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Hit by Ruling

Contract Of I.L.G.W.U. Upheld, Preventing Anti-Labor Move

powerful International Ladies' Garment Workers Union forced favorable legal action against two "runaway shops", firms which had violated their union contract by moving outside New York and establishing an open-shop. The two firms, the Blue Dale Dress Company and the Blue Fox Dress Company, had signed with the union last February as members of Popular Priced Dress Manufacturers Group Inc., an employers association. On October 29th they locked out the workers from their factory, resigned from the employers' association on October 31st, and the same night secretly moved their machinery to Archbold, Pennsylvania. Their charge was that the ILGWU had created "unnecessary labor strikes," thereby breaching the contract.

It was successfully shown that the latter was not true, that the two firms involved had locked out the workers and had attempted to run a non-union shop. Justice McCook, in his opinion declared that, "regarding the situation as a whole it is clear that the intention was at one stroke to get rid of the obligations of the union contract and to obtain cheaper non-union labor in a more indulgent commun-

While the decision will be appealed by the employers, its importance at this time is undeniable. Insofar as the labor movement can get anything out of favorable court decisions, this one will be of aid to the aroused trade union movement of America. Its special importance, of course, is to the various needle trades, since it is far more unusual to hear of steel mills or auto plants slipping away by night. It is the legal support of the principle involved, support which comes Brophy, representing the CIO not from the liberalism of the bench but from the independent power of the ILGWU, that is of significance to collective bargain-

Press Gag Laws

of 359 to 193, a government bill on the control of the press. This bill, for which both communist and socialist deputies voted, forbids with appropriate penalties the printing or publishing of

- 1. "news of a nature capable of troubling public order"; and
- 2. "agitation in any form against French authority in the colo-

Thus have the communists and socialists voted to give the French state power to suppress revolutionary agitation against capitalist rule at home and against imperialism abroad! Thus have the workers parties pledged themselves, thru a self-imposed prohibition, to abandon the class struggle against capitalist rule in France and against imperialist oppression in the colo-

Such is the poisoned fruit of the People's Front!

Runaway Shop | Auto Union Votes to Strike All General Motors Plants

Injunction Out Against Sit-In Fisher Body Strikers; CIO Aids

Two hundred representatives of the United Automobile Workers, representing General Motors, voted for a general strike in the company's plants should the demands worked out be rejected by the management of the corporation. The meeting which took these steps was called in Flint, Michigan. In addition to working out demands a board of strategy was set up, consisting of the UAWA officials representatives of the Committee for Industrial Organization, and Glenn McCabe of the Flat Glass Workers, an allied industry now in a general strike. This board will have the authority to call the strike and will supervise the strike mach-

Eight demands were formulated by the workers as follows: A national conference between the heads of General Motors and the Union (i.e. as opposed to plant agreements); abolition of piece work; thirty hour week and six hour day with time and one-half for overtime; establishment of a minimum wage; reinstatement of all workers discharged unjustly; seniority rights; recognition of the UAWA; mutual agreement as to the speed of the line.

The board of strategy will send a letter to General Motors this week covering these demands.

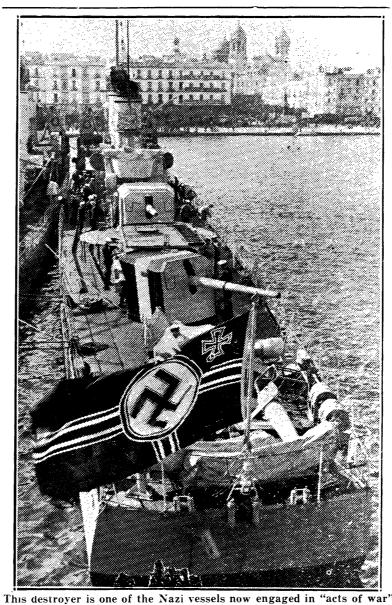
Fighting a sit-down strike in two Fisher body plants in Flint, General Motors has gotten out an injunction to evict the men. The notice was read to the strikers but no move has as yet been made to oust them. The sheriff appeared at the union meeting but did not serve the injunction because "too many people were there". John at the meeting, stated that the injunction would be fought by the whole CIO.

Approximately 28,000 men are on strike in eight GM plants thruout the country and about 8,500 French CP, SP Vote are idle due to shutdown plants, it was announced at the conference. was announced at the conference.

Homer Martin and John Brophy made the main addresses at the conference. Brophy stated that the CIO was "morally and materially On December 8, according to a behind the efforts of the automobile workers to organize the industrial workers the industrial workers to organize the industr ber of Deputies adopted, by a vote try completely and to establish ly desirous of general discussions with the management, but ready for real bargaining.

Coincident with the drive to organize the auto industry in general and GM plants in particular, President Roosevelt took a suddenly revived interest in the quespress conference in Washington, he let it be known that, while no definite plans were worked out, some sort of Federal control of mantling of the NRA.

However, the auto workers will no statement was issued.



against anti-fascist Spain. It flies the swastika in the port of Cadiz

The "Mother of Democracy" Plans Financial Aid to Fascist Germany!

man And Nation" of London, Novem- fascist; and though less concern is ber 21, 1936.)

there is no doubt that plans for majority of our financial leaders raising a British loan or loans to and, not least, to the Governor of assist "economic revival" in Germany and Italy are being strenument there among "the people who

stressed the fact that the union, Green, made the infamous sell-out nothing for the workers but worsened their condition, till today, the need of a real union independent of the government as of the company is obvious to all auto work-

Preparations are also being made by the Federal government to take tion of wages and hours. At a a hand in strike developments. Edward McGrady, chief troubleshooter of the administration has been recalled from San Francisco, to enter consideration was being given to the lists. Other federal mediators are being rushed into the area, and wages and hours. He referred to attempts are being made to settle the general increase in hours and the glass workers strike. John L. decrease in wages since the dis- Lewis participated in a long conference with Frances Perkins but

(Reprinted from the "New States-1 count" is predominantly semifelt about Italy, the idea of an economic clash in Hitler's Germany Official denials notwithstanding, would be most unwelcome to the the Bank.

Yet, economic troubles in Gerously canvassed in the City. Senti- many are accumulating. Prices are soaring, and there is a growing deficiency of many food suppliesreal collective bargaining". Martin | not this time give up their inde- as witness the new campaign to pointed out the unreliability of pendent union strength for the substitute vast quantities of plum the Auto Labor Board which failed to protect the jobs of 300 workers dismissed for union activity. He velt, together with William ous clearing arrangements and special arrangements for paynow 100,000 strong, was not mere-lagreement, which not only did ments, Germany's real foreign trade position is wrapped in mystery. But all the available evidence points to the conclusion that she is living considerably beyond her means. She cannot import the food she needs and at the same time finance raw material imports required for the rearmament programme, or otherwise entailed by the Government's prodigal expenditure on strategic roads and other employment giving works.

