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# Bill To Free **Tom Mooney**

#### Concurrent Resolution **Memorializes Gover**nor For Pardon

Widespread interest aroused in the move to grant a legislative pardon to Tom Mooney has made it possible to carry this part of the struggle against the frameup still further. Whereas the first resolution, defeated in the Senate after having passed the Assembly of the California State Legislature, was bound up with the constitutional question of the Legislature's right to grant a pardon, the newly introduced concurrent resolution memorializes the Governor to pardon. It is thus expected that many more members of the both houses will vote for Mooney's par-

All those sympathetic to the fight of Tom Mooney are urged to flood the legislature with telegrams demanding the passage of this resolution.

The California State Federation of Labor, the San Francisco Trades and Labor Council, and the unions affiliated to these bodies, are organizing a very effective campaign behind this resolution for pardon

## Introduce New A. F. of L. Council Attacks Sit-Down Strikers; Chrysler Blocks Pact

AUTO WORKERS' MIGHTY DEMONSTRATION IN CADILLAC SQUARE



### FRENCH CAPITAL WINS ITS SIT-DOWN STRIKE

by BERTRAM D. WOLFE (Our special European corresdent)

Paris, March 15 Capital has won its sit-down strike here. No French government of high finance has ever issued a loan on such favorable terms nor for such frankly imperialistic class aims of the big bourgeoisie, as the present loan of the popular front government. In place of punishing the sitdowners, the hoarders and exporters of capital, the government has surrendered to them, even rewards them. Hence the capital strike is at an end; the funds have come out of their secret hiding places charmed by Pied Piper Blum and his sweet song to the tune of "Patriotism Pays." The first section of the loan was more than three times oversubscribed at the very moment when American government bonds were falling on the New York Exchange.

Blum has pledged himself to use the whole proceeds of the loan for national defense and war preparation. "The aim of my government (which is also that of Thorez and Jouhaux) is twofold: On the one hand, civil peace, civic harmony, collaboration of all classes for order and in mutual understanding. On the other, national cohesion in the face of a foreign peril." National preparedness, class peace and class collaboration. -what government could give the Big Bourgeoisie more than Blum?

In the questions which concern the military security of the country," he declared in Parliament. "do you not think that the solidarity which includes all proletarian

all proletarian organizations, even those of the former C.G.T.U., plays today an essential role?"
That's plain speaking and in Marxist political language, but the C.P. keeps shameful silence, or tries to shortcircuit the rising indignation of the masses by directing it into the channels of petty grumbling about non-essen-

Masses Resentful

It is heartbreaking to see this tragedy of lost opportunities at close hand. The masses are restless, puzzled, resentful. They are ready for struggle against Blum on the Spanish question, on the loan question, on the budget cuts, on the high cost of living, on the cessation of large public works, on the imperialist policies. But they are leaderless. Socialist Party and Communist Party together: that is virtually the whole leadership of the French working class. To it, add Jouhaux and official syndicalism, and the front to hold back, mislead, and bewilder the angry workers is complete. Only the anarchists speak up: lyrically and rhetorically as usual, but at least with a burning working class voice. Hence they are gaining ground, and anarchism, so long dead in France, has been dragged out of the antique shop of history, and is offered to the working class once more as up

### U. S. AMBASSADOR LAUDS RED ARMY

Joseph Davies, U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union, praised the Red Army highly, at a private dinner given by him to such leading Soviet figures as Marshals Voroshiloff, Tuchashevsky, and Budyenny, Judge Ulrich and oth-

Greeting the diners, Davies said: "The Red Army is an army of citizens, devoted to peace and the protection of their own territory without aggressive aims."

In reply, Voroshiloff, War Commissar, stressed this point, adding that the Red Army would gladly remove its uniforms if there were really no need of soldiers. However the enemies of the Soviet Union make it imperative that the Red Army be on guard.

to date equipment.

How easily things might be done! In moments of inadvertence, the "major statesmen" of the working class themselves admit it. Thus Frossard declared the other day:

"Out of 8,000,000 wage workers 5.000,000 members of the C.G.T. make it the most powerful trade union center in the entire world.... it is strong and united, and at a sign from its responsible leaders, it could paralyze the economic life understand: no majority, no government, could govern in France against the C.G.T."

Empty rhetoric? The power (Continued on Page 4)

## Council Of News Men

PHILADELPHIA. - A Joint Council of newspaper workers, probably the first of its kind in the country, has been formed here. It

Newspaper Advertising Guild of Philadelphia and Camden, a new A. F. of L. local organized with aid of the reporters union and consisting so far of classified advertising men and classified ad telephone operators.

Handlers union A. F. of L.-the truck drivers.

union consisting of newstand ler settlement will bring these to operators and newsboys.

It is planned by the Council as soon as possible to take in delegates from all the other unions whose members are employed by newspapers: the I.T.U., the pressmen, the mailers, etc.

Owing to the positions of the various internationals of the unions of the country... Then let them now in the council and of the other unions, no open stand has been taken on the C.I.O. issue. There is no doubt, however, as to where the progressives who organized the council stand, or as

# Form Joint

comprises initially:

The Newspaper Guild of Philadelphia & Camden.

### Front Again Evacuation of Plants By **Union Brings Chrysler** To Parley Table

Split Labor

As we go to press negotiations between the United Automobile Workers of America and the Chrysler Corporation are still in progress. According to press statements now available, the union forces are willing to accept rights of "preferential bargaining" instead of the previously demanded sole bargaining agency rights.

While workers awaited the results of the Chrysler strike as another step in the progress of the Committee for Industrial Oganization, the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor once again entered upon the scene of labor's struggles in this country by declaring that the sit-down strike is illegal, and declared its use "detrimental to labor." It should even begin to seem strange to the gentlemen of the crafts themselves that their only role in the great battles of the labor movement today is interference from the outside in the interests of the employers!

The voice was the voice of Green but the hand was the hand of Frey. Developing the theory of the lesser evil Green declared that "public opinion will not support strikes.... If persisted in it will . . . force the enactment of . . . repressive forms of legislation which would deprive organized labor of freedom of association and liberty of action. . . . Such action would be a severe blow to labor.'

This obnoxious doctrine would have the American labor movement believe that its militancy and forward surge brings it repression and not that the glorious and vital onward march of labor under the CIO has brought its first victories of consequence in some time. But of course, Green-who did so very much for the auto worker-thinks The Newspaper Chauffeurs and the GM settlement is a sell-out.

The workers in Hudson and Reo The Newspaper Carriers Union, plants are still holding the fac-newly organized A. F. of L. tories. It is expected that a Chrysterms also.

> to where the rank and file of the component unions stand.

> The formation of the advertising Guild is an important development in the field of white collar workers. The membership consists of classified ad telephone girls, office boys and straight-salaried (uncommissioned) classified ad solici-

Officers of the Joint Council are: President: Thomas A. McCarthy, Newspaper Guild.

Vice president: Gurskey. Secretary: Thomas Dugan, of the ad Guild.

Other delegates to the council are: William J. Farson, president of the Ad Guild; Charles P. Polk, president of the Newspaper Guild; and Peter Ehlers and Alfred E. Werner of the Newspaper Guild.

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### Catholic Church And Industrial Unionism | Black Legion. 1 et, while the lact must have been in their posession they uttered not a single wor.

By SAUL HELD

THE late Mark Hanna, one of America's greatest political bosses, as renowned for his bluntness as for his astuteness, once said that the two greatest supports of the Constitution present the revelation from Genwere the United States Supreme Court and the Catholic Church. One may question the accuracy of the designation "greatest," but no one can seriously quarrel with the incontrovertible fact that the Constitution was designed solely to protect private property and that both the Supreme Court and

ken Silent Automatic . . . Good-

year Tire and Rubber, B. F. Good-

rich, Hudson Coal, Associated

Electric . . . Commonwealth Edi-

son, International Match, Interna-

tional Rolling Mills . . . New York

State Electric . . . Lane Bryant . . . National Dairy Products . . .

Washington Silk, Brooklyn Edison.

New York Edison, Pacific Gas and

Electric, New York City bonds,

American Chain, American Smel-

ting, Armour, Beaver Mills, Beth-

ehem Steel, Canadian Internation-

Has there not and does there not

exist some connection between the

A. F. of L. executive council has

consistently sabotaged and dis-

rupted trade union organization in

United Automobile Workers Union.

particularly violent during the

recent auto strike, had one of its

profitable industry for investors).

y pointed out that, "The largest

portions of Catholic investments

are held in the names of indivi-

some similar public transaction."

