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Don't Fight Your Bosses' War! Organize To Get Rid of Them!

Hitler's Raid on Austria Pours Fuel On Impending European Conflagration

By JUDAH DROB

Hitler marched into Austria last week. He stunned Europe by the audacity of his action. The great powers thus far have been at a loss to determine what their reply shall be. The working class, divided on the question of how to meet the menace of fascism, is being impressed more and more with the absolute necessity of independent action, free of dependence upon capitalist governments.

Hitler took advantage of the reluctance of his rivals, Italy, France and Britain, to fight for Austrian freedom from Nazi domination. It had been the refusal of military support by these powers that had made Schuschnigg, Austria's small fry Fuehrer and tool of Mussolini, bow to Hitler's demands at the February 12 conference at Berchtesgaden.

France has always held that Germany must be crushed periodically and that no time must be lost in reducing its arch-enemy to its post-war status. But France has the notion that it must be certain of British aid in its action against Germany. Britain has thus far refused to give that assurance and has been playing with the idea of an agreement with Hitler.

Then Anthony Eden was forced to resign from the British Cabinet. The Chamberlain government began its discussions with Italy, looking to an agreement in the Mediterranean. It appeared that Italy's hand was strengthened sufficiently to put some backbone into Schuschnigg. Now began the counter-attack by the pro-Italian clerical fascists against the Nazis. Troops were used to suppress Nazi demonstrations, petitions for the independence of Austria were circulated under the inspiration of the Schuschnigg dictatorship. The climax of the anti-Nazi campaign was reached in the announcement of the "plebiscite" on "independence" that was to be held in true fascist fashion, with only one possible outcome.

France has also banked heavily on the support of Italy, which has aims so diametrically opposed to those of Germany that any agreement between the latter two is as unstable as nitroglycerine. But Italy has been greatly weakened by its adventure in Ethiopia and by the internal unrest occasioned by the Spanish project of the fascists. France has wooed these two needed allies but has been unsuccessful. She cannot depend upon their support.

Britain's Game
Britain has been playing its traditional game. It has no definite commitments, but tries to balance the situation so that its own intervention can throw the scales either way. In line with that policy it made its naval agreement with Germany, permitted reoccupation of the Rhineland and of the rivers of Germany. At the same time it kept consulting France and dangling the bait of its cooperation. Britain is willing to defend its own empire at the expense of the French, the Soviet Union and of the middle European nations.

Italy has interests in the same area that Hitler hopes to absorb. Mussolini seeks domination of the Balkan and Middle European territories upon which Hitler has been hard at work. Italy has been systematically extending its control in that area and has been in continual competition with France and Germany. It had till now dominated Austria. It has an alliance with Yugoslavia. It had insisted that Germany respect the nominal independence of Austria and in 1934 even threatened war with a weak Germany to prevent Nazi seizure of Austria. But now, even with the support that it will doubtless get from Britain in the way of loans and concessions, it will be unable to

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AMALGAMATED PLANS TWELFTH CONVENTION

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Delegates representing the powerful Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America will convene at Atlantic City, N. J., May 9, 1938, for the union's 12th biennial convention, Joseph Schlossberg, general secretary-treasurer of the ACWA announced this week.

The convention this year will mark the twenty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. It was founded in Nashville, Tenn., in 1914 as an independent union and has successfully combatted powerful forces that often threatened its very existence.

Now an integral part of the CIO, a movement which it helped to launch in the drive to organize the unorganized in mass production industries, the Amalgamated reports great progress in the past two years.

200,000 Strong

"We come to this convention with the largest membership in our history, nearly 200,000 strong, and our ranks united and harmonious," Schlossberg reported to all affiliated local unions.

Outlining some of the problems the clothing workers convention will tackle, Schlossberg predicted that unity within the labor movement would eventually come.

"The present international scene is disheartening," he said. "Dictatorship rule is increasing; the number of countries in which the people have rights is diminishing; war clouds darken the horizon. The labor movement is the only great social force for human solidarity. As it organizes for their protection as wage earners, it conquers the racial animosities which have made a madhouse of the old world. As the labor movement grows it builds up the greatest force for human cooperation and international peace," concluded Schlossberg in his circular to affiliated locals.