> German emissaries in London are apparently trying to convince the City that Nazism in bankruptcy would be much more dangerous to League and the Southern Tenant Germany's neighbors than if it | Farmers' Union in their efforts received sufficient financial assist- eliminate slavery in the co ance to tide things over smoothly. I fields of the South.

Arms to Spain Banned by U.S.

Roosevelt In Line With England and France In Tacit Aid to Franco

The tacit and unofficial support that has been given to British and French plans for strangling the Spanish revolution by the United States became explicit this week when the Roosevelt administration sharply attacked Cuse, an exporter, for sending arms to the Spanish government. The Neutrality Law gives the president power to put an embargo on arms shipments in wars between nations but not in civil wars. Roosevelt declared the action of Cuse in "taking advantage of this loophole is unpatriotic". Immediate steps are being taken to amend the law so that the president has unqualified and unlimited powers to prevent arms shipments at his discretion.

This is clearly an act against the Spanish workers and against any possible revolutionary movements of oppressed colonial peoples. How "anti-fascist" is the "great humanitarian"! What a symbol of struggle against reaction, against the "economic tories", at home and abroad! Roosevelt's foreign policy, dictated by the interests of American Imperialism, is every whit as reactionary as parliament-loving England, people's front France, Fascist Germany and Italy—the international bourgeoisie have a common interest in murdering the Spanish workers.

While England's interests in preventing a revolutionary Spain are perhaps greater than the United States, since the Mediterranean is of vital significance to her imperial trade-routes, nevertheless, it must not be forgotten that hundreds of millions of American capital is invested in Spain. (International Telephone and Telegraph has alone invested in its Spanish subsidiary over \$350,000,000 since 1929. In 1928, the House of Morgan loaned the Spanish government twenty million dollars.) In addition various industries have obtained concessions from the former monarchy, concessions not threatened particularly by the col-(Continued on Page 2)

SharecropperFund **Drive Is Held Legal**

Informed yesterday that the Deartment of Justice had ruled that there was nothing improper in the distribution of anti-peonage stamps used to raise funds "in the struggle against slavery carried on by the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union," officials of the Union declared that "no other decision could have been possible."

H. L. Mitchell, union executive secretary, declared that "the decision of the Department of Justice is a result of our own insistence that it investigate and announce its decision as to whether a labor organization has the right to raise funds from people who love justice, for the purpose of remedying such a tragic situation as now exists.

"The statement of assistant Attorney-General McMahon is a vindication of the legality of steps taken by the Workers Defense

Dubinsky Firm for Industrial Unionism By George F. Miles

President David Dubinsky has just issued a new year's message in which he makes it quite clear that on the great issue that divides the labor movement today he stands on the side of health and progress. Discussing the question of industrial unionism Dubinsky places himself "with those who are fighting for an industrial form of union organization in the mass production industries as against those who cling exclusively to the craft union idea and practice."

The section dealing with question follows in full:

"Actuated by the same principle and belief that the labor movement cannot thrive and prosper unless it adapts itself to new industrial environment and situations, that in order to avoid stagnation it must always go on forward, we have taken sides, in the historic controversy which is stirring at present the American laand practice.

a desire to leave our old homethe American Federation of Labor earnestly that such a policy would benefit the Federation and would bring into its fold rapidly hundreds of thousands of new members, new inspiration and vigor. And we expect and hope, despite obstacles and antagonisms, to continue with our policy of helping to bring about movement and to avert the tragedy

trial unionism is taken also in the charges at a meeting of the Lan-1, 1937). Discussing the theme of the Social Science

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(Continued from Page 1) lapsed people's front, but very

At the same time, with the se- cerning Great Britain's maneuv- posed. cret approval of the United States, ers in the Mediterranean. The gressive assistance to Franco. A parties to "the maintenance of the appointed head of the union. When ship of about 40,000. The amalgaunteers going to Spain, a move which could only affect the forces which could only affect the forces with the spain and the spai of the workers. For the German ic Islands. It means a united ef-spring, Dillon and his administra-organization to be reckoned with gentlemen face to face. The probtroops now fighting on the side of the Spanish insurgents, are not revolutionary Catalonia. On the solvent of the Spanish insurgents, are not revolutionary Catalonia. On the solvent out of office. At one time amalgamation and guidance by the still remains to be solved. The CIO at all volunteers but army units question of independence, the not Woodruff was also president of the CIO would guarantee a very rapid can help a lot in solving this difmobilized by the Reich. The In- of revolutionary character, there Lansing Auto Council. He was a growth of the organization. mobilized by the Reich. The International Column now aiding in the defense of Madrid, and other foreign army units are real volumers who went to Spain in digneration at her back. Of united Spain at her back. Of united Spain at her back is also directed work and interest the next is also directed work. Woodruff be fired by the Olds selling labels to employers and the next is also directed work. rect opposition to the policy of course, the pact is also directed Motor Works from his job. their government (with the exception of Russians). Thus the scheme daily to the effect that neither Musis but another example of the great solini nor Franco are exactly derevealing investigation of laborsoever—must welcome the CIO's aid democracies give to one another. It is unfortunate that Sov
in Paris of the specific formula in other. It is unfortunate that Soviet Russia should have given approval to this plan, despite the fact that she is the only state aiding the anti-fascist fighters of mperial plans as it is to Great the workers' unions and report on Spain. These moves only serve to confuse the international proletariat and therefore the Spanish

struggle. As an answer to this proposal, 'itler began an unofficial blockade inst Loyalist ships. The seizof two Spanish vessels was

ced by the government as an

TRADE UNION NOTES

DAVID DUBINSKY



bor movement to its very depths, with the statement that the Genwith those who are fighting for an eral Executive Board and President industrial form of union organiza- David Dubinsky stand for "such a tion in the mass production indus- conciliation that would include the tries as against those who cling recognition, in principle and pracexclusively to the craft union idea tice, of the fact that the millions of workers in the mass production "We have taken our stand not industries will not and cannot be production . . . every family must because we have ever entertained organized except on the basis of have an income of at least \$3600."

deed exist but no thanks are due to William Green and his executive council. Whatever hopes may have brightened are due solely to the energetic and tireless efly to the energetic and tireless efforts of that group of unions in the Committee for Industrial Organization. For the first time in ganization. For the first time in the committee for Industrial Organization. ganization. For the first time in almost two decades steel workers are beginning to take heart, to realize that the CIO's campaign is no one. No matter how much the may ask for labor, it remains a corroborated the defense contention mere speech, neither more nor less. But in the case of Lewis it is much victed. But the Governor said "not realize that the case of Lewis it is much victed. But the Governor said "not realize that the case of Lewis it is much victed. But the Governor said "not realize that the case of Lewis it is much victed. But the Governor said "not realize that the case of Lewis it is much victed. But the Governor said "not realize that the case of Lewis it is much victed. But the Governor said "not realize that the case of Lewis it is much victed." no fly-by-night effort, no phantom gesture in recognition of an annually repeated but never realized heading or cooperating with every convince him. resolution to organize the slaves of movement of any size, thruout the resolution to organize the slaves of country, aimed at improvement of trade unions of Kentucky and the wages and conditions. and rubber and textile have seen vision and are inspired to great leeds. But enshrined in their less promises by labor leaders just did showing at the Frankfort hearts is the CIO and its leaders, as they reject tricky wage in- hearing. In advising us to bolster not the A. F. of L. and William creases offered by the companies. up the record,' we consider that Green who forced them to eat the bitter bread of disappointment and

"However," continues Green, "before industry can reach capacity

or to weaken it, but rather because we believe faithfully and LANSING AUTO UNION EXPOSES COMPANY SPY the card bearing refuse to sign the card b

despair.