Take this little gang mentioned

California Edison."

these industries?

the Catholic Church have been, in theory and practice, black-robed vania Glass Sand, Pure Oil. Timbull-dogs protecting the class of private property owners.

With the ascendency of Catholics in industry in the more recent decades of American history, the Church obtained the army with which it secured an almost unchallenged dictatorship over the American Federation of Labor. The bold and brazen policies of class-collaboration which it helped to shackle on labor in the twenties were the complement of its emergence as a power in industrialfinancial circles. Today, the wealthy ruling caste of the A. F. of L. is composed almost exclusive-Pressed Steel Car, Pillsbury Flour ly of Catholics. Wall Street Catholics function not only to acquire wealth for themselves as in dividuals but as mediums by which the Church invests. The Church, as an institution, is industrialist and investor, a capitalist concern whose wealth has been estimated at 7 billion dollars! An item of current interest in this connection was the recent press announcement that Mrs. Nicholas Brady, widow of the deceased utilities magnate and a "Papal Duchess" to boot, had given a gift to the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) consisting of a house and 100 of her 229-acre Long Island estate, valued at \$8,000,000, as a

#### Church As Capitalist

home of study for young seminar-

There is nothing that the Church fears more than exposures of its economic stake in capitalism. So carefully has the Church picked its mediums of investment, so successful has it been in having laws put through legislatures making virtually impossible any probing into its finances, that there is little on public record for analysis. We do know, however, that it supports edifices in 1926 as noted in a Com- of all industries, the auto empire? the Corporation. parative Study of the U.S. Re- We do know this: Amongst the ones supplied by the Government. Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. Indeed, silence is oft golden, to than the spiritual, are hardly sup- shrieks that it alone champions,

So back to the meagre but re- are worth. vealing record: "Selecting items at random from the portfolios of the above—Raskob and the DuPonts Car . . . Continental Gas, Interna- Certainly the Black Legion work- ganization."

Catholic financers of General Motors remained in ignorance of the purpose and activities of the Black Legion. Yet, while the facts they uttered not a single word against it; they did nothing to uncover its plots and its murders! We can draw our own conclusions.

If these facts do not sufficiently reveal that Catholic capitalists are no better than any other, we eral Motor's annual report to the stockholders of General Motors. written by Mr. Sloan: "The corporation is firm in its conviction that to the extent working hours are shortened and the rate of pay correspondingly increased, unemployment is likewise increased."

Attack Auto Union The bitterest and dirtiest attacks n the United Automobile Work ers Union were made in the heart of the auto region by the Rev. Charles Coughlin. He gave even George Sokolsky a run for his money. In Social Justice of Jan. 11, he relates his alleged interview with a Catholic sit-downer under

the caption "'Inside Story' of the

Strikes." Here is Coughlin's ver-

sion of what he told the striker, in

al Paper, Firestone Tire, Fisk Rubber, Gulf Oil, U. S. Rubber, Trumbull Steel, Shell Union Oil, "You men are working for Ford Pressed Steel Car, Pillsbury Flour Motor Company, for General Mills, Toledo Edison, Southern Motors, for Chrysler. Have you and your fellow-laborers as much executive ability as Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Martin, and above all, Mr. Henry Ford? Have you the fact that the Catholic-dominated training and scientific knowledge, the engineering ability and the executive genius of Knudsen of Genthe steel, rubber and oil industries, ler, both of Chrysler, or Klinger

heavy investments in precisely "Now you want them for you!' The Catholic barrage of propaganda against the C.I.O. and the

of Pontiac?

He then went on to denounce the sit-down as "illegal" and as constituting "confiscation." America, the weekly magazine cardinal motivations in the fact livid in its Feb. 27 issue: "When

that the Church had investments they were not preparing arms, the in the auto industry (the most Ferdinand Lundberg has correctwere broken in and car bodies duals and hence do not appear as Church funds on the public record unless they figure in litigation or

Now another angle of the matter the legitimate ends of a strike, is

And if these are not the outported by divine intervention or the contributions of the underpaid millions of Catholic workers.

snrieks that it alone champions, then the demagogic game is transparent enough, and we know precisely what the Church ideals we're all G.M. stockholders!

C.I.O. "Communistic"

A Social Justice headline, Jan.

### ARE SIT-DOWNS LEGAL?

by BENJAMIN RISSEN (concluded from last week)

"Trespass on realty, is an entry upon another's possession unlawfully and with force. The gist of the action is the breaking and entering upon the real property and what happens after the entry is mere matter of aggravation." Two Federal Court decisions concur in defining trespass as follows: "A trespasser on realty is one who goes upon the premises of another without invitation, expressed or implied, and does so out of curiosity, or for his own purposes or convenience, and not n the performance of any duty o the owner.'

The original entry by an employee upon his employers' property is, of course, not an unlaw- all since the essence of trespass ful one. He comes there by invitation of his employer and has the legal status of an invitee. "The term invitation as a matter of law includes not only express nvitation, but the invitation that may be implied from conduct,

to contend that a worker who may the city has very carefully providhave traveled hundreds of miles ed that such action should not disfigurement or injury in the complaint of an owner of propcourse of it, or in any event con- erty. Obviously this insistense tributed a substantial part of his upon the initiative of action by strength and energy to his em- some individual not connected with ployer's enterprise has the same the police department and the status as a mischievous stranger limitation of legal responsibility or interloper. It is not only ab- to him is motivated by fear that surd as a matter of fact but it is the sit-down may turn out to be equally so as a matter of law. legal after all. If such should be His legal status is definitely not the case and the police acted upon that of a trespasser but comes their own responsibility, the city within an entirely different cate- might be faced with subsequent gory. He is an invitee and as damage suits involving large sums such has certain well established of money. rights and privileges.

It has been contended that the of the Jesuits, waxed lurid and lawfulness of the original entry does not excuse the subsequent maintenance of possession in disstrikers seem to have engaged in regard of the employer's order to acts of sheer vandalism. Car roofs vacate the premises and that one doing so becomes thereby a tresscratched with sharp instruments. passer ab initio, that is to say, The mechanism controlling the a trespasser from the beginning. heavy steel fire-doors was put out This is not a correct formulation of commission, and office tele- of the law. An early leading New phones, plumbing fixtures, and York case which has never been cafeteria equipment were ruined. over-ruled holds that the abuse of Some of the sections could not an authority given by law makes Are Catholic Capitalists Different? have been more completely wreck- the abuser a trespasser ab initio. Is it possible that the Church, ed had they been exposed to a But such an abuse of an authority which not only believes in render- crossfire of machine guns and can- in fact does not render an abuser 10,429 institutions including colling unto Caeser as a general prin- non. The police were complaisant, a trespasser ab initio. For exleges, universities, seminaries, ciple but particularly because it is the court which ordered the strik- ample, if a police officer, who schools, manned by 85,820 instruction incorporated in the body of modern ers to vacate was derided, and no possesses by virtue of his special tors, according to the official 1934 profiteering, does not have its official seems to have made any status a right to go upon anothfigure. It had 16,794 church finger in this, the most profitable attempt to protect the property of er's property, abuses that legal privilege after he enters there, "It seems . . . that here we have then the original privilege is held ligious Censuses, with the value gentry running the auto empire a case to be presented to the next to be abrogated by the subsequent of churches reporting for that year there are such sterling exponents Grand Jury in Flint. In addition, abuse. Thus, by a legal fiction, at \$837,271,053. Parenthetically, I of "social justice" as James D. the Corporation is entitled to remust comment on the fact that Mooney, vice president of General cover in the civil courts for the original right of entry and will while these figures are recorded Motors, who recently returned damage done its property. Work- be regarded in law as a trespassin the 1937 issue of the Franciscan from a European sojurn and open- ers may strike, given certain con- er the same as if he were so in Almanac, none but dated figures ed the drive for an American loan are given. Surely the Church has to Hitler; the DuPonts, who own the very latest figures and more more than a 20% interest in G.M.; stroy property. Catholic members in the case of the police officer, accurate than the old and partial and last but not least, Raskob and of the union should know that to but one which springs from the which springs from the steal or to destroy, even to further relation or agreement of the parties, as in the case in regard paraphrase Shakespeare, a Catholic.
Surely these gigantic temples of are the exponents of the Catholic working and education are the exponents of the Catholic working and education are the exponents of the Catholic working and education are the exponents of the Catholic working and education are the exponents of the Catholic working and education are the exponents of the Catholic working as in the case in regard to employees, then there can be a sin which entails the obligation to employees, then there can be a sin which entails the obligation to employees, then there can be a sin which entails the obligation to employees, then there can be a sin which entails the obligation to employees, then there can be a sin which entails the obligation to employees, then there can be a sin which entails the obligation to employees, then there can be a sin which entails the obligation to employees. worship and education, so symbolic of the lust for the material rather which the Church brags, howls and the spiritual are hardle and the exponents of the Catholic to make good the damage inflict has been granted. Here is a quotation from another early New tation from another early New York case. "Where defendant's