Gains in South

The ACWA reports that its gains in recent months were largely concentrated in "run away shops"—shops that were moved from union centers to small towns, especially in the South. It also reports that as a co-organizer of the textile industry, in the Textile Workers Organizing Committee (CIO), it had lent enthusiastic support to the end that the workers of this industry would enjoy industrial democracy. Approximately a quarter of a million textile workers are now organized.

NEW YORK—The Provisional Committee for the Defense of Workers' Rights in Spain will hold a conference at the Center Hotel, 106 West 43rd street, Saturday afternoon, March 26, beginning 2 p. m.

Ultimatum

Hitler forced Schuschnigg's and Mussolini's hand. He issued an ultimatum demanding the abandonment of the referendum. Schuschnigg inquired of the great powers if they would back him with military aid in resistance to Hitler. They told him that all he could expect was diplomatic aid. Schuschnigg gave Hitler sufficient indication of what the attitude of the powers was when he backed down and cancelled the plebiscite. The Nazi then knew that he would have a free hand. He proceeded to invade and take over Austria.

Now Hitler is consolidating his regime in Austria, cleaning out the old clerical fascists and substituting Nazis; beginning to clamp down on the worker's movement in a way that the Dolfuss-Schuschnigg regime never was able to; and beginning the vicious persecution of Jews that has characterized Germany in the last five years.

French Imperialism

French imperialism would like to stop Hitler at once. It

A Lesson In Solidarity

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The German freighter Kollerwald, with clearance papers for Bremen, sailed here March 9, with a cargo of 20,000 American made bombs. An employe of a shipping firm declined to reveal the cargo's ultimate destination, but it was later learned that the bombs were for Hitler's army.

SOUTHAMPTON, England.—Middlesbrough stevedores, backed by 300 unregistered men, refused to load the Japanese steamer, Haruna Maru, with 400 tons of pig iron and 100 tons of steel plates destined for Japan's war against China. The men refused to load the war material despite the offer of high wages.

AMERICAN MARITIME WORKERS: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

Exploited Pecan Workers Agree To Temporary Truce

By GEORGE LAMBERT

SAN ANTONIO, Texas.— A temporary truce in the six-weeks old strike of more than five thousand workers in the San Antonio pecan industry was reached March 9 when a mass meeting of the members of the Pecan Workers Local Union No. 172 voted unanimously to accept terms signed by the pecan factory owners and the executive committee of the Union earlier in the day.

These terms included recognition of the pecan workers' Union No. 172 as the sole collective bargaining agency in the industry, and the establishment of a three-man board of arbitration to within twenty-eight days render a decision binding on both parties on the Union's demands for a wage increase, shorter hours, and general improvement in working conditions.

Union officials and the workers in the industry expressed confidence that any person with any degree of fairness at all, chosen by their representative and the representative of the pecan factory owners to be the third man on the board of arbitration would, when confronted with the facts on the miserable pay and working conditions in the industry, render a decision to the Union's demands.

These demands are an increase in wages from five cents for broken pieces and six cents per pound for half pecans to seven and eight cents per pound, and from forty cents to sixty cents per 100 pounds for cracking the nuts. This would raise the average wage of the workers in the industry from its present low of less than \$2.00 weekly to around \$3.00. The Union is also asking for free health cards and for better sanitary conditions in the pecan factories.

Since the agreement between the operators and the Union was signed in the office of Mayor C. K. Quin, the city administration through the "kept press" has attempted to take credit for having settled the strike, although until three days ago it would not admit that any strike was in existence. The pecan workers are not being fooled by this sudden change in the attitude of the administration, especially since as late as Monday over 125

pickets were arrested and packed in the city jail.

Arthur J. Mandell, prominent Houston Labor attorney, was today selected by the Union's Executive Committee to represent the Union on the arbitration board. The operators have selected Julius Seligman, pecan tycoon, as their representative on the board.