Al Woodruff, treasurer of the hearings of the Committee in when assured that the union is af-Lansing local of the United Auto- Washington, January 11. mobile Workers Union, was exposed as a paid labor-spy and com- sen's idea of collective bargaining." an eventual conciliation of the contending forces within the labor pany stool-pigeon working for the Union officials commented for himself and the council it must dustries into industrial unions if Corporation Auxiliaries Company, "This is an example of the em- be the result of a very careful they would have any influence or leading spy racketeers in the auto industry. Confronted with the management lauds so highly." sing local of the Union, Woodruff, H-69, readily admitted his guilt. investigators of the LaFollette unity in the trade union movement, Ben Allen, investigator for the La Committee. When the investigation in the carefully doctored statement. December 20th. Follette Committee on Investiga- was completed and indisputable

tionary proletariat. This is the graver suspicions on the part of the last three days and they had the Brotherhood of Shoe and Al- are invited to attend. motivation of the U.S. government. the international proletariat con- warned him that he would be ex- lied Craftsmen, and the American now famous, and shortly to be in- in the United during the reign of of the Boot and Shoe, the A. F. famous, clause which binds both Francis Dillon, the William Green of L. affiliate, comprise a memberterritorial status quo" has probab- the auto workers took over their mation of these into one union Britain's imperial reality.

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Woodruff was particularly active All of these unions, independent

forcing the payment of dues by The LaFollette Committee, in the workers into local "O"—where recent months, has been making a the workers have no rights whattheir activities. Figures show that companies have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in this fashion during the last year. Many of these stool-pigeons have been uncovered in the past few months in all parts of the company. The LaFollette Committee is seeking more funds

to continue its investigations.

Harlan Men to **Continue Fight**

GREEN has rushed into print rather early, this year, with a statement on labor's hopes and aims. "Labor hails the of Kentucky to free the four Harnew year," says the president of the A. F. of L., "as one of lan-county miners serving lifepromise, rich with possibilities and filled with enlarged opport terms despite strong new evidence tunities for social progress and the realization of human better- that they were framed up by antiunion coal interests has given new These enlarged opportunities and rich possibilities do inmomentum to the fight for their liberation.

Chandler's decision came at the more than words for he is now enough evidence" was presented to

"The unity of action between the Kentucky Miners' Defense was Labor is learning to reject worth- largely responsible for the splen-Mr. Chandler conceded an open "Due to the organizing work of doubt that the conviction of the the American Federation of Labor Harlan men was justified," said new international unions were Herbert Mahler, secretary of the Kentucky Miners' Defense.

dustries, and gratifying progress The prisoners took the news has been made . . ." Green knows calmly, found fresh hope in very well that he is sailing under Chandler's comment, asked that their thanks be sent to all supplishments which, unfortunately for him, are not his. Surely Green must know that in many auto cen-

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false colors. He is claiming accom-

ters, where mass recruiting is now

filiated with the American Federa-

tion of Labor. They sign up only

filiated also with the CIO.

Leather Workers.

going on, workers refuse to sign ST. LOUIS FORUM **HEARS S. JONAS**

Prompt action by progressives in participating in the actual work If despite these facts Green sees of organizing the unorganized justification for a bright future workers in the mass production inprogressive leadership in the labor And will our peace-connivers heavily by Sidney Jonas in a talk ivities has been under way for some please take note: Green has not before the weekly Sunday evening Forum in St. Louis, on Sunday,

This meeting of the Social trade union and economic problems

The list of the leaders of the unions participating in the coning. Such names as Collins, Nolan. Ernest Henry and Mahan, are not unknown to the shoe workers of

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SOVIET STEEL

STAKHANOVITE STEEL-PLATE WELDERS

IRON AGE of December 3, 1936. The writer of this article is clearly not a "paid propagandist"-a term usually hurled at writers who report Russian conditions with some degree of understanding. Some remarks could stand further enlightenment-for instance th reference to "hire and fire" as if there were no difference between such actions here and in the Soviet Union.

This attitude of Ralph Vaill makes his basic thesis and conclusions all th more interesting and important. EDITOR. * * *

I ned economy" is a political ab-

By RALPH VAILL TO Americans, the term "plan-

straction. A vague, nebulous ideal. But, in the Soviet Union, as I can bear witness, after four years service as an open-hearth operator, this business of "planning" is no laughing matter. It is the daily concern not only of the director of the plant and the superintendent of a department, but it governs the failures as regards last month's plan goes to an omce and prepares sidewarks, 1100r spaces and building for the New Deal found a mixed ing exteriors. It is staffed mostly for the New Deal found a mixed in the meanwhile have inspected with peasant girls wearing a gay response among bankers yestermeeting the new plan that is "be-the house" And by the way. fore the house." And by the way, min. before time to "take over" the grey skirt. Match that!

the warp and woof, and the color total pay for the heat. If Pavel is the most plentiful thing in the of the recovery movement making great satisfaction of the conserwhether he has a "tough heat" to make, or whether his "buddy" left him a weak bottom. Oh no! He has a plan for his work during the shift. At a certain hour he must have the heat melted, at a certain hour he must have the heat tapped. And those "planned" times are in the forefront of his consciousness. The very operation of changing shifts is principally one of getting to make, or whether his "buddy" left one ever reads them. There are so one ever reads them. There are so to logical periods. In charging, and refining a ditions, for example, are divided into logical periods. In charging, fettling, melting, and refining a heat of steel the first helper and his helpers are paid so much for each operation. True, this requires bookkeeping. In Stalinsk, for 1500 workers we had 200 "pencil push-shifts is principally one of getting the very operation of changing shifts is principally one of getting the very operation of the every neads them. There are so one ever reads them. There are so to logical periods. In charging, and refining a ditions, for example, are divided into logical periods. In charging, fettling, melting, and refining a shift foreman, and a "suit" is tried before a "workers" court. Penalty his helpers are paid so much for each operation. True, this requires bookkeeping. In Stalinsk, for 1500 workers we had 200 "pencil push-shifts is principally one of getting the confounded many. New orders to logical periods. In charging, fettling, melting, and refining a before a "workers" court. Penalty his helpers are paid so much for each operation. True, this requires bookkeeping. In Stalinsk, for 1500 working a year at reduced pay. In the endeavor to get smoother and above all, to meet the plan—ary, or calculated to undermine the foundations of the existing capital-