> sceptre of Communism defiling the holy purity of its political temples. Tammany Hall and its counter-

The progressive, militant C.I.O. Church's investments—I quote organized the Liberty League. 11: "WHERE IS LEWIS LEAD- has shattered the stranglehold of from the New York State banking They financed the Sentinels of the ING LABOR? Does the C.I.O. the Vatican over the labor moverecords—we find securities, stocks Republic, the Crusaders, etc., and/or bonds, of the . . . Baltimore fomenters of race hatreds and Dec. 14, Lewis is accused of come too jubilant over this pro-& Ohio, Bedford Belt, R.R., Rock riots amongst workers! Is it pos- fomenting "strike after strike to gress, let us be mindful of the Island, North Western, Erie, Sea-sible that they promoted the further personal ends" and of en-Church's remarkable adaptability: board Airline, New Orleans Ter- Black Legion, in order to set the tering "into liason with radical once it discerns the irresistible minal, Missouri Pacific, Pere Mar- anti-Catholic southern auto worker labor politicians when he formed power drawing the A. F. of L. quette, General American Tank against the Catholic auto worker? the Committee for Industrial Or- into its grave, it will mobilize heaven and hell in an attempt to tional Securities, Libby, McNeil & ed toward that end, and it would Libby, North American Car, Marion Steam Shovel, Pennsyl- all their spies and stoolpigeons, the library to be utter folly to believe that with Church hierarchy sees the red ment.

authority or license was from Plaintiff an abuse of it does not make one a trespasser ab initio. This doctrine is not restricted to any one state as Corpus Juris cites cases confirming it from Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Pennsylvania, as well as New York. Still another New York case presents a close and very interesting analogy. This case holds that where a party enters a house by license, he will not be considered a trespasser ab initio by reason of an unlawful act done after such entry.

Sit-Down Is Legal It should be apparent that one who is not a trespasser from the beginning is not a trespasser at is unlawful entry. For all of their brave words, some local and state authorities have displayed a considerable amount of caution. The

action of the New York police is extremely significant. Even the liberal mayor of New York has acquiesced in the use of the police It is the height of absurdity to oust sit-downers by force. But in quest of the job, or sustained take place except upon a formal

> Of course, injunctions have already been granted by propertyminded judges against sit-downers and doubtless many more will be. Let us not forget that revealing remark of Chief Justice Hughes o the effect that the law is what the judges say it is. The Courts are extremely resourceful in findng ways and means of restraining egitimate labor action. It will be very surprising indeed if they fail o discover a way out of the dilemma posed for them by the special nature of the law of trespass. If they do so it will be by the time honored method of judicial construction. That medium is sufficiently elastic so that it can be made to embrace almost anything. But labor can win the right to sit-down as it won the right to organize, to strike and to picket. This right, like the others before it, must be established outside of the courts before it will be recognized within them.

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# Problems Of CIO

By JAY LOVESTONE

is not less important than the ously and boldly. Careful strategy phases of the task of the hour for danger of the corporations playing question of expansion. Both are the workers: the job of laying a sound foundation for a militant labor movement. The hundreds of thousands

workers who have been pouring into the C.I.O. unions are inexperienced in practical trade union ism. They cannot be turned into determined, active union men a one stroke. The officers of the C.I.O. affiliates should go out of the way to develop the more cap able local forces into leaders wit a sense of responsibility and devo tion. The organizations which have sprung up in the ranks of workers never before unionized must be stabilized. The big gains register ed in the almost torrential wave of organization under the banner of the CIO must be consolidated Only in this fashion can the CIO hold what it has won and utilize the present gains for the extension of the drive to organize the mil lions still working under ope shop conditions.

Open or camouflaged A. F. L. Executive Council cynics ma rave and rant that the CIO men bership is not yet settled, is no yet solidified. Of course this is so However, this is not decisive. What is decisive in the relationship between the A. F. of L. and the C.I.O. is the difference in direction, in the very nature of the trends confronting both bodies. The CIO faces a problem of influx; the A. F. of L. confronts exodus. With the CIO it's a case of consolidation; with the A. F. of L. it's a case of disintegration. The C.I.O. faces problems of growth; the A. F. of L. is beset by difficulties of decline

Stand by the "O'der Men" Integrally bound up with the question of the growth and consolidation of the CIO is the prob lem of the so-called older worker in the mass production industries For years the employers turned the older workers down and our as human wrecks, as unwanted, as useless material to be cast on the scrap heap of industry. In the course of the General Motors strike, the bosses all of a sudden began to pretend that they were solicitous of the welfare of the older workers. This was done to pit them against the younger ones who had a better chance to hold on to employment. The older workers were given the fraudulent impression that now that the younger ones were striking they had the chance of a lifetime to make secure their jobs for a lifetime. It was

pitted against the union bankers' club, a chamber of com- this sort.

It is the task of the CIO unions TOR the C.I.O. the problem of in the mass production industries consolidation and stabilization to face this old age question seri must be mapped out to avoid the the older against the younger workers. This situation lends additional weight to the question of seniority. No blueprint can b worked out for all unions and industries in regard to the seniority

We Have But a Truce

In general the present settle ments secured by the CIO are more in the nature of a truce than complete, decisive and crushing victories. When we make this point we do not, in the least, minimize the great significance of the vic tories which have been and are being scored by the CIO. We only underscore the need for adequate preparations by the unions to hole and extend these gains. Let no one for even a fraction of a second

associate financial editor of the ship, with capacity for quick strik-

other words, the officials of statement that an army that can-Carnegie-Illinois were faced not sing cannot fight. with the prospect that they might not be able to beat Mr. out with him. They were presented, in other words, with a

virtual fait accompli . . .
"Moreover, in view of the success of Mr. Lewis in getting more money and shorter hours for his followers, it is something of a question how long company unions can co-exist with C.I.O. unions.

"The advice, 'Don't sell John L. Lewis short' is undoubtedly sound advice.

"But short-sale or no shortnext few months, but when busi-

The Company Mob-A Fascist Comer

and the wherefore for a super- pany mob. This is not an ordinary for the army of labor. ficially strange phenomenon. The aggregation of employment agency biggest employers are complaining scab riff raff. The company mob is

ganization lurks. The time to fight good reliable trade union militants consideration.

before the employing class launch es its counter-attack

Modern Strikes and Modern Wars In waging the strike struggles today and in preparing for the battles of tomorrow we must not lose sight of one fact-or we are hrough. Modern (mass) strikes are like modern (mass) wars. There are no civilians in modern wars and there are none in strikes gripping mass production plants domi nating entire cities or communities are first waged and then declared. even declared officially. Note Mussolini's and Hitler's invasion of Spain. Keep in mind the Japanese war on China and the subsequent creation of the "bird of peace" corporations.

