions, such as the S.U.P. and

"We demand that they be given full right to independent counsel; that they be permitted to communicate freely wth friends, witnesses, and colleagues: that all charges against them be made precise and public; that their trial be held publicly. We demand, furthermore, that an inof known supporters of the fight lowed with respect to the trials against Franco, and having the instigated against the leading confidence of the international nembers of the POUM and the labor movements, shall be admit-Pena arrived in New York to leaders of the Spanish Bolshevik- ted to Spain to have free access to these defendants, and to be present as observers at their

> "Against the Moscow trial frame-up methods in the international labor movement. For full unity and solidarity

in the struggle against fascism ists. There is no room for im-

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French Bosses Use National Defense Plans to Break Strikes and Chain Workers to War Machine

What has happened to the reening and the Marseilles dock workers were conducting a twomonth-old militant strike. Has the French government used the international crisis to mobilize its war apparatus, calling the workers to the colors and thus putting an end to the strike movement? We do know that the National Committee of the C.G.T. (trade union federation) has approved way to stormy battles either in the national defense plans of the bourgeoisie.

By F. L. DEMBY

The contrast between the morale of the French proletariat today and last year, between the course of the class struggle toamazing. Gone is the enthusiasm, French workers. In its place reigns discouragement, disinter- through many ups and downs estedness in politics, and all the obvious characteristics of a period of social reaction. The miserable showing of July 14 was one example. The steady drift of the workers away from the C.G.T. in calling an extraordinary con-(General Confederation of Labor) gress to prepare for the present is obviously proof of the reaction, struggles remains to be seen. The

It is easy to read the minds of these workers. They say to themselves: "We had everything. Now we have nothing. We cannot even trust our leaders. Daladier does not represent the People's Front. Maybe the People's Front is no good. What can we do? We night just as well enjoy ourselves in the short time that remains before we have to fight against Hitler." This reaction and chauvinistic sweep is, of course, the logical fruit of the People's Front. But the French proletariat does not, as a whole, yet understand this elementary truth. It is easy for us to trace the

agreed to by both parties. Thus, by refusing to refer disputes to origin and course of this reacarbitration boards the unions are tion, because we predicted it. It able to force the employers to ne-gotiate directly on the matters excend and duration of the reaction. That depends on too many Under the old agreement, which | variable factors. True, there is was renewed unchanged by the certainly a legitimate economic seamen's unions, a ship, if necbase for a strike wave at present essary, could be tied up. This But are the present strikes is what the owners wished to merely the tail-end of the whole avoid, but were unable to force preceding period of sharp class ers Association, declare that this the seamen to agree. Now it apstruggles, the last desperate gespears as if they have done the tures on the part of the leaderext best thing and will force the ess workers before the vise of longshoremen to work such ships, the reaction clamps down completely? Or, on the contrary, do these strikes mark the end of the the gravity of the present situa-By offering to extend the same desperate upsurge on the part of they expect decisive battles in the type of contract to the warehouses, the Stalinist leadership of the working class? A third elethe I.L. W. U. is threatening to ment, which cannot be neglected. saddle all the shore workers with is the possibility that (as was compulsory arbitration. Experi-the case in April of this year ence has proven that the machin- when the Blum government fell ery of arbitration works solely in and the Daladier government the interests of the bosses, and came into power) the Communist all maritime unions will suffer if Party is principally responsible the employers succeed in install- for the strikes.

The Hand of the C. P.

In the clerks' strike Stalinists That the C. P. is the driving force behind the strikes may will the French workers do. It is "peaceful" picketing and spend seem strange, but not if one the French working class which knows what has been happening will have the decisive say in the recently. We know that the Sta- coming momentous battles in linists did not hesitate to use the France, and it is here that the magnificent strike action of the great opportunity for the P.O.I. French proletariat as blackmail position to win a decisive victory, against the French bourgeoisie, ternational) lies. when they thought that the forfortunately, this is lacking. The mation of the Daladier governleadership seems willing to settle ment meant the abandonment of on any basis, with the bosses the Franco-Soviet pact and the holding out for complete capituentry of France into the politics of the Four-Power bloc. We The intervention of Meyer know, too, that the 73 deputies of the C.P. voted for Daladier only on the basis of an agree ment that no open steps would be taken by the French bourgeoisie to break the Franco-Soviet Pact during the summer period. If, as is quite possible, the British-French "sell-out" of Czechosovakia is to be used as a step towards the formation of a Four-Power pact, then the motivation for previous Stalinist-inspired strikes and for the reported present opposition of the C. P. to the Daladier government is definitely understandable. Aside from the possible reper