At the same time the truce was being reached here, the Mexican Embassy in Washington filed a protest in the state department against the mistreatment of the Mexican citizens on strike in San Antonio. In the protest, the Embassy cited a case in which the police had mistaken for a picket a sixty year old woman carrying her two year old granddaughter, had knocked her down, and had injured both her and the child. The protest further stated that, despite repeated assurances from administration officials, San Antonio, police had jailed and beaten Mexicans striking in the pecan industry.

It is believed that this is the first time that a foreign government has ever filed a protest against the action of police officials of any local government interfering with the rights of its nationals.

With the recognition of the Union and the arbitration agreement, there was also an agreement between the Union and the operators that the operators would post in each of the more than 150 pecan factories in the city a statement guaranteeing that there would be no interference, coercion, or intimidation of Union workers in these plants.

At the mass meeting at which the terms of agreement were approved, over 1,000 new application cards for membership in the Union were signed. It was estimated that from twelve to fifteen thousand people, Union members and sympathizers, were present at this meeting.

Police Brutality

The strike has been marked by police brutality, tear gassing of pickets, denial of all civil and human rights of the strikers, "red-baiting," arresting, and the harrasing of Union leaders and officials, and open strike-breaking activities, including the soliciting of scabs, by the police department.

Dubinsky, Green Join Fight To Free Fred Beal

NEW YORK, N. Y.—David Dubinsky, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers union (C. I. O.) and William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor have indicated their support of the nation-wide movement to obtain the release of Fred E. Beal, leader of the famous Gastonia textile strike, now serving 17 to 20 years' prison term in North Carolina.

"Fred E. Beal was railroaded to prison because he led a strike," Dubinsky declared. "The least American labor can do is to unite behind the effort to obtain his speedy release. Naturally I join heartily in that effort."

Green's Stand

William Green expressed the opinion that "the ends of simple justice will be served if Mr. Beal is rendered a pardon by the governor of North Carolina" in a letter to the Non-Partisan Committee for the Defense of Fred E. Beal.

The Social Democratic Federation also announced this week that it would back the movement to free Beal. This decision was made by the executive committee of the federation after a meeting in Washington.

Morris Ernst, Charles Yale Harrison, Max Eastman, Charles E. Walker, Quincy Howe, Dr. Alvin Johnson, Ferdinand Lundberg, Prof. John L. Childs, August Classens, Prof. George W. Hartman and Prof. A. A. Friederich, have joined the Non-Partisan Committee, Hugo Pollock, secretary of the committee, announced this week.

Workers Expose Ford Company's Terror Tactics

By C. I. OHER

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The third week of the National Labor Relations Board hearing of the Auto Workers' Union charges against the Ford Motor Company ended with no break in the long line of workers who are testifying concerning the company's discrimination.

Seven witnesses in one day told how they had been recalled to work after they had joined the union. Two of them testified that shots were fired into their homes following their affiliation with the union. One of them asserted police laughed at his report of the shots.

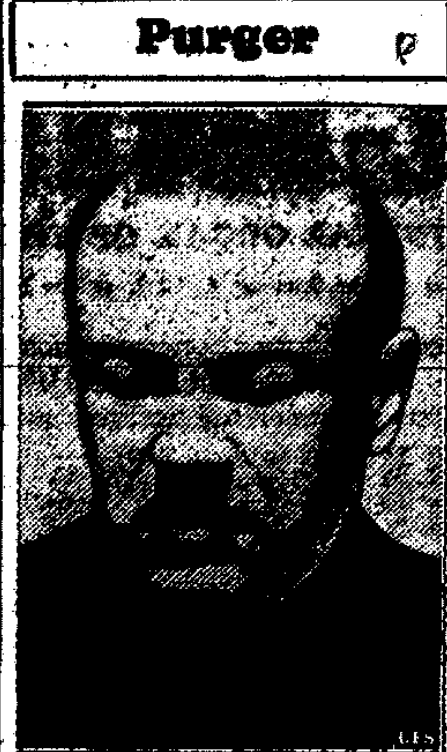
Ford Paid Cops' Meals

The owner of a cafe near the plant declared that the company paid for meals served to policemen on duty during a strike in the plant.

Another worker testified he was told by his foreman "get in the company union or get out of our plant."