New York Herald-Tribune. On March 8th, Mr. Collins confessed:

"Wall Street's slogan is the decisive importance of the decisive i 'Don't Sell Steel short'; but the Womans Emergency Brigade and advice that this writer has re- the Woman's Auxiliary. Likewise, ceived from labor experts is, the role of songs, of music. There 'Don't sell John Lewis short.' In is truth as well as poetry in the

In the same sense we must face frankly the fact that especially in election of Roosevelt as presiden Lewis even if they did fight it strikes involving mass production and also, important to Detroit, plants does the element of "public liberal, Frank Murphy, as Mayor opinion" play a role. We may The N.R.A. caused many workers deride this factor as much as we to join a union in the belief that please. We may very correctly the President wanted them to analyze its origin, its being manu- Even at this stage they did no factured by the bourgeois press. visualize the organization as one This is all objectionable, but it is to be run by themselves alone a fact. And in wars we must face With the Green-Roosevelt agreefacts objectively as well as fear- ment delivering them safely back lessly! Besides, we must never lose into the hands of the big auto sight of the fact that a goodly corporations the organization portion of the so-called public con- practically collapsed again. Howsists of workers in other industries ever a nucleus was left around trying to break the union by very not on strike or even unorganized which the now huge U.A.W.A. was subtle means. Attempted bribery sale, Mr. Lewis is still not a —and all too often relying on the to grow. seasoned investment. He will boss press, pulpit, and movie to do The recovery of the auto indus- way on unimportant matters, an face his real test, not in the their thinking for them. Effective try with its huge profits could only attitude of abstract fairness, publicity is essential for a union be accomplished in one way in the ness goes into the next depres- victory. Strategic moves must era of declining capitalism. The these methods are still the stock never be made without regard of exploitation of the workers had in trade of G.M. This writer has

so-called public opinion. No doubt all of this involves : No one needs a financial hand problem of leadership and book to decipher this. It would be capacity for policy-making. A up was intensified. The worker's them." The analysis and instructhru such propaganda that quite a fatal folly to assume that because sense for the latter is all-impor- life became more miserable every tions set out therein are at least few of the older workers were many company unions have been tant. It takes time and varied ex- day. In spite of previous disap- as good if not better than any roped into the Flint Alliance and and will be worsted by the CIO perience to develop this sixth- pointments, every little gain by got out by the union. In the deunions, therefore, all company sense, as it were. Thorogoing This is a very serious problem. union dangers are gone. It would union democracy is an essential and with a successful sit-down at jective in attitude. That this kind When a banker or capitalist poli- be suicidal to assume that the em- prerequisite for the development the Midland Steel Corporation in of literature prepares foremen tician is 45 years of age he is a ployers will not find and resort to of such fighting, practical leaders Detroit, the heart of the industry who are otherwise merely tough stripling, a budding youngster with new weapons. During the General from the ranks. Aid by the more and famed as the Home of Open- by nature, for a future fascist a future ahead of him. When an Motors strike we had an inkling of experienced unions to the newly Shoppers, the upsurge started in regime is by no means as fantasauto worker or steel worker gets some of these weapons. First and organized is of paramount import earnest. Late in the day it is, but tic as it sounds. Just as the to be 45 he is old—speeded up into foremost as a danger facing the towards speeding up the develop- the workers in the industry seem workers are preparing for war, so old age. Here we have the why unions and all labor is the com- ment of such leading officer types "Into the National Guard"

about a shortage of skilled help no mere pure American vigilante old strike strategy must be dis- workers. Such standing can come ize that labor at the moment is while there are hundreds of thous- racket. The company mob may be carded as inadequate for the new in as a source of vital strength on the march, and also that a reands of skilled workers on the a "decent," respectable, home-struggles in view of the new con-when the N. G. is called upon for action will set in sooner or later. W.P.A. lists. Why? Thirty-five out loving, job-craving" collection of ditions of production and social strike duty. But we cannot em- It is then they hope that Anderof every hundred workers on WPA non-striking workers gathered into relations. Radical workers as well phasize too strongly that such son can be repeated again and are 45 to 65 years of age. At least an "innocent club" run by the in- as the more conservative ones standing must be won on the basis again until the labor movement is fifty percent range from 25 to 44. visible (if necessary) hand of the face this duty. Let me illustrate of merit of service in training and crushed. These hundreds of thousands are corporation management. The Flint with but one instance. We know not thru clumsy distribution of old enough to be members of a Alliance was an organization of that the National Guard is a strike- long manifestoes that are unread- the terrific job of guiding this merce, a Harvard alumni associ. It is in the company unions and an organic part of the capitalist read. . . . ation, but too old to be given a in outfits like the Flint Alliance - state machinery which is a strikechance to grind out dividends for the company mob type—that the breaking government. Yet, it is not the gentry crowding the rosters of most serious menace of fascist or- at all out of place to have some with. It must be given serious word, and organization the key to

and crush this menace—with the greatest likelihood of success—is before it matures fully, before it before it matures fully, before it matures fully, before it matures fully, before it matures fully Consolidation before it matures fully, before it assumes serious proportions. That is why it is imperative to fight against the beginnings of these fascist cancers right now, today,

IN previous articles I have tried Cursed with dual unionism, neg-I to give you some first hand accounts of the sit-down strikes waged against G. M. in the auto waged against G. M. in the auto industry. Thoughtful workers on, far bolder and more advanced must have often asked themselves than the old strike—the new sithow it was that labor suddenly blossomed forth with an organization of such tremendous power as the U.A.W.A., after many at More and more, up-todate wars tempts to organize the industry had failed, after so many thought Sometimes war is fought but not the task hopeless. The reasons are While Homer Martin was very In the first place the only or-

ganization in the past which had the resources to do the job,, either property right he has, the right did not wish to or was afraid to to use his labor power, neverthestate—Manchoukuo. We must be do it,—namely the A.F. of L. Beprepared to face lockouts which fore the depression the auto in the property laws enacted to prowill not be formally declared by dustry employed a vast army of tect the auto barons amongst immigrants anxious to do any-Furthermore, it is universally thing for the illusion of high interpreted that way. He has conaccepted that women, children, and wages in the land of their adop- sciously taken a step forward from non-combatants in general are tion without causing trouble to really involved in a good-sized, their kind benefactors. Native jumped the stage of merely stopimagine that the giant corporations respectable and respected modern Americans from the backward ping the means of production. are accepting as final the licking war. So it is with a mass strike. South and the farm lands flocked He has taken some control over given them by the CIO in recent Such a struggle can never be won to this industry situated in a it at least for a time to insure weeks. They are biding their time. by labor unless the women, the land of milk and honey. With its stopping until his demands are Perhaps they will strive to hit children, the entire families are back when the next economic crisis drawn actively into the fight for union," the "Auto Workers Industries the property of the capitalist class is terback when the next economic crisis drawn actively into the fight for union," the "Auto Workers Industries of the property itself to big minddecent conditions and the right to trial," a very properly set up in-Some plain talk revealing the organize. In big strikes, in strikes dustrial union, without any memnood of the financial magnates, in mass production plants, the bers worth speaking about, which the means of production for the after the steel settlement, was preunion must assume the character disappeared late in 1934 with the purpose of controlling it himself. sented to us by Edward H. Collins, of an army—with strong leader- change of the Communist party line. I.W.W's and craft unionists that the proletarian revolution is the industry but without any high tempo of the last few weeks

Union Sentiment Grows Meanwhile the economic suffer ings experienced by the auto work ers amongst others showed its ef fect on the political field in the

to be increased in every way pos-a sible. Thus real wages declined to G.M. supervisors called "Sita in some cases; in others the speed down strikes and how to win he union increased its strength

join the National Guard, win hirelings. What happened in Angenuine standing in the ranks of derson in the G.M. strike can hap-It is obvious that much of the the Guardsmen, many of whom are pen elsewhere. The bosses realbreaking agency in uniform. It is able—or, fortunately, are not young onrushing movement into

by STUART MEFFAN | to realize that it's now or never. lected, nevertheless, the auto down strike.

The Sit-Down

That this weapon brings its users nearer to a revolutionary outlook is a fact beyond doubt correct in pointing out that a sitdown is not illegal because the worker is protecting the only others were not intended to be the striker of the past. He has step suggest itself to his mindnamely the worker's seizure of

(M.E.S.A.) tried to get a hold on round the corner in America. The measurable or lasting degree of is already showing signs that it cannot continue for long. Many of the lessons will be forgotten, some will sink deep into the heart of the labor movement to leap again to its consciousness when uture dangers approach.

> It must also be remembered that the sharpening of the class struggle also forces capitalism innew techniques of oppression Amerian capitalism the founder of ompany unionism, company mob iolence, and the systematic use f the spy system, is learning fast rom the situation

New Anti-Labor Technique If it is true that G.M. made a

number of stupid mistakes in using violence in the strike, it is also certain that they are now of prominent unionists, giving violence where the union is weak are capitalists preparing their

To the radical movement falls the right channel. This can be "Into the National Guard" is a done if responsibility to the proleslogan that should not be toyed tariat as a whole is the watchour future actions.