first helper at his furnace, the open-hearth shop as mounting and toil, hardship, feverish work towards the prospects for social ladleman with his ladles, and the guard at Buckingham. True, we and fierce despair that has been legislation is increasingly clear in brick mason who repairs the fur- don't have the music. But in other the portion of these beginners. But that there will be pursued a new facturers Convention, sort of naces. The "plan" for us steelmak- ways it's a pretty good show. And I know of no other system whereby strategy by big business. Instead changed his tone and declared: ers comes down direct from a serious one to all concerned. Does they could have progressed so of a policy of frontal assault ("We should, on the contrary, stand the shift foreman come into the greatly as they have in these past against the Administration as such ready to do everything in our office of the metallurgical industry, a section of the People's Commissariat of Heavy Industry. The
missariat of Heavy Industry. planning bureau of our plant, on scores on the news board as he the front yards. For an interest- order to take the edge off the Angell, President of Yale, struck receipt of the "plan," from G.U.passed through the city? Not here.

M.P. then prepares a local plan for Rather he comes to the shop one startling. In these front yards we the election campaign. In this broader basis, when he said: "We each department. On receipt of good full hour ahead of time. Goes have, alongside blast furnaces and sense, it is significant to note the must resign ourselves to a far these rectified plans, which are a over every section of the plant open hearths, intensively cultivated swift tempo with which biggest completer socialization of our remonthly occurrence, the director Notes condition of all current work. Statues, business is changing its approach. Sources and methods than hereto-operating departments, supply, finance, personnel, etc., and after the usual review of successes or the usual review of successes or

serious a performance in a Soviet graphically tells the story of heat thorough investigation is held, and that respect. (Concluded next week)

That thread, "the plan" is both would get, say, 10 per cent of the is unheard of. Even though vodka nomic recovery, the continuation out the first income tax law, to the and texture of the cloth in this allows that the heat is melted, then land, and obtainable everywhere in for greater conservatism." ample, does not worry about with gusto. Lengthy reports are ment, as much as five times base

Bankers Shift Plans To Work with F.D.R.

The 1936 Elections

fact that the United States, in its speech of Winthrop W. Aldrich, Chairman of the Board of the fact that the United States, in its social and economic development, has entered a new epoch. The country is past the elbow of the road and is definitely in a period in find some pretended friendly gesting the road and is definitely in a period in find some pretended friendly gesting the road and is definitely in a period in find some pretended friendly gesting the road at the movement for which there are to be new though ture towards the movement for not fundamentally changed relations between government and business. We are now in a stage in that only last Summer Mr. Aldrich, which some of the leading Euro- even before the election campaign pean countries have been some pean countries have been some decades ago—in so far as social legislation is concerned. In many ways we are now in that stage that Rritish capitalism was at the close British capitalism was at the close of the first decade of the twentieth

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whether he has a "tough heat" to entered into journals. Of course, no pay is possible. All cyclical oper- if evidence warrants it. action is the rights of property." shifts is principally one of getting this way of working, even though superintendent of the shop has a they organize and reorganize and foundations of the existing capitalall gears into that one mesh called its tremendous value in such a new fund to play with. If a roof falls in enterprise, as is this, is evident.

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There are countless in the first tremendous value in such a new fund to play with. If a roof falls in, he can summon the bricklayers with considerable frequency.

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The same Mr. Aldrich, before the last National Association of Manu-

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DECENTLY Jay Lovestone, in tion envelope they "inscribe" a rated Labor Party. the ideological sewer of the Comintern..." To those who follow blindly the opportunist "swirls" of blindly the opportunist "swirls" of a number leadership this will appear the sequence for the Spanish.

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Spain in spite of the "People's Front" policies of the revolutionary movement there?

In the West we expected less evidence of opportunist errors but the editorials in the Daily Clarion Dec. 19, 36) in which he states,—"It would be incorrect to say, however, that the Communists are not somewhat responsible for the situation. We feel that the Communists and the election of only those candidates who were opposed to wage-tutter. The president of a trust company and a potential wage-cutter. The president of the trades counties feel that the Communists are not somewhat the communists and the clection of only those candidates who were opposed to wage-tutter. The president of the trades counties feel that the Communists and the clection of only those candidates who were opposed to wage-tutter. The president of a trust company and a potential wage-cutter. The president of the trades counties feel that the Communists and the clection of only those candidates who were opposed to wage-tutter. The president of the trades counties feel that the Communists and the clection of only those candidates who were opposed to wage-tutter. The president of the trades counties feel that the Communists are not somewhat the cleation. We feel that the Communists and the cleation of only those candidates who were opposed to wage-tutter. The president of the trades counties feel that the Communists are not somewhat the cleation. The president of the trades counties feel that the Communists are not somewhat the cleation. The president of the trades counties feel that the Communists are not somewhat the cleation of the trades counties feel that the Communists are not somewhat comes with open arms all the the approach "unity at all costs"

and the influx of new elements into our Party we see ultra-left sections of the role that the Labor Party had to play. We can also say that one contested by labor. Tim Buck, leadour movement contrasting sharply with the new opportunist policies Labor Political Action based on the new "Feople's Front"

payers) has melted away to the a federated body in Ontario and Comintern to action? original basis of Murohy and Harris holding weekly "deputations" to Queens Park, the seat of Pronetwork of grievance committees sufficient to mention that relief of big business today.

the trade unions. The mistake of crisis. substituting control and domination for influence and leadership has Modernization of Government

sive campaign To Aid the People's ment machinery and, if needs be, ment to enact certain types of soGovernment in Spain and in spite the Constitution itself, more up to cial legislation. This is a desirable (Continued on Page 6) Government in Spain and in spite the Constitution itself, more up to cial legislation. This is a desirable

line. The readers of the Daily Clarion (Pre-1935 "Worker")—"a Champion of Peace, Progress and Democracy"—are aroused to a militant working class indignation at fascist atrocities in Spain and the first state of the official Party in the municipal elections will be dealt with, in another article, but one outstanding feature was the endorsement of municipal candidates by the Trades and Labor Councils and the trade union movement of municipal candidates by the Trades and Labor Councils and the trade union movement of municipal candidates by the Trades and Labor Councils Strongholds of the Commonwealth Federation, might also run, brought a sharp editorial rebuke from the Daily Clarion of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, sent out a then expected to weep soft bourgeois tears over an article "Santa Claus Goes on the Breadline."
While the C.P. supports the regular of the Councils and the trade union movement is favorable to independent working class. Unemployed Struggle Weakened
The Ontario Federation on Unemployment which held a conemployment which h ference recently and drew up a and the Cooperative Common- reduce it to an absurdity." How Whose Democracy? magnificent, all-inclusive, program to canalize the grievances of
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We must also stress the fact that
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blindly the opportunist "swirls" of a puppet leadership this will appear to be rank heresy—to those who follow critically the gyrations of the revolutionary party of the working class this statement is only too pertinent, especially at this time.