cussions of the international situation upon French domestic af fairs, there is, however, another suspect the Stalinists. For the has been a steady drift of the French workers away from the C. P. and its periphery apparatus. of the signs of, the general reaction. Numerically, the C. P. has compensated for these defections to a certain extent by extending methods applied by the Spanishits base amongst the petty-bourgeoisie, intellectual and lumpen elements. The bureaucracy, however, knows that not only will they not be able to exert any

pressure on the French bourgeoisie if they continue to lose cent strikes of the French work- their working-class following, but ers against the extension of the also that not all the workers who working week to 48 hours by the leave their ranks will retire into Daladier Government? Two political inactivity. Some will find weeks ago the red flag was re-their way to the revolutionary ported waving over factories in ranks, the Fourth International Amiens, a general strike of the Hence, in order to keep their fol-50,000 textile workers was threat- lowing, the Stalinists are forced into action.

Economic Battles Inevitable In spite of all the variable factors which play a part in the present struggle in France, and which are so difficult to estimate precisely, it is absolutely inevitable that the present reaction and general discouragement amongst the workers must give the immediate present or in the very near future, unless war intervenes. The economic struggle alone, that is the general and rapid worsening of the living standards of the masses, is forcday and a year ago, is really ing the French working class once again onto the path of exspirit and militancy of the tra-parliamentary action. A prerevolutionary situation goes before the final crisis is reached, but inevitably it merges into a revolutionary crisis.

Whether the progressive elements in the C.G.T. will succeed French workers still have time to prepare for their decisive battles (these decisive battles might take place before, during or after the war), but their time is becoming increasingly short. The People's Front has not only wasted valuable time in the last two years, but it has also, while entrenching the reaction, disarmed the workers ideologically, weakened their fighting organizations, criminally sabotaged the struggle in the colonies and placed the officers' corps (solidly fascist) in a commanding position. What were once very favorable conditions for a revolution in France have become definitely less favorable, due especially to the betraval of the workers by their leaders.

One thing, however, which must not be overlooked is that the French working class has a long and militant tradition of class struggle behind it. It is definitely anti-fascist. This, of course, is no guarantee that fascism will not triumph in France, but it gives the revolutionary forces an advantage. The fascist movement itself has not grown and, as a matter of fact, has had great diftions. All forces, from extreme reaction and the beginnings of a tion in France, and intimate that

> The present Daladier governnent will surely fall then, although it is not excluded that Daladier himself will again be chosen to head the new cabinet, this time possibly a national union government. One gets the feeling, however, from a stay in France that, in spite of everything, the biggest unknown factor is what (French section of the Fourth In-

'TREASON TRIAL' **DELAYED AGAIN**

(Continued from page 1) three Bolshevik-Leninists named above. There are several others involved in this trial and many in prison of whose fate it has been impossible to learn anything.

Legal Murder Attempt

It is in any case plain that an attempt at legal murder of our Spanish comrades is under way despite the protests that have poured into the Spanish Loyalist capital from labor organizations and liberals throughout the (A telegram of protest was dis-

patched by the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refureason which might cause one to gees singed, among others, by John Dewey, John Chamberlain, past four or five months there Ludwig Lore, Dorothy Dunbar Bromley, Dwight Macdonald.) The demand must now be raised with redoubled vigor that all This has been part of, and one these accused militants be given an open trial, the right to choose counsel and an immediate end to the shameful third degree torture

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A Bona Fide Strike!

New York's 100 per cent effective drivers' strike is added testimony to the fact that the men rolling the nation's commerce over the highways and in the cities are leading the labor movement in organization and militancy.

Within a few days after negotiations with employers for a revision of the present agreement bogged down, strikers went into action and tied up the city's traffic tighter than a drum. The strike has been called "wild cat" because it was valled into being by a ground-swell of rank and file pressure.

This description of the strike is entirely misleading and calculated only to break it up. The overwhelming majority of Locals 807, 282 and 816 have voted for the strike. The unanimity of the walkout has compelled city officials to formally request of the union that it allow delivery of newsprint. Few if any cases of scabbing by union men have thus far been reported.