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#### BANE OR BOON?

TO the superficial observer things are booming I now. Productions levels are approaching dizzy heights. Prices are sky-rocketing. Self-confessed experts are drawing bizarre charts to prove that there is a shortage of labor. Employers are beginning to boast of "high wages" they willingly give. Here are the typical symptoms of a typical boom.

We are in the throes of a precarious boom. The forces making for the present prosperity are the forces preparing the ground for the crisis ahead. This does not mean that we are now on the threshold of a great crisis. It does mean that the present prosperity is very shoddy. It does mean that the present prosperity, no less than the recent crisis, serves to accentuate the contradictions inherent in capitalism as an international system and in American capitalism as an integral part of the world structure. Warning signals are now being given by "regular" economists thruout the world.

The sweeping rise in commodity prices has become the cause of widespread controversy both here and in Europe. In general, lots of words are wasted here as well as abroad over the dangers of inflation. Usually the abundance of such talk is only a cover for the illiteracy of the analysts and an excuse for resisting higher wage levels. But now and then one hears about the recurrent danger of a collapse which brought the whirlwind of 1929. Official Washington, thru Marriner S. Eccles, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace have just sounded the alarm against the menace of inflation.

All of these people speak of prices as if they were in a vacuum, some supernatural phenomenon abstracted and apart from the economic system and its social relations. All of them—for one reason or another—forget or ignore that the tempo of the price rise which now bothers them was in no small measure occasioned by the very remedies which their governments took—which the ruling classes invoked-to restore prosperity. Artificial control of production, feverish manufacture of armaments, planned destruction of surplus commodities (untouchable to millions of starving unemployed) are among the cures responsible for the present feverish rise in prices. However, the price levels in the U. S. are not yet up to the scales of 1926.

The dangers involved are not in the price rise as such. The dangers are rooted in the inherent lack of balance between the various elements of production conducted on a capitalist basis. While the professors are ranting against high wages and taxes as the cause of high prices, they are conveniently silent about the mounting profits piled up by the biggest corporations. The net profit for nearly a thousand of the leading corporations of the country were 10.1% on net worth last year. These are officially reported figures-after the well-trained and properly paid accountants have put the books in order. Actually the rate of profits is higher. At the same time the United Mine Workers of America have to be spending months in negotiating for an agreement to have the coal diggers get an annual wage of but \$1,200. Of course, there is prosperity in the U. S., but it is a class prosperity—for the owning class, especially for its top layers. Had labor not turned to militant organization under the ban ner of the CIO it would have been still worse off.

The gap between productive capacities and the possibilities for consuming the products turned out is widening. In this chasm gather all the elements

The sources, the causes of the crisis which is not yet at hand, which we are not facing immediately, but which is developing in the very midst of and because of the character of the very prosperity at hand can be overcome only with the overcoming of capitalism as a social and economic system. This is not a goal to be achieved at one stroke. It requires persistent and planned militant struggle by labor in defense of its immediate interests against the encroachments of capital. In this light, the big unionization drives now being waged by the CIO in the mass production industries assume a significance far beyond the immediate issues involved. It is only thru such thru such independent class action and organization by labor that the baneful nature of the capitalist boom can be reduced or mitigated -and that the working class can be prepared for mightier struggles for greater objectives.

### |SPAIN'S CLASS LINES SHARPEN

By LAMBDA which, in part, took some rather ambiguous turns, is a symptom of significant re-orientation taking place in the anti-fascist camp at the moment. On the surface this speech was aimed at the English and the French governments which more recently have been increasing their pressure on the Madrid Government to end the war and to compromise with part in such a compromise. This declaration itself proves that, within the government and its parties there are now cèrtain forces which as accomplices of the English and the French governments are more energetically ponsoring such a capitulation to Franco and a betrayal of the

Spanish Revolution. Caballero does not explicitly mention these elements by name Who are they? They are the middle-class elements in the camp of the government who have grown bolder day by day through people's front tactics and the Anglo-French policy of indirect support of the fascists. These tactics in defense of the parliamentary-democratic republic and against a proletarian revolution are bearing their natural fruit: open counter-revolution and naked treachery. Caballero who, together with his party, has been following these tactics until ize the far-reaching advance made tion have been taking the lead- days. suddenly sees the abyss of counter-revolution and treachery gaping at his feet. Caballero, a typal centrist, does not lead but is trailing along in the wake of vents and mass-sentiments. Therefore one must deduce from his declaration that there is a marked change of sentiment developing

the Spanish working class. Caballero Hits C.P. speaks of elements in the gov- police) and the Control Patrols rnment camp which unconsciously are rendering aid to the fascists. At whom does he aim these deliberately ambiguous insinuations? At this juncture surely not against the POUM but at the CP of Spain. centrally as well as locally. Te against the POUM as well as its are prohibited from belonging to icy adopted on Feb. 20th and by marched in a public demonstrathe fact that the Soviet Union is tion.... (this vividly recalls the from the Spanish conflict. Scheidemann-Noske's in Dec. Obviously this withdrawal is not 1918). The Catalonian Governvoluntary one. Nevertheless it ment held a parade in behalf of is a fact, and has its effect in the this "regular"—bourgeois—militia anti-fascist camp. This withdrawal, evidenced for instance by In Valencia, the people he Soviet Union's renunciation of participation in the "control" of the Spanish coast, has been forced upon her through systematic Anglo-French opposition to the appearance of a Soviet fleet

he Mediterranean. In international matters the at titude of the CI and the USSR towars the countries of bourgeois democracy has likewise failed most tragically. No one can blame the IISSR if she is not strong enough to cope with both the open hostilities of Hitler Germany and lowing: Italy, and the underhanded conclasses in England and France in (Feb. 20, 1937). behalf of Spanish fascism. But sharpest criticism must be levelled are: against the leadership of the

I CPSU for having hitched the com-London, March 13, 1937 munist parties everywhere to the ABALLERO'S last speech, cart of such policy and for havan appendage of the bourgeoisie, indeed, only thus making possible France and in England.

A revolutionary class policy i Spain and in the other countries would have strengthened the hand of the Soviet Union considerably. The reverse of such a policy, howthe USSR can not even afford the very least that is possible and necessary since she is not in a position to act in open protest.

necessary impulse to turn the tide receipts and expenditures. may come from the camp of the Spanish working class. There is a gradual change in sentiment. The decisive factor will be whether the Spanish working class can line up its forces to act in time and counter-revolution which in their is of some significance. turn are ever active organizing their strength and usurping ever new positions.

## Counter-Revolution Advances

We are recording here the most significant steps which character-

project which aims at the re-establishment of the old bourgeois police, thru the virtual liquidation of the present police force, which has been in the hands of is to be brought about in such a manner that the erstwhile Guardia Civil (now called Republican National Guard), the Storm Guard In his declaration Caballero (also a pre-revolutionary body of (the workers' police) are to be consolidated into a single unit led by old-time police officers. The workers' organizations shall be eliminated from its Administration The CP's campaign of propaganda members of this "new" police force obstructing the gains and the any political party or trade the toiling masses of Spain was sued a threatening manifesto aaccord with the Anglo-French pol- class of Barcelona and have

In Valencia, the people's front

lowing slogans:

keep order and as a police force!" "Abolish all committees estabished at the beginning of the in-

spiracy of government and ruling ary Youth Front" in Catalonia popularity of the expulsion order. The main points of its program

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### TRADE UNION **NOTES**

cart of such policy and for having converted the communist party of Spain and elsewhere into Aroused by the threat of the sit-downs and the thus bolstering reformism and, unionization drives conducted by the CIO, the Republican politician has introduced two measures its disasterous action in Spain, in which come up for hearing this week.

The first prohibits sit-downs as a misdemeanor and provides penalties ranging from \$100 to \$1,000. The bill also defines illegal strikes and vests broad powers in the State Industrial Commissioner. The latter upon receipt from a union of an "intention that he himself would never take ever, has tied her hands and she to strike" report would then decide whether the must submit to being dragged demands of the union were justified and therealong, a prisoner, behind the Lon- fore whether such a strike should be permitted. don Foreign Office and the Quay The Commissioner would have the power, if he so d'Orsay. Under such circumstances, cared, to declare any strike illegal.