What else could be expected—a visualize what a strong support could be secured for the Spanish Revolution if, instead of a misapplication of the historical Jacobin "Defense of the People" in the period of the decay of capitalism, the working class movement in Canada and all other capitalist Countries could be aroused to ascountries could be aroused to as- unions." We welcome the weak ap- men's union and, tho an insipid and freaks and panacea-peddlers who infest our movement.

As a result of the sudden change and the influx of new elements into and the influx of new elements into any Party, we see alternatively good when compared to the approach "unity at all costs," in ovement in Regina was not proad letatively good when compared to the fifteen minute talks enough. We were not successful in that of private employment which, which Tim Buck delivered each united working class front to repart to the sudden change action in that section of Canada where heretofore the working the relatively good when compared to the fifteen minute talks enough. We were not successful in that of private employment which, which Tim Buck delivered each labor, averages only \$12.50 per labor, average labor, averages only \$12.50 per labor, average only \$12.50 per l

While the C.P. supports the reformist policies of Arthur Williams in East York and accuses as

| Vital importance, nowever, is able to independent working class that they must be real united front letter and soon after was forced movements. They must include the despite the fact that it will tend to apologize editorially for the "disrupters" the progressives who expose his anti-working class policies, the C.P. leader in York Township—Ewart Humphreys—rightly attacks the municipal council for application of similar policies e.g. centralization of the C.P. of C. as representative of distribution.

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Lenin in Left Wing Communism, measures, for the proletariat as a the city the poll showed no marked class, unless it is increasingly and increase. The near election of Sals-

Bankers Decide to Work with F.D.R.

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British Columbia but is now organized on an individual member "HOME SWEET HOME?" **ELECTS COMMUNIST**

"unity at all costs" lets down the barriers so that our Party welwith open arms all the with open arms all the special with open arms are special with open arms and the special with open arms are special with the special with the special with open arms are special with the special with th

of the greatest weaknesses of the contested by labor. Tim Buck, lead-Labor Party in Regina was and is er of the Communist Party, an-The role of the official Party in the municipal elections will be that we did not have a strong nounced his candidacy immendately in the municipal elections will be enough base in the trade unions."

even though the C.C.F. is no longer Front" in real life will goad the to serve, for a while anyhow, as a tactics while the CCF answered stimulus to the vitality of capitalist that the CP disguised itself, beyond parliamentary democracy in the recognition, for election purposes. United States, Just now the ranks of the working class forces struggiing to unmask the fraud of date, more effective as an instru- bourgeois democracy are rather carried out chiefly on the basis of that were once militant unemploy- by mass pressure, to turn about ment of employing class rule. The thinned. The official Communist united election committees with ed organizations. Space does not in behalf of its most fundamental fact that most of the biggest busi- Party, despite the debacle that neither the CP nor CCF being offipermit your correspondent to deal class interests, make these conces- ness interests have resisted this overcame it in the elections, cially recognized as such. In sevwith the result of the application sions and then dominate their aptrend in recent months does not despite the bankruptcy which it eral instances the committees conof the "Third Period" ideology in plication and prevent their exten- mean that they will continue to do manifested during the election sisted of CP members and "ratethe unemployed movement, it is sion. This obviously is the strategy so in coming months. They have campaign, continues to strive to payers." On that basis two combeen feeling the ground and have put user in the vanguard of those munists were elected in Scarboro. conditions are worse and the unem- Let no one come to the con- felt a ground swell. Now they will ingnting to preserve bourgeois de- In East York all the workers' canployed organizations are weaker clusion that the New Deal was at adjust themselves to it and make mocracy and to maintain intact all didates for the Township council all across Canada than they have any time or could be at any time the best of it in behalf of their the illusions about it. No worker were defeated with the exception of ever been for years.

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The skeletons of the League was at any time or will be in the leave the descent of the Against War and Fascism and the future a revolutionist, a proponent, trap of the liberals or the people's The very history of the totally in- of Arthur Williams secured a two Friends of the Soviet Union are a champion of the struggle against front communists who will herald adequate Social Security Act, thousand majority over the erstmute relics of what could have the bourgeois system and its gov- every slight change in structure passed over a year ago, is most en- while Reeve. Thus the president of been mass organizations had our ernment-enforced capitalist laws. of the American government ap- lightening in this respect. Here the East York Workers' Associa-Party an understanding of the cor- What we have had in this country paratus as a world-shaking pro- was as important a piece of social tion paid for his dictatorial attirect application of a Leninist unit- and what was underscored in the gressive measure, as the dawn of a legislation or general legislation as tude and his attempts to save ed front policy based on the or- last election is a mild liberal trend new era. An amendment to the has been handled in this country money at the expense of the unganized working class weapon- as a result of years of deep-going Constitution can easily be put in decades. It was on the statute employed. through, though I question the im- books of the country for more than In York Township E. Hummediacy of even that, stripping the a year without anyone giving any phreys, local CP leader, won an Supreme Court of a good deal of thought to it, without the millions easy victory over his opponent, a truly left the working class move- There is not any room for ques- its power. Yet such an amendment involved in its application showing relief cutter. In York, Humphreys ment in Canada a heritage which tioning the conclusion that the would not in the least change the even the slightest concern for it, is opposing measures propagated time and correct policies must un- election results will tend to speed substance of the present American without even the most conscious in East York by the CP endorsed up the modernization of the gov- government as a capitalist dicta- forces being alive to its implica- Arthur Williams. Evidently a peo-The Committee to Aid Spanish ernment apparatus in this country. torship, as a dictatorship of the tions and fallacies. It took a Lanple's front anomaly. In other sections, which numbers among This will simply enable the ruling bourgeois class. It is entirely posdon and an Aldrich to bring the tions the workers' candidates, alits executive members many "of- class of the country, in the light sible that an amendment to the very existence of this bill to light, though defeated, polled a fair vote. ficial" Party members and close of the constitutional overtones in Constitution can be put through to acquaint the great mass of A genuine labor party would mulsympathizers, organized an exten- the campaign, to make the govern- empoweding the federal govern- workers with some of its features. tiply victories; but whether the

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(CP organ). The CP took the posi-RECENTLY Jay Lovestone, in an article in the Workers of the People, by the an article in the Workers of the People, by the Clarion (Dec. 17, '36) advocates, and in did not have the desired effect of groundless, Spry running for alder-Age, remarked, "the C. P. of C. is People, for the People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming of the Coming People, for the People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People People, Shall Not "Municipal Labor Parties" and indicate the Coming People Peop

CP Masquerades Self

The CCF having again rejected a proposal for unity, the CP set didates but left a few vacancies to be filled with "progressive friends" who might announce their candimechanical turn from ultra-left sectarian tactics; "social-fascism" mittees that have been set up in coined for social democratic leaders, dual unionism to split further ers, fusal to unite and hinted at the organization of a "municipal labor party embracing all elements."