Only the failure of Cashal, International Vice-President, and Devery, president of Local 807, to give formal sanction is used by enemies of the drivers in declaring the strike "wild-cat." Yet neither Cashal nor Devery have dared to "outlaw" the walkout, despite their known opposition. That fact alone should prove that the strike is genuinely representative of the sentiment of New York's teamsters.

If ever there was a bona fide strike—this is it! The principal demand of the strikers is justified beyond the question of a doubt. The drivers want a reduction of hours from 48 to 40 at the prevailing basic wage. The shortening of the work week will mean an increase in wages for the men now employed. Above all it will mean work, badly needed work, for some if not all of the 4,000 drivers now unemployed.

Unemployment is the obsession problem of the American labor movement today. One of the few effective solutions to cope with this problem, under the present system, is a division of work through reduction of hours without reduction of wages. The drivers are to be congratulated and supported for taking the bull by the horns. Their strike is therefore not only legitimate; it is progressive in every sense of the word and deserves the backing of every good union

Up to the present there has been little violence attending the walkout. New York's police force, usually rough and vicious with strikers, have not attempted to interfere with pickets or attack strikers. For one thing, they have been overwhelmed by the scope of the walkout and the grim determination of the men to see that no freight moves without authorization of the strike committee.

For another, LaGuardia and Acting Mayor Newbold Morris have been attempting to talk the men back to work. They have palavered about "disunity" in the ranks of the workers as the cause of the strike. But anyone who has seen the wonderful solidarity of the striking drivers knows that talk of disunity in the ranks is so much hogwash. These "friends" are hanging their hat on the fact that the strike has not yet been "authorized."

But the bosses now say that they will refuse to negotiate even if the strike had legal sanction. If LaGuardia and Morris are really serious about wanting to help the drivers, let them prove it by forcing the bosses to resume immediate negotiations with the union!

The drivers have confidence in the LaGuardia administration. We don't. We have seen LaGuardia smash relief demonstrations and strikes too many times to have any confidence in his "friendship for labor." We take this occasion to warn the drivers not to relax their vigilance because of confidence in the "Little Flower." Already you can hear Newbold Morris talking about "protecting" the "public," about not causing the city any "embarrassment," etc., etc.

Judging by past experience, talk of this kind is usually a prelude to hostile, strikebreaking action. Unless we are badly mistaken, if the strike continues, it will not be many days before hell begins to pop on the streets of New York with cops and strikebreakers manning scab trucks. It is the strikers' right to believe as they will, but they will do well to watch Mr. LaGuardia's evevery motion and to rely solely on their own

The strike is spreading rapidly now. That is good. The only chance the workers have for victory is in the tie-up of everything on wheels in the trucking industry with the exception of trucks authorized by the committee for hospitals and sanitation. The tighter the stranglehold the soiner the settlement. The Minneapolis drivers, famed for their success throughout the Teamsters International—won their strikes precisely that way.

The strike committee was prevailed upon to service the big city dailies with newsprint. The reward for this leniency, with the possible exception of one or two papers, was a slashing,

reactionary attack on the strike branding it as "rebel," "outlaw," "illegal." The papers received a special dispensation from the comittee and in return they spat out their full venom upon the strike. This is a fact the strikers should bear in mind for future reference.

"Perishables" are still moving with the permission of the committee. But as long as they move, the strike has a big dent in its armor. No doubt a big howl will go up about "starving the public." The strikers will let the gentlemen, who don't give a hoot whether the "public" starves the year around, keep howling while they go about their business winning the strike.

Who said the public will starve? The union can very well go to the farm organizations and cooperatives up-state, who are being ground down by the milk trust and a half dozen other monopolies and make an arrangement with them. They will supply the city with all the perishables it requires and at the same time, the strikers will be building up the confidence and support of the farmers. Such an arrangement is operative at this very moment in the strike of General Drivers' Local 554 of Omaha, Nebraska (reported elsewhere in this issue). The same kind of cooperation was an outstanding factor in feeding the men during the long-drawn out 1934 strike in Minneapolis and in helping them win. New York's drivers can profit by this ex-

The rank and file committee appears to enjoy the complete confidence of the men and to be wide awake as to its job. A good omen for the strike! Now it is necessary for every union man to exert the utmost vigilance in guarding the pitfalls that lie in the path. Phoney "labor leaders" and smooth-talking, politician "friends of labor" will not miss a trick to break the strike. Watch their fingers! A good eye is as necessary as a strong hand to win a strike.