The second proposal provides state supervision of trade unions. Annual detailed reports would have to be filed by the unions giving exact good Yet it is still possible that the standing membership and listing every penny of

The labor movement in New York State has been aroused over these two proposals and strong opposition will most likely be mustered against them. Altho their passage is extremely unlikely, their introduction in New York State, with its militantly against the powers of powerful trade unions and boasted progressivism,

#### COMPULSORY ARBITRATION

THAT this is part of a general movement to restrict labor's freedom of action becomes clearer when we examine the proposal of the National Association of Manufacturers. The latter proposes that where a national strike looms, the President now-although, it must be said, by the counter-revolutionary forces shall appoint an impartial, fact-finding commisthat the CI and its Spanish sec- in the anti-fascist camp in recent sion, empowered to call witnesses and hear evidence. No action by either of the contestant's shall In Catalonia the government of be taken until 30 days after the report of the comthe generality has worked out a mission is made public.

Knowing how bitterly opposed labor is to comoulsory arbitration the N.A.M. plan points out that this would be compulsory investigation, not arbitration." That the plan is not merely investigathe workers' organizations. This tory—tho that in itself is objectionable—becomes clear when we read that the plan can "prevent any interruption of service or production, designed to nterfere with commerce, during the investigation (which may take a week, a month or a year-GFM) or for thirty days after the finding of facts s made public."

In other words, under the guise of a plan to "investigate" we have a proposal equipped with every repressive feature necessary to throttle and destroy the legitimate aims of trade unionism.

### BETHLEHEM KEEPS UP THE GAME

progress of the proletarian revo- union! What is about to be es- THE Bethlehem Steel Corporation having just lution now begins to recoil like a tablished is a reliable armed force, finished tabulating the returns in its twentieth coomerang upon the CP itself. for the counter-revolution. These annual election to its employee representation plan, This change of sentiment among bodies of police have already is now announces that exactly 96.4 Per Cent (59,356) of the 60,530 eligible voters cast their ballots for augmented by the Soviet Union's gainst the revolutionary working the company union as its collective bargaining

Corporation figures of balloting by company apparently withdrawing more and methods employed by the Ebert- union members have been so consistently discreditfrom continuing a farce which is no longer funny. Certain it is, that it will not stop the growth of the steel union, altho adding up the various corporation announcements on company union votes parties demonstrated with the fol- there remain no steel workers to join the legitimate unions. However, we are ready to give odds that "The government must take before the CIO is thru with Bethlehem the Amalcharge of all bodies maintained to gamated Association will count more noses than the difference between 60,530 and 58,356.

#### N. Y. COUNCIL MARKS TIME

THE New York Central Labor Union sprang a Form Revolutionary Youth Front surprise last week. With every delegate expecting Of the symptons that indicate a show-down fight on Green's order to expel the a change of sentiment among the CIO unions, the executive committee reported that masses we shall mention the fol- it had decided to take no action at all for the time being. The thunder of applause and genuine joy 1) Formation of a "Revolution- which this announcement brought indicates the un-

> We don't know the exact reason for this action It may be fear at not being able to finish what (Continued on Page 6)

# "A Thrilling Record"

AN editorial in the Daily Is it a record of "thrilling Worker of Tuesday, March achievements" of which a revoluon the same topic.

advocate the policy of one-sided bloody record of the French neutrality towards Spain . . . argue People's Front which the Daily chiefly in the following manner: Worker refers to as a "thrilling 'This is a policy which makes pos- achievement." sible friendly relations between It is doubtful whether Comrade France and Great Britain.

and abandons her interests.

France was forced by threats. To. of betrayal of proletarian Spain. day it is clear that 'non-intervention' is the best possible service rade Peri? Who else but the Blums that a neutral country could to whom he and the Communist render to the rebels.

that the British Foreign Office is puties in supporting Blum expose continuing to work for Franco's the duplicity of Peri's soul-stirring The rents go sky-high, and the victory, and under the pretext of exclamation-"But at what an Anglo-French agreement is price"? drawing France with her into this

very patient, say to us: we have People's Front course, when the the problem afar from Harlem or given new life to Anglo-French leading "democracies" so consis- the Negro quarters in Brooklyn. friendship!

"But at what a price." French Communist Party, Gabriel "democratic countries" to follow Peri, in the columns of Inprecor in the struggle against fascism? (February 20, 1937).

16. speaks of "Socialists and Com- tionary party can find aught to be munists writing a thrilling record proud? "At what a price," says of achievements in France." Below Peri with a shudder. Indeed a horwe give some interesting evidence rible price—the betrayal of the entire Spanish proletariat into the "Those people in France who hands of Franco! This is the

Peri realizes the full import of the "That is a terrible argument, for words he wrote. Certainly no more it means nothing more nor less damning indictment against the than that France can only reckon policy of People's Front France with the support of Great Britain towards Spain has ever appeared if she gives up all her principes in the columns of the Workers Age. The doubt is strengthened by the continued supine support which "The initiative in the matter of the French Communist Party connon-intervention came from the tinues to render "to those people side of Great Britain, into which in France who advocate the policy"

Who are "those people", Com-Party of France continue to give unreserved support. Do not the "How can one dismiss the idea acts of the French Communist De-

"The French Ministers, who are basically wrong with the whole tently refuse to conform to the simple formulas which the Com-Thus speaks a leader of the munist International evolved for

### Class Lines Sharpen In Spain

(Continued from Page 4) economic changes which have tak- quished, the restoration of capiten place since July 19th. Defence alist society with all its inequal- tion as "ping-pong" Ah! my inof the revolutionary gains. "Our ities, and misery for the toiling tellectual friends who prattle about unity will give us strength," it people." says in the manifesto, "to win the war and to carry out the revolution. This is the mission of the revolutionary youth."

b) Creation of ever closer relationship with the trade unions. c) For representation of proletarian organizations, proportional to their strength, in all antifascist branches of government; that is: for the safeguarding of political and social hegemony of the working class.

d) For a "people's army of re volutionary character." For uniform command. For its control by workers' organizations. e) Equal pay for all armed

forces. Eradication of bureaucracy in the army administration. f) Vigorous campaign for adjusting all industry to the necessities of the war. Socialization of banks of transport of heavy in-

dustry. g) Socialization of land and the soil. Creation of agricultural colsmall peasants who do not employ CNT, the Esquerra, the POUM ed truth is out in a very dignified was pitiful. A great mass out- Socialist and Communist Parties.

outside labor. Already aligned with this re-

volutionary youth front are: The Syndicalist Youth; The The rederation of Communistrated by these facts is of greatest and other groups—but badly advised it was preceded, People's Front ulaire, then it will turn to the Students; The Workers Sport- significance. But we repeat that Union; The League of the Trade it is decisive for the revolutionary Union Youth; The Iberian Com- forces not merely to issue promunist Youth (POUM); The clamations, resolutions, and pro-Youth Group of the Liberated tests, but to organize their Women; The Students' Federation strength and act. Moreover it is

as strong as the CP.

"The Anarchists will not tolera) Recognition of the social and ate, after the fascists are van- ed youth". There are no facilities

> 4) The provincial council Valencia—(that is at the very seat of the government)-in an open the persecution campaign of the CP against the POUM. The proclamation says that the description of the POUM as a "Fifth Column" s an insult to an those who are and stresses expressly that all organizations represented in the provincial council, among them being the POUM, are anti-fascist. 5) The plenum of the city coun- Drs. Corwin and Sturges have done cil of Taragona (Catalonia) re-

anti-fascist unity.

This resolution is signed by the and the Accio Catala.

#### Necessity of Revolutionary Offensive

### **BOOKS** of the AGE

THE COLOR LINE IN OUR PUB-LIC SCHOOLS. By Harlan E. Glazier. Inter-racial Committee, D. C. 15 Cents.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MEDICAL EDUCATION OF NEGROES. By E. H. L. Corwin and Gertrude E. Sturges. Scribners. \$1.25.

#### Reviewed by GEORGE STREATOR

Mr. Glazier's pamphlet is written with the aid of a distinguished group of public authorities on schools and education. Those who plating. know this live spirit will read his study with interest. Moreover, they will be rewarded with facts accumulated with no fear of offending the party "line". Comrade Glazier deserves better treatment at the hands of the Socialist Party theorists. He is brave, unhampered by fears of European catastrophe, and exactly worth twelve ordinary "friends" of the Negro.