Slum clearance and threats of revealing sources of graft became the chief campaign issues. No mention of the Communist Party was musical bar spelling out a line of "Home Sweet Home."

The chief voting strength of the letter to the members of his union urging members to support only candidates of the CCF. This letter the Clarion described as a faked

Labor Party Needed

In the suburbs the elections were

THE ROAD TO VICTORY IN SPAIN

(Concluded from last week)

4. Agrarian Economy:

The immediate carrying out of the agrarian revolution includes the following: a) Expropriation without compensation of all large estates and their transfer to agricultural laborers or small peasants for individual or collective management; b) Security and state aid for peasant handicrafts, to open the way for the voluntary transition to socialist cooperatives—this is necessary in order to undermine the opposition forces and in order that the masses of farm workers and peasants thruout Spain may be tied up with the workers for an active struggle.

A comprehensive decree of the central government must extend, sanction and make permanent the agrarian revolution thruout Spain.

5. Creation of a Leading Revolutionary Party:

Only the POUM can be considered as the kernel for such a party because it has participated as a real communist force while the activity of the official Communist Party is not to be differentiated from reformism. It plays today the role which the Mensheviks played in the Russian revolution of 1917, and backs the "reactionary-democratic" barriers to the "revolutionary-democratic" tendencies of the workers and peasant masses.

Either the Communist Party continues on its present road, which means a break with the masses and the ruin of the revolution, or it will turn back and it can then become an element (even tho not the leading one) in the creation of a united Communist Party, together with elements from the Socialist Party and anarcho-syndicalists who may be brought to Communism with the revolutionary developments of the masses.

V. BOURGEOIS DEMOCRATIC OR SOCIAL-LIST REVOLUTION?

Spokesmen for the Communist Party of Spain have sought justification for the introduction of the people's front policy, even during the civil war, in the repeated assurance that Spain has yet to go thru its phase of the "bourgeois-democratic revolution" and that to attempt to hurdle this period would be the height of "adventurism." But this is not an argument, it is a tautology which does not improve with constant repetition.

Knorin* now attempts a sort of argument. (Deutsche Zentralzeitung, Oct. 4, 1936). He quotes from Stalin who speaks of the inevitable transition of

* A leading figure in the Communist International.

the bourgeois-democratic revolution into the socialist revolution in Russia, and then continues:

"The practical problem of transition is above all dependent on the relation of class forces. The present democratic government of Spain is a coalition government of two classes-the proletariat and the peasantry-in which also the urban middle class plays a role. As long as this coalition remains, the forces of the revolution will grow and become stronger and the victory over the fascist rebels will depend to a significant extent on the organizational abilities of its leaders. Any attempt to pass from the tasks of the bourgeois-democratic revolution to the slogans for the socialist revolution, will lead to narrowing the mass base of the revolution, will harm the struggle for national defense and end the democratic revolution."

Because of space limitations it is impossible to analyze all the nonsense contained in this quotation. But to ask just a few small questions: Do Azana, Barrios, and Giral represent the peasants or the urban middle class? Do they not rather represent a section of the bourgeoisie? Is it not rather their task today to set up an alliance between the bourgeoisie, bankrupt for the second time, and the peasants, as well as the petty bourgeoisie fighting at the front? Is not the insistence on the continued alliance with the bourgeoisie as a guarantee for victory the same that the Mensheviks preached and practiced in

The striking refutation is in the facts themselves. The Spanish revolution, after the second bankruptcy of bourgeois democracy and coalition policy with the bourgeoisie, is again traveling the road of socialist revolution; but not under the leadership of the Community Party and the Communist Internaitonal! Rather it is the POUM which in the face of the C.I.'s most determined resistance has nevertheless taken the lead. Above all, these developments have occurred because of the elemental pressure of the revolutionary workers and peasants, especially of Catalonia, which in the Spanish revolution, has assumed the role that Petersburg played in 1917. Madrid, on the other hand, where the influence of the Socialist Party and the Communist Party is dominant, acts as a brake upon the revolution.

The role of the official Communist Party and the Communist International in the Spanish revolution can best be described in the words of Lenin. We quote from "The Approaching Catastrophe and How to Avert It," written at the end of 1917:

"Either you are a revolutionary-democrat in deeds-and then you do not have to be afraid of steps leading toward socialism—or you are afraid of steps leading towards socialism, you are denouncing them Plekhanov-fashion, by Dan arguments, by Chernov arguments, saying that our revolution is a bourgeois revolution. that it is impossible to 'introduce' Socialism, etc.—then you must unavoidably sink to the level of Kerensky, Milyukov, Kornilov, i.e., to the position of suppressing in a REACTION-ARY-BUREAUCRATIC manner the revolu-

"There is no middle course.

and the peasant masses.

"And therein lies the fundamental contradiction of our revolution.

tionary-democratic tendencies of the workers

"It is impossible to stand still in history generally, in war time particularly. One must go either forward or backward. It is impossible to go forward in the Russia of the twentieth century, a Russia that has won a republic and a democracy in a revolutionary way, without GOING towards Socialism, without taking STEPS towards it. . . . And if you are afraid to go forward, that means you are going backward, which is exactly what the Kerenskys are doing, to the delight of the Milyukovs and Plekhanovs and with the foolish aid of the Tseretelis and the Chernovs." (Emphasis as in original. See page 211, Book I, Toward the Seizure of Power, International Publishers' edition.)

The Spanish workers will find no difficulties in replacing these names with the proper Spanish ones.

The victory of the workers and peasants of Spain s possible only as a socialist revolution. It depends decisively on the speed and thoroness with which the line of the Communist Party and the Communist International in Spain is defeated, on the speed and thoroness of application of that policy which characterized the tactics of the Russian Bolsheviks of 1917, adapted of course to the specific class relations, traditions, etc. of Spain. The POUM has proved to be the best representative of such a policy. For these reasons the International Communist Opposition has supported the Spanish policies of the POUM with all its power and continues to render what aid it can.

The toiling masses of Spain will dispose of all obstacles on the road to their victory if they consistently proceed with speed and courage along the path of the socialist revolution.

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU

EUROPE TODAY

BALDWIN and the British press have given the cue—the "episode" with David Windsor must be completely forgotten as soon as possible. The proposal of the I.L.P. on the abolition of the monarchy received 5 votes in the lower house, among these, two members of the Labor Party and the Com- FAI defea ed this attempt.* But munist representative Gallagher. But we do not believe that it is nevertheless disgraceful for the attempt to establish an authoritarian regime by means of a party of the Communist Internathe monarchy—this was the essense of the problem—is com- tional to serve as an auxiliary of

pletely solved. This time the at-1 tempt was defeated because the short duration. today or tomorrow. Important is heralds the coming severe storms. revolution. the fact that the attempt was undertaken at all by this small THE ANGLO-FRENCH circle. The Labor Party does not seem aware that it left the road ARBITRATION PLAN open for the recurrence of such The Anglo-French arbitration From an article in the Frank-

which the bourgeoisie obpected.