Patriot's Progress

The patriotic bandwagon of the Communist Party is swinging into high gear. Throughout the United States the loyal followers of Stalin are lustily singing the Star Spangled Banner at a hundred mass meetings; a hundred speakers proclaim their willingness to lick the boots of their capitalist masters.

On the Pacific Coast the tour of Earl Browder and William Z. Foster became a veritable orgy of flag-waving, unprecedented in the history of the Communist movement and comparable only to one of Wilson's Liberty Loan drives.

This national campaign is not a haphazard affair but a vigorous reply by the "Twentieth Century Americans" to those who would sully the reputation of the Communist Party as the ace defender of American capitalist institutions. From the Dies Committee hearings have come weird tales of "plots" and "revolutionary strategy" which, though laughed at by the nation's press, disturb the patriotic sensibilities of Browder and his minions.

True, Mr. Dies is somewhat of a patriot himself, and hasn't a disagreeable "third period" lurking in his closet, but Mr. Browder and his party are willing to give him cards and spades and still beat him in the game of ferreting out 'enemies of the people.'

They are even willing to give Mr. Dies lessons in uncovering subversive activities, as a who may not be a full-blooded ferret, but surely qualifies as a member of the rodent species, in his first article takes the Senate committee to task for not protecting "our" Brooklyn Navy Yard. Nazi spies, Mr. Spivak infers, are stealing "our" naval secrets, are copying "our" blueprints and are hindering the building of "our" navy, yet "our" Dies Committee does nothing to prevent it.

At this writing, Mr. Spivak has not yet exposed the subversive activities of working-class revolutionists, but that is certain to come. Already his leader, Mr. Browder, speaking in Oakland on August 25, publicly called on the Dies Committee to investigate "Trotskyites." The zealous Browder knows full well that from the ranks of the working class comes the real danger to American capitalism, and that the true patriot must not shirk the duties of an informer.

The Communist Party will make capital of the ludicrous blunders of the Dies Committee. There will yet be a place for Browder, along with McDonald in England and Thomas in France, on the roster of eminent "defenders of

The bosses can always use a smart stoolpigeon.

None So Blind

Komsomol Pravda, organ of the Russian Young Communist League, complained last week that the British Conservatives, blinded by their class interests, are paving the way for German Fascist aggression in Europe.'

Stalin's young gentlemen so long ago abandoned the class interests of the proletariat that it is difficult for them now to grasp the fact that the class struggle does exist and that class interests do now-as always-determine the action

of the capitalist class in every country. Confronted with this in the action of the British last week in giving way before Hitler, the young worthies at Stalin's coat tails could do no better than attribute it to some sudden stroke of blindness assailing the British bosses.

What they refuse to admitt is that the British bourgeoisie, and the French bourgeoisie likewise, fears not the war itself but the spector of revolutionary upheavals that will inevitably come in the wake of a new imperialist war. That is why, in full accordance with their class interests, the Anglo-French bourgeoisie is indeed "paving the way for German Fascist aggresion in Europe"-but aggression which shall be directed against the Soviet Union!

Imperialist Smokescreen At **Latin American Congress**

evolutionists in Catalonia).

With its pompous and empty speeches, the Congress was parade-like demonstrations of recent years. It concluded with the creation of a Latin American Workers Confederation, with headquarters in Mexico City, and the presidency in the hands of Lombardo Toledano. The only precisely the nub of the question. concrete product of the Congress forming the basic of the newlycreated confederation.

consists exlusively of vague and of feudal survivals, lead the peashollow phrases, bombastic circumlocutions, all covering the crassest of reformist ideas. Pious Hones

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Unity for What? to.speak, of the means to be em- toward power. ployed in arriving at the desired end. In one word, it is "unity," national, international, and in nothing about imperialism. To tude.