As the white population moves out of a run-down neighborhood, the Negro advances from worse hovels and settles down to "the American way of doing things". a schools and public buildings which the white population has just about Does it not appear, Comrade worn out fall to the oppressed Peri, that there is something Afro-Americans. Those who have not seen Washington, can study

Cardoza High School (the name honors a colored "off" relative of a distinguished South Carolina family) is the business school for colored children. Theodore Roosevelt High School is for white children (plus Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Italian, Hindoo, etc.) only. In Cardoza, a new "modern" school erected for the Negro children, ven the gymnasia "are ghastly jests perpertrated upon the coloreven for as small a bit of recreathe superior Washington treatment of the Negro:

"The shelves of Cardoza library are as bare as Mother Hubbard's proclamation, turns sharply upon cupboard. History-or legendrecords that there was once a dic-

tionary-whereabouts unknown." If only half of this story is true, the Negro intellectuals who reside in Washington could comco-operating with it. The council mand ten times the respect if they protests against this campaign organized and addressed mass meetings dedicated to the plight of Washington Negro children.

And the same goes for Harlem.

the long anticipated study of Harlem hospital. The city administra-1) Its condemnation of the tion has stuffed the whole study campaign waged against the behind two or three bales of old newspapers. This study was spon-2) All those participating in this sored by the National Association campaign are pronounced accom- for the Advancement of Colored plices of fascism, disguised enem- People, and it does much to remove the bad taste left by the sidered engaged in sabotaging the stupid efforts to protect the political jobs of some of the board special Central Committee Plenum telling blows at the untenable. members. And now the document- to consider the new situation. It anti-working class position of the treatment. There is enough dyna- pouring: magnificent and spirited, Big capital vaults arrogantly into mite in this book to blow off the filled with the expectation of a the saddle, drives the old nag roof of a building housing a call to battle and the determina- Blum hard with whip and spur, local election. The unfortunate tion to fight. How stirring the drives him to exhaustion. When truth is, the Negro is split and International sounded coming from that point is reached, when it can The Federation of Communistence by these facts is of greatest divided — no worse divided than 30,000 determined throats—even if get no more out of the Front Pop-

geois' state machine. The proletarian branches of vigorously and consistently propgovernment, established at the agated. sudden outbreak of the civil war, In Catalonia alone, the CNT, ac-Students of the CNT; The Liber- selves to the mere checking of can only be guarded if they are cording to recent estimates, has viction that we must strengthen tarian (anarchist) Youth of Ca- counter-revolutionary advances, to developed further into powerful one million, two hundred thousand and speed up the work of the Inthe pure defence of revolutionary organs of the proletarian revolu- members. Should the CNT and ternational Communist Opposition 2) According to reports in the gains, but, in their turn, to start tion and if the remnants of the the POUM march united in the on every front and in every land. CNT press, the CNT, Madrid, is an offensive directed towards the bourgeois state are liquitated. direction of a proletarian revolu- A fight for the return to comcreation of real soviets, of a real The decision will depend on tion, they will be by far the munist principles, to a class line 3) At two mass meetings held revolutionary army, the liquida- whether the POUM succeeds in strongest power in Catalonia and -it is the only hope. And at o) At two mass meetings need to follow in Barcelona by the CNT the following resolution was formulated: parliamentarism and of the bour-

by "friends".

(Continued from Page 1) es lifeless and idle. Where are he "responsible leaders"? do they not give the sign?

Big Capital Pushes Ahead The Big Bourgeoisie is gloating.

and becoming more and more arrogant in its demands. Its appetite for concessions is of the kind that grows by feeding. All has gotten so far is nothing but sherry and hors d'oeuvres for the big meal it now is contem-

"So this capitalism," writes all the same, it made use of yesterday, is today again rendering it the service expected of it ... (Referring to the subscription to the loan).

"All that was needed was that the authorized representatives of the Government should show new intentions. or rather should abstain from using the dogmatic formula of the parties of the revolution, and the savers-who, it must be remembered again, are the capitalists-brought to the state the aid which the government was soliciting....

"It was the duty of the savers to bring the product of their savings to the State. It will be the duy of the masses to bring to the State the contribution of their good will. will be the duty of the labor ers who work for the national defense to make up the time lost by strikes ... it will be the duty of all laborers to accomplish their tasks with zeal, and above all, to renounce this ceaseless pressure of conflicts which weigh down on the industrial and commercial activity of France, which paralyze or weaken all enterprises, and which, of course, are hurtful to the common good.

"We don't doubt but that the government of the popular front will obtain from the masses a confidence equal to that which the savers have just given it.... We don't doubt but that the masses will do everything possible to facilitate the tasks of a government which, born of the Front populaire, today declares itself de termined to become the govern

Could brazeness go further? Ye is justified. Blum, Thorez, and ouhaux, having pawned body and soul, can hardly demur at the addition of a few finger nail par-

No Leadership From C.P. The C.P. called a great mass I meeting in the Vel D'hiv and a the circulation of their press, deal

I this line which the POUM has so

### FRENCH CAPITAL WINS ITS SIT-DOWN STRIKE

| Spangled Banner, "The Marseil-

But what did Thorez tell the

waiting, anxious, straining throng? "Those who failed to vote for the war loan are traitors: the enemies of the security of the coun-

Tomorrow the Communists will have to come to their sense, come back to a working class line on imperialist war. And then? Then they will have to vote against war credits, as Communists should. And today through the mouth of Thorez, they are preparing the lynch spirit, the weapons which Le Temps "which the Peoples imperialism and fascism will use Front had to destroy the day against them tomorrow! What a before yesterday, and which, task for the "leader" of French

> Knowing the mass discontent with the policy of the Front Populaire government, Thorez cynically elicited applause by making a few obvious criticisms. The audience became stirred. They thought they were going to hear a good, old-time, fighting speech: a return to revolutionary leadership once more. But Thorez had other aims with his criticism:

"We would have preferred that the safety of France be assured by means of a levy on the fortunes of the property owners... the latest measures depart notice ably from the spirit and letter of the program of the Popular Front M. Rist is an agent of the

More and more excitement. In every find the thought: so what? And Thorez's conclusion:

200 families.

"We communists, who want better society, we will continue to preserve the Front Populaire, fruitful (!) alliance of the work ers and middle classes... All for the People's Front! All through the People's Front!"

And the next day the Central Committee came out with a "program" for the emergency. Only two planks:

1) The only reservation it makes on the so-called "pause," or breath ing-spell for capitalism and lay ing on ice of the entire Peoples Front Program, is a demand that the funds for the Home for the Aged Workers should not be cut. Could petty, miserable, stinking

reformism go further? 2) "All for the Front Populaire, is declared anew by the Communist Party of France.'

### Fascist Agitation Grows

The revolutionary leadership goes from lost opportunity to los opportunity, from betrayal of the elementary interests and needs of the masses to fresh betrayal. That is supposed to be in the interest of stopping fascism. Meanwhile the fascists pick up, demagogically, the issues the C.P. abandons. The "prohibited" organizations meet openly, plot puicly, smuggle in arms Rocque and Doriot. Lost oppor tunities are the manure which fertilizes the ground for fascism. It

is painful to watch-heartbreaking. And it drives deep the con-

# "Big Six" Supports The C.I.O.'s Position

(We print below the resolution of | clined toward the Committee for the Typographical Union No. 6, New York, on the CIO-AFL situation. Its importance rests not merely on the thorogoing nature of the resolution, but also on the fact that "Big Six" is one of the strongest craft unions in the country.