The "episode" of the English

But the internal reaction intend-

royal drama showed, however, ed with this maneuver did not fail how stable and firm is the power of of its effect, namely, the encourage-England's ruling class. But Eng- ment of the forces striving to re- and by an order to the peasants land is no longer an island, poli- establish bourgeois rule. In this to turn over to the state 100% of REVOLT OF THE tically, economically or socially. light one must consider the attempt all grain raised where before, they "YOUNG MARSHAL" Whoever can see further than his of the United Socialist Party (C.I. own nose, knows that historically party) of Catalonia, together with since this was written the POUM "Young Marshal" Chang Hsue- ing opposition to Japan. The time speaking the stability of class relative Esquerra (left republicans) to has been ousted from the Catalonian liang against the Nanking governis gone when Japan can go as it tions in England can be only of oust the POUM from the Cata- government.-Editor.

lonian government; to form a "strong government" by abolishing the control organs of the workers in the army, police and other government bodies. Essentially this action is no different from that of organization thruout Catalonia and supported by the CNT and the the international bourgeoisie, in its attempts to place in the saddle the time for it was not ripe. But it can The case of Edward VIII was the Spanish bourgeoisie and oust the still be carried out even tho not lightning which precedes and forces fighting for proletarian

DIFFICULTIES MULTIPLY IN GERMANY

open for the recurrence of such plans and that it committed a grave error in failing to deliver, at this opportune moment, a telling blow against the monarchy as an institution. The receipt of approval from the Dominions can also be such as the s from the Dominions can also be ment did not dare to come out for Against the government orders on utilized later as a dangerous pre- this plan, in the face of the deter- grain collection the peasants used cedent against the workers if a mined stand of the working class, up as fodder as much or more than Labor government were to attempt altho secretly it participated in the year before, simply because to carry thru certain reforms to formulating this mediation maquantities of fodder.

Now the shortage in the grain

National Congress **Defies Indian Act**

The All-India National Congress net at Faizur, India last week to hear a denunciation of British Imperialism by the rising Nationalist eader, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The Congress concerned itself with the struggle against the Indian Government Act, the political farce by which Britain maintains its bloody grip on the land, and also saw the feeble attempts of Mahatma Ghandi to regain his former prestige as leader of the Nationalist movement. This latter vas a definite attempt to head of Nehru's group which has thrown overboard the "civil disobedience" pacifism of Ghandi.

Nehru urged the Congress to further struggle and agitation against the Government Act (new constitution), declaring that no Congress member should take office under it. He further urged boycott of the coming imperial coronation.

retained 10 to 20% for themselves. I shal is hardly less reactionary than In practice the result will be that Chiang Kai-shek himself. It is there will still be a shortage of not even excluded that Chiang Kaigrain in meeting the needs of the shek arranged for his own capture population, and the peasants, under in order to begin a sharper course the increased pressure of the gov- against Japan "under pressure." ernment, will reply by increased One thing is certain—the wave sabotage.

The basis for the revolt of the pact helped considerably in arousment, is not yet clear. The Mar-pleases in China.

of opposition against Japanese imperialist aggression is still rising among the mass of Chinese peoples. The German-Japanese

FROM THE SPANISH **WORKERS PRESS**

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fighting in one cause, united by the same desire. The workers and the peasants behind the lines know that the militiamen are fighting at the front for their interest and their future. The militiamen must also know why and for what they are fighting. They must understand that the workers and peasants are also working for them. Not only so that they can be fed and clothed and so that they need not be deprived of anything at the front, but also so that they need not be deprived of anything in the future. The militiamen know that when they come back from the front, with the war over and fascism crushed, and become workers and peasants once again, that they will sired, the fact remains that the not have to return to their fac- only way to avoid catastrophe is to tories, offices and mines under the same bosses who exploited them been put completely out of joint before, under a manager to order them about, but on the contrary, they will find fellow workers, working in common on what is common property.

"The peasant must know that he is returning to land which is his SOLIDARIDAD OBRERA: (CNT) own, since it is collectivised property. If it were otherwise, the workers and peasants who are now in the militia fighting at the front would not on their return meet with their just reward, which is emancipation and freedom. With the defeat of fascism must come the defeat of the regime which made fascism possible.'

December 4th

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"War, and especially the prolonged and difficult war which is now going on in Spain, demands a firm economic basis adapted to the demands of the civil war itself. What should this basis be? Should it be the old capitalist economy? That would be impossible for two powerful reasons: 1) because the old economy has been put out of working order and 2) because a revolutionary civil war cannot be made on a basis of capitalist econ-

Fibre Workers Win Demands

Detroit, Mich.—Establishment of a 50c an hour minimum wage for dy and material self satisfaction women and 60c for men, another becomes very noticeable. Instead of general 5c an hour increase, and living more simply and making time and a half for more than more sacrifices during the present eight hours a day, were won by National Automotive Fibers workers at negotiations following their take every advantage for personal one-day strike Friday, Dec. 18.

the management's promise of an those who continue such conduct immediate 5c an hour increase and to be on the look out. The lan-of further negotiations on other guage is explicit: anyone taking

As a result of the negotiations which took place last week the second 5c wage increase was granted and the minimum wages were established. Management also agreed to time and a half for more not worth our sacrifices." than eight hours a day and fortyfive hours a week to become effective March 1, 1937. It was also arranged that when foremen failed to adjust grievances, workers were to take them up with the management through the union's shop steward system. The strike and consequent negotiations adjusted conditions in one of the worst sweatshops in the industry. Wages had ranged as low as 30c an hour and hours as high as 12 to 14 a day, six and seven days a week. Since organization began several months ago the union has won increases totalling 15c an hour besides those raised more than nat by the minimum wage.

omy. A new economy is necessary 'Everybody must feel that he is on a new basis. It can only be or collectivist and socialist tendencies. War economy must be revolutionary economy. This is obviously a transition stage-war communism as they called it in Russia-but even so, in it the first foundation of the socialist economy of the future is laid. One of the greatest reproaches we have to make to the Spanish governments is that they have not known how to adapt the economic and financial resources of the country, banks, transports, heavy industry, etc., to the needs of a long and costly war by means of the energetic and revolutionary measures which were so urgently needed. Whatever measure may be taken and whatever may be dereorganize the economy, which has by the war, on a new socialistic basis. Any return to the old social and economic regime is now, from any point of view, impossible."

Dec., 8th.

"Criticism of opportunists in this paper centers in a strong attack, mainly against those who take advantage of the war situation for their own profit, instead of cooperating and making sacrifices.