Mexican Oil

every other sense. Unity for judge from the declaration, it is MEXICO, D. F. - The Pan- what? The unity of forces finds a thing that scarcely exists for

> the aim of "elevating the econo- grouping ("Fascism"). mic, social, and moral conditions" ing of political power! This is

Only the taking of political power velt in furthering North Amerwas a declaration of principles by the proletariat will free the Latin American nations from the the continent. Leon Jouhaux, who voke of imperialism, purge them

Reduced to Absurdity Let us note in passing how the it nearly 25 years ago. anxiety to remain vague leads to use of even the word proletariat absurdities. The resolution speaks clear: to make the new Confederaand speaks of "manual and in- of the "economic autonomy" of tion an instrument for the penetellectual workers." It proclaims the Latin American nations. Does ration and strengthening of the the necessity for changing "the this mean seeking some kind of "democratic" imperialism in Latin social regime which now governs autarchy ala Hitler? No, it is America against Italian and the majority of the countries of a question of defeating foreign German influence. This struggle the earth." This regime is capital- imperialism. But that the resolu- is assuming, moreover, an urgent ism. Why not call it by its name? tion does not want to say. It character with the approach of For the quite simple reason that covers itself with a formula that war, for the central and southern

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Silence on Imperialism

American Trade Union Congress, its justification only in the action Latin America. The word is mencalled by the Mexican Workers' of these forces. Of that there is tioned once, in the appendix, with Confederation (C. T. M.) took not the slightest question. For the out explanation. Actually, it is place here from Sept. 6 to Sept. revolutionary and real means for around the struggle against im-8. The Congress was attended by the emancipation of the Latin perialism that all the fundamentdelegates from most of the Latin American workers through the al problems of Latin America re-American countries, by John L taking of political power by the volve. Behind the theoretical void Lewis, representing the C. I. O., proletariat, the declaration does of the declaration, it is in this Leon Jouhaux, of the French not even substitute any defined that its consciously fraudulent General Confederation of Labor and consequent reformist per-character emerges most clearly: C. G. T.), and Gonzales Pena, spective. Abstract "unity" be- The new Confederation is not a the Spanish Minister of Justice comes an end in itself. Beyond weapon for the struggle of the (the "justice" so well known to that there is no perspective at all. Latin American workers for 3. The next paragraph indi- emancipation, but an instrument cates the task of "obtaining" (?) to chain these workers to an imfull economic and political auto- perialist grouping) the "demoscarcely distinguishable from the nomy for the Latin American cratic" imperialism — what irony nations and the liquidation of that this resolution was voted on feudal survivals. All this with in Mexico!!) against a nother

> If one leaves the written text of the masses. With what jealous aside for a moment to consider care the declaration avoids speak the discussions at the congress no doubt remains. Lewis acted solely as an instrument of Rooseican penetration into the rest of played an important role in the discussions and in the lobbies of the congress, is the conscious and open a new road to all of society. cynical agent of French imperialism - Lenin denounced him for

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It is Roosevelt's "left face" that

keeps for him the support of the

His mouthpieces in the labor

movements of New York, Penn-

sylvania, Ohio, Illinois, etc., could

thus point proudly to him as still

the great champion of the masses

Farm-Labor Union

Maryland, where he called for a

union of farm and labor behind

Deal, fitted in perfectly. He was

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small and unimportant State

where the speech was delivered,

but to the broader reaches of the

towns and plains of North and

Roosevelt's speech at Denton,

against the Tories.

GOLD RUSH ON WALL STREET The stampede for war gold is on!

Americas are rich reservoirs of also capitalism, only a capital mands democratic rights for the battlefields. The phrases about cording to pious hopes. The world careful not to indicate the means only to cover the fraud, to direct the present world. In this domain the policies of so-called demo-

> "principles" is beyond all criticism. Not a single one of the real problems of Latin America is dealt with in it. These gentlemen thought that the jeremiads of more affected and stupid, were good enough for the Latin Amer ican masses. That is the only adaptation they have made for the specific problems of this con-

tion is an instrument in the hand; quite real fact. It cannot win the Latin America workers libera

Pinning 'em Down

At the cost of a new maelstrom that beclouds Europe's horizon and the sweat of labor at home, Wall Street's bourbons are filling their depositories with freshly-plucked riches.

Statistics on the pre-war wave of profits for the large corporations offer an astounding contrast to the plight of more than 13,000,000 American families, whose average income last year was equal to \$471, and are another sad commentary on the vaunted beneficence of the New Deal administration. And, of course, the daily newspapers, without exception, have failed by oversight or other convenient reasons to print a single line regarding the new floods of yellow metal into the coffers of the Morgans, Rockefellers, du Ponts, et al.