#### Text of Resolution

The resolution adopted by "Big

"Whereas, The American Federation of Labor Council for the past thirty-five years has not accomplished, nor has it been able to make, any appreciable progress to organize workers in key industries; and

"Whereas, The antiquated, unpractical, uneconomical industrial theory of the American Federation of Labor Council in its craft organization policy has retarded and stultified the workers in key industries; and

"Whereas, The American Federation of Labor Council by its craft organization policy is given to lip service exclusively and no attempt has been made to voice other means of accomplishing the desire of the workers to be organized;

"Whereas the craft union adherents in the American Federation of Labor council are blind to the inevitable consequences of denying millions of workers the right to organize along the lines of present-day methods in order to cope with the industrial machinery age

"Whereas the American Federa tion of Labor council has seen fit to give moral support to the enemies of organized labor by its many acts against the Committee for Industrial Organization; and "Whereas it seems to us as

members of the International Typographical Union that the American Federation of Labor council, by its actions, is devoted to the selfish interests of the few instead of the welfare of the majority of the workers; and

### "Stab-in-Back Policy"

"Whereas we further condemn the reported stab-in-back policy of the majority members of the American Federation of Labor council by unlawfully ordering the expulsion of any local craft union body from its affiliation with local or central federation of labor organization found to be favorably in-

UNITED STATES:

SPAIN:

**GERMANY:** 

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Industrial Organization; and

"Whereas, It has been reported in the newspapers that company unions are beseeching help of the American Federation of Labor Council against the progress of the Committee for Industrial Organization and requesting membership therein, which action vice president J. P. Frey of the American Federation of Labor immediately attempted to consummate in order to forestall further progress by the Committee for Industrial Organization in its honest and sincere efforts to organize these workers; and

"Whereas, We are reliably informed of the many other arbitrary acts of the American Federation of Labor Council, too numerous to mention herein, which we believe to be detrimental to the cause of the many millions of workers throughout the country, not to mention the damage already done by the American Federation of Labor Council in this controversy with the Committee for Industrial Organization, among the rank and file of the American Federation of Labor membership;

"Whereas the Committee for Industrial Organization deserves to be highly complimented upon the splendid achievements obtained in so short a period of its activities that it can be safely said they have performed a miracle.

"Therefore, Be It Resolved That we, the members of New York Typographical Union No. 6. in regular meeting assembled, this twenty-first day of March, 1937, deem it our duty to condemn the action of the American Federation of Labor Council toward the Commitee for Industrial Organization on past and present information, given to us through the medium of our own organization, and be it further

"Resolved, That we are ready at all times to cooperate and assist the Committee for Industrial Organization morally and financially in its efforts to relieve the millions of workers from the industrial and economic bondage, in order that we may attain to the stature of free and independent workers under a democratic organization of their own choice, and compatible with the ideals and aims of our free and democratic form of our national government.

### ON THE LABOR, FRONT

• FIVE AND TEN sit-down girl | grant a wage increase to its strikers won a victory, when the 6500 employees. F. W. Grand stores, in New York are thus affected City were forced to recognize the union (Department Store Local 1,250). A minimum wage and a 48 hours week were among the gains of the union.

• HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES in the Brooklyn Jewish Hospital have conducted a series of sitdowns in that august institution, and have been treated so roughly by orders of board of directors, that, ironically enough, some of them were hospital cases.

3 STANDARD OIL of New Jersey, found the announced drive of C.I.O. stimulus enough to of the five brotherhoods.

are thus affected.

• PROVIDENCE RETAIL stores were struck by the C.I.O. and after one day granted wage increases and recognition. It is estimated that 12,000 employees will get increases, including those in the large department stores.

• RAILWAY UNIONS presented a united demand for a 5% wage increase effective May 1st. This includes trainmen, switchmen, engineers, firemen, enginemen, and conductors. This proposal has been ratified by 300,000 members

### **Court Reform** Three refineries

The Executive Board of Local 22, ILGWU supported the proposals of President Roosevelt for Supreme Court reform, according to a special statement issued by it last week.

Local 22 For

While the reform was endorsed as a 'measure of immediate relief," the Union also declared itself in favor of a constitutional amendment as "a more fundamental remedy for the present intolerable situation." The necessity of labor's opposition to the Supreme Court's actions was characterized as follows:

"The experience of the last few years has amply demonstrated that today the greatest obstacle to the enactment of federal social and labor legislation is the arbitrary power of the federal judiciary, especially the United States Supreme Court. Dominated by an antiquated and reactionary philosophy, the Supreme Court has voided, in part or in whole, virtually every important piece of social legislation of the slightest value to the masses of the people. It has, in fact, attempted to outlaw and to stifle the very idea of such legislation. There can be but little hope of ever achieving legal recognition for labor's constructive program as long as the Supreme Court is permitted to continue declaring null and void every progressive measure that does not happen to accord with its reactionary prejudices based on the bankrupt philosophy of rugged individualism."

#### **UNION NOTES** TRADE

(Continued from Page 4)

they start-altho rage-blinded burocracy is not given to cool and reasoned thought. It may be conscience trouble at the implications of splitting the labor movement in New York. It may be-but we doubt it in the light of the actions of Ryan and his pals during the waterfront strike. Then again it may be a simple matter of arithmetic. The suspension of all CIO locals from the Central Labor Union will make a mighty big hole in the per capita receipts of the C.L.U. After all the C.L.U. got used to a certain standard of living based on a certain income. If there is to be such a sharp slash, what's to replace it? What has Green to say about that?

But no matter what the reason progressive labor in New York must not be fooled by any false

## ${f Auto~Union~Strikes}$

The first strike in the history of

The strike was called at 1:30. Wednesday, March 24. The workers remained in the shop until the night shift came on at 5:30 and

Demands include a 40 hour week with time and one-half for time over an eight hour day; 20% wage increase; hourly minimum of \$.45 for women and \$.50 for men; 10% premium for night work; union recognition; seniority rights;

the UAWA involved and negotiations are being conducted by Albert Easton. The spirit of the workers

# **Connecticut Plant**

the old town of Plainville, Connecticut is now being conducted by te United Automobile Workers in the Standard Steel and Bearing plant, a division of the Marlin Rockwell Corporation. It supplies Chrysler, Auto-lite and other auto corporations with ball-bearings.

then both combined to walk out.

grievance procedure. Sidney Jonas is the organizer of

#### **Investigation Proves** Frame-Up Charges

SAN FRANCISCO.—A special legislative committee prepared a report to the State Assembly on its investigation of the so-called Modesto Standard Oil frameup of eight maritime union men.

Evidence unearthed by the probers substantiated completely a confession made last December by James Scrudder, chief prosecution witness, which was recorded on 18 dictaphone records.

The investigators also secured an admission from James P. Arnold, chief "special agent" for Standard Oil, that Scrudder before the arrests had been on the oil company's payroll, and that he was employed and paid through San Francisco police.

feeling of security. The fight is not over. It was merely postponed for a little while. The CIO unions must keep on their toes every minute, ready to resume the fight.

SOMEONE suggested that the action of the C.L.U. in New York is due to the revival of unity negotiations somewhere by someone. That's poppycock. Anyone believing that had better take a look at what's going on in the Philadelphia C L.U. Here is a brilliant example of the unity gestures of the craft unionists, with A.F. of L. representative Lewis G. Hines. cast as the sylph-like angel of peace, gripping in his hand something that looks much more like an axe than an olive branch.

Upon direct instructions Green, Hines voided the elections held in the C.L.U. some 'two months ago and proceeded, over the head of the C.L.U., to weed out the CIO unions. He sent out letters to all CIO delegates informing them that they are no longer members, told the officers that they are deposed, called his own meeting and appointed his sergeant-at-arms with instructions to admit only those approved by L. G. Hines.

How does this square with the peace stories peddled by the labor experts of the Jewish Day? If Green advised peace in New York, as the story has it, why does he issue orders for open and highhanded splitting and disruption in Philadelphia—90 miles away?

RIGHT across the Delaware from Philadelphia is the city of Camden N. J., but its ideas on what's good for labor are far from that of L. G. Hines and his boss Green. While Hines was chopping away at the labor movement in Philadelphia, the Camden Central Labor Union held elections and voted into the presidency James Bamford, district manager of the American Federation of Hosiery Workersa CIO affiliate. They got a sense of humor, those "skeeters."

### Die Workers Strike In Chicago Plant

Police brutality marked the sitdown strike of the Stewart Die-Casting Company, in Chicago. The strike began on March 17, with the action of the night shift. comprising 125 workers. The United Automobile Workers, which had organized about 100 out of the 600 workers in the plant, immediately sent over a committee to aid in the organization of a picket line.

The company succeeded in "persuading" the proprietor of a nearby restaurant that the strikers had better cease meeting there, so that organizers had to be content with a garage some blocks away. The picket line continued till about two A. M., when it was charged by the police, who used their billies at random. When the strike committee attempted to hold a meeting in the garage, the police once again evicted them.

Despite the ruthless viciousness of the police, acting on behalf of employers workers have signed union cards.

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