"Since the beginning of the military rising, the workers' organizations have taken control of the industrial and agricultural life, working all the necessary enterprises through the management of certain committees and representatives from their respective organizations. Many people have joined the syndicates since July 19th with no other purpose than to find safe refuge and at the same time continue activities corresponding to former bourgeois tendencies.

"While competent and experienced technicians are necessary in managing production and assuring the fulfillment of social needs, many qualified people whose ideology is by no means suited to the struggle against fascism have pushed themselves into responsible posts. Their bourgeois tendencies have become obvious in their general behavior and conduct, their negligence in their duties, their indifference to responsibilities, their frequent use and abuse of automobiles, and the preoccupation with their own greedouble struggle—the war and the economic transformation - they benefit. The "Solidaridad Obrero" Strikers went back to work on speaks openly and plainly; it warns advantage of the present situation under disguise of organizational affiliation will be treated severely. To substitute a new burocracy for the old is certainly not the object of this revolution and is certainly

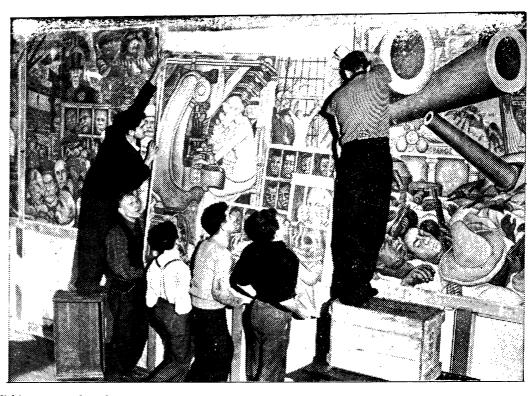
December 8th

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JANUARY 23rd

The housewarming we've promised you will be open to all comers at the cost of only 35 cents. Don't fail to see our new headquarters — and don't fail to let our new headquarters see you SATURDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 23rd.

RIVERA MURALS IN NEW SURROUNDINGS



Within a week, the New Workers School, featuring the famous murals of Diego Rivera, will be ready for visitors. Of course, you will be welcome at all times, but particularly so on the night of our housewarming-January 23rd.

Newsguild Man Flies for Spain | still be cited as a in shining armor.

The most spectacular picket of the American Newspaper Guild has gone to Spain to fight against the rebels as a government aviator.

He is Ben Leider, former "flying reporter" for the New York Post, who gave an ultra-modern flair to some of the Guild's strikes by picketing from the air, stunting high overhead and flaunting a trailer strike sign. When the New York Guild had its clash with the Staten Island Advance and the publisher was coming home on the Aquitania, Leider flew down the bay to meet the ship and circled around her as she came up the harbor-while sound apparatus mounted on a launch kept up a verbal barrage. Leider also used part of his last vacation flying to Milwaukee and stunting to aid the Guild strike on the Wisconsin News.

Leider, a veteran of eight years in the air, volunteered to fly for the Spanish Government without pay. He had just previously refull-time flying position.

"FRENZIED FINANCE"

to big enough figures, it becomes a Electric can charge any price it "model corporation." It can make pleases. \$500,000,000 capital out of thin air without sacrificing its claim to respectability. It can fake its books to hide a \$109,000,000 profit and still be cited as a blameless knight | Telephone Trust's entire \$2,500,-

Whenever Big Business comes under fire, Wall Street says: "But look at the American Telephone & Telegraph Company and its president, the noble and urbane Walter S. Gifford. Anyone can see that he could do no wrong. Besides, this is the world's largest corporation, and \$4,250,000,000 can't be wrong.

The Federal Communications commission dug into figures compiled by engineers and accountants who explored the books, equipment and plants of the Bell System and its manufacturing subsidiary, the Western Electric Company.

About \$500,000,000 of Bell's equipment value, it was charged, is sheer "water."

Cyrus G. Hill, the commission's chief engineer, explained how A. T. & T. got away with this enormous

How Gouge Is Worked

Bell buys 92 percent of its equipment from Western Electric, Hill signed from the Post to take a declared, pointing out that Bell bars carefully concealed this fact from competition from outside manufac-| State regulatory commissions.

When "frenzied finance" gets in-|turers, and, therefore, Western

The money is simply transferred from one Bell pocket to another, said Hill. The huge overcharges. amounting to 20 per cent of the 000,000 "equipment value," are added to the overhead, on which the public pays telephone rates.

He next took up the question of the "hand set" or "French" type telephone, on which, he said, the company has collected \$24,000,000 clear profit by means of "excess monthly charges."

Lied to Subscribers

The company collected these extra charges from telephone subscribers who had the new type of 'phone installed, for the alleged reason that this "added to the company's expense." Hill said this claim was false.

"Actually," he declared, "the new phones were a tremendous economy, saving wire construction costs and other expenses to the tune of over \$85,000,000."

Adding this sum to the \$24,000,-000 profit from excess charges the commission engineer figured that Bell's total profit from the hand sets was \$19,000,000.

He charged that the company has

Brockway Hits Trotskyites

very closely with the Trotskyists, has the following to say about them in a recent article in the New Leader (London) of December 4, 1936:

"... the Trotskyists are everywhere a source of mischief in the workingclass movement. They destroy and do not build. They remain conspiratorial cliques in whatever party they attach themselves to, disintegrating it, making it less effective in the class struggle, antagonising other sections of the working class. Even in the midst of the crisis in Spain, that is the effect of their influence there at this moment.*

* Brockway does not refer to the POUM (Workers Party of Marxist Unity) which Trotsky and his followto the orthodox Trotsky grouping in neutrality.

to know because he has worked to see anything else than the crimes of the Stalinist bureaucracy.

"Even if the full total of their charges were true, they must be seen in relation to the biggest fact and all that it means. They must be seen at this moment in relation to the supreme necessity of mobilizing the working-class movement in the course which it is taking in Spain and in the consequences that may flow from it."**

These remarks about the Trotskyists as an organized force are all the more remarkable because Fenner Brockway is a firm believer in some of the dogmas which go to make up the Trotskyist catechism.

Spain which broke with the organization led by Andres Nin.

** Brockway refers to the policy of asers condemn in the strongest terms, but sistance following the period of strict by Jay Lovestone on the Presidential

BANKERS DECIDE TO WORK WITH FDR

(Continued from Page 4) ENNER Brockway, who ought: "... They appear to be unable well for the genuineness of American democracy as an instrument of mass expression, as machinery for defense of even the most elementary interests of the great majority of the population. of history-the Soviet revolution Imagine such procedure occuring in the Soviet Union, the land of the proletarian dictatorship. No one could conceive the Five Year Plan or any similar legislation being of the world behind Soviet Russia enacted and subject to application without mass discussion, without millions of workers and farmers considering it and having the right to change it, actually bringing about amendments.

> But regardless of what we revolutionists may think of American democracy as a fraudulent but still effective agency of capitalist dictatorship, we must recognize that its vitality and efficacy have been enhanced by the election results.

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