It is a fact that more than one hundred companies with securities listed on the New York Stock Exchange or the New York Curb Exchange enjoyed bigger "earnings," as the moneybags are wont to call it, in 1937 than in America's fattest boom year. The profits of 29 companies alone have totaled \$507,000,000 more than

What is most portentous about the figures is that the largest profits have come to those corporations dealing in war supplies. Statistics are excessively dull reading for the laymen, but their perusal provides damning proof of who has been paying the

bill for the last two capitalist crises and all the preceding ones. Accordingly I am listing a few examples of the returned prosperity that is being confined solely and secretly to those who do a bulging business out of human slaughter.

Monsanto Chemical Corporation, a du Pont war supplies concern, increased its profits by 354 per cent over those of 1929 with sales of \$33,202,000.

Douglas Aircraft, which builds war planes and is controlled by the Morgan-du Pont interests, boosted its profits by 175 per cent over 1929 with sales of \$20,950,000.

Mesta Machine Corporation, a subsidiary of the House of Morgan's U. S. Steel, had profits of 161 per cent ever the 1929 record.

Philips Petroleum, of the Rockefeller-Mellon Estate interests, enjoyed profits 50 per cent higher than in 1929 with sales aggregating \$145.933.000.

Union Carbide, another Rockefeller-Mellon institution, had profits of \$42,782,000 more than in 1929.

E. I. du Pont-Nemours of Delaware swelled their profits in 1937 by \$88,081,000 over the previous top year in peacetime "prosperity." (These profits are exclusive of many hundred millions more by du Pont subsidiaries.)

Hercules Powder Corporation, another du Pont-Morgan war supplies unit, showed a 4 per cent gain over 1929 with

Thus one can go on and on through the Wall Street groups, showing how these corporations have been amassing millions at an unprecedented pace in the face of widespread unemployment and with more than 20,000,000 persons on the relief rolls deprived of adequate food, shelter and clothing.

BULL MARKET COMING

Financiers and high government officials, while maintaining a strange silence on the reaping of record pre-war revenues, have been issuing innocuous statements with respect to the recent dips of the stock market. This downward trend is a temporary movement, motivated by a series of causes, including the usual manipulations for catching suckers, but it is certain to be followed, in the event of war, by a sweep upward such as has not been seen in years. Nor is Wall Street much concerned over the talk of socalled regulatory legislation to curb speculation.

Instead, the Wall Street leaders are focusing greedy eyes at the huge sums of European moneys shipped to these shores in late months to escape the effects of native currency depreciation, due to conditions at home.

France, for example, has millions upon millions of dollars held here and an outbreak of hostilities would almost immediately generate the flow of gold into the hands of American industrialists and manufacturers for all kinds of products needed by a

Assuredly there will be many cries for tightening of the Neutrality Act, as a means of keeping this country out of the war, but any enacted legislation is bound to be interlaced with loopholes so as not to interfere with the bloody harvests of American

PROFITS, PRICES UP-WAGES DOWN

Assuming the remote possibility that Congress passes measures "to take the profits out of war," such action would, in the final analysis, simply constitute a division of revenue between the war industries' magnates and their government. A subsequent speeding up of production would leave the basic profits structure intact, with the incomes of the Morgans and du Ponts soaring to ever higher levels.

The new war orders from abroad along with the New Deal's own rearmament program will open up new jobs, to be sure, but there will also be ushered in a new era of price-boosting and general profiteering on life's general necessities. Workers face the dangers of wide slashes in "real" wages through the inflatinn of living costs and farmers, too, will be plagued anew by rising prices of seed, feed, machinery, clothing, etc.

In this rapidly-evolving situation America's masses cannot expect any assistance or consideration from Democrats or Republicans, "right" or "left." To meet the wage-slashing and other attacks of Big Business, they must strengthen the trade unions and tenant farmers' groups and organize on the political field under militant working-class leadership. In these efforts, the Socialist Workers Party leads the way.

porarily back toward the Repubthe ostensible aims of the New

creditible as it might seem, tem-1

The danger is thus clearly pointed: as the break with lican Party. Another part flares Roosevelt begins, unless the vaup in the pension movement of cuum to the left is filled, unless the Far West. Still another sec- a new political instrument is tion listens more eagerly than forged whereby the independent would have been the case five class strength of the workers can years ago to the ravings of Sena- be mobilized for advance, then tors Smith and George, whose the break will lead either to discampaigns boiled down to "white sipation and disorientation, or to-supremacy."

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But in spite of these compensating considerations, the extent of threatening diplomatic notes Gallup survey-which has been of the failure of the purge refunctioning with great accuracy mains a sign of a certain weakduring the past year-made an ening of Roosevelt's position. The abysmal collapse of the New estimate. Their returns showed Tydings with 60 per cent of the Deal, the blows of the renewed economic slump, are beginning to stir the consciousness of the masses, to puncture the myth of But at the same time they

Under present conditions, the larity, and found him with a clear 55 per cent support. Though this normal movement for such a percentage is lower than that in process, on the part of the workpartment for its unwarranted in- the 1936 election, it had not ers and unemployed and poor dropped as a result of his inter- farmers, would be to the left. vention in the Maryland primary. But, tragically, the policy of the There is every reason to believe Lewises and Greens and reformthat this paradox is typical of the ists and Stalinists provides no orother States involved in the ganized outlet to such a move ment to the left. Through Labor's Non-Partisan League they try to The recently conducted For- whip the gradually rising discontune poll indicated a somewhat tent back into the line for New

Roosevelt, the Savior.

similar phenomenon: it showed a Deal class collaborationism. decisive continuing majority in Discontent Flares The discontent and disillusion popular support for Roosevelt personally, but much lower sup- are thus in part vainly dissipat-AT YOUR NEWSSTAND port of, or even opposition to, a ed. Some is finding its way, in-

Rubber Union Hits New Deal Candidates Lose, current series of articles in the Daily Worker by John L. Spivak demonstrates. Mr. Spivak, Hull Notes On Mexican Oil But F.D.R. Holds Prestige number of specific plans and

By JAMES BURNHAM AKRON.-Evincing greater in-The Presidential Purge, on the policies. terest in the problems of Latin surface at any rate, has taken American workers because of the the worst beating of any Rooserecent visit to Mexico of John L. veltian enterprise of the past dec- purge. Its chief purpose was not Lewis, the Akron Industrial Un- ade. For the first time in these

Nevertheless, surface appear

Defeats Expected

In the first place, it should be

noted that Roosevelt, in most of

the primaries where he inter-

vened, expected his favored can-

didate to be defeated. This is es-

tablished by fully authentic re-

Secondly, a sharp distinction

was made by many voters be-

local candidate for whom he had

tested Roosevelt's personal popu-

Personal Prestige High

ion Council and Goodrich Local 5 Six Lean Years, there is rejoicof the United Rubber Workers ing in the camp of the Repubhave passed unanimously the fol- lican National Committee. There is no doubt moreover lowing resolution of support to that Roosevelt's prestige has genthe Mexican workers and warnuninely suffered by the severity of ning to the U.S. State Department to keep its hands off the defeats of his candidates in a whole, especially in the heavily the primaries. Like all dema-Whereas, C.I.O. Chairman John gogues, he thrives on victory, and

L. Lewis, pledged cooperation in shrinks rapidly when he loses. He Mexico last week to the newly- relies on the all-powerful magic workers and the unemployed and formed Workers Confederation of of his name; but in this instance the masses generally. In the Latin America in its fight against the spell of his magic proved in- purge he put this face forward. "miserable wage structures and effectual. degrading working and social conditions of the workers" im- ances are, as so often, at least partly deceiving. posed by large foreign corpora-

Whereas, The open shop Standard Oil Co. of the Rockefeller interests was expropriated by the Cardenas government in Mexico to end its exploitation of the Mexican people, and

Whereas, This progressive step of the Mexican government has been vigorously supported by the tween their feeling for Roosevelt labor movement and bitterly himself and their action on the fought by reactionaries, and

Whereas, Secretary of State declared. This was strikingly West. Cordell Hull has sought to nulli- shown in, for example, Maryland. fy the action of Mexico by means On the eve of the election, the defending the oil companies,

Resolved, That we go on record 1. Hailing the C.I.O.'s stand for vote, which was exactly what he

cooperation with the workers of Latin America in bettering their hours, wages and working conditions as a fine exhibition of international labor solidarity, and 2. Condemning the State De-

terference in the internal affairs of Mexico thereby jeopardizing the labor gains made up to now,

3. Demanding that America and other imperialistic nations keep their hands off Mexico, and all other colonial or semi-colonial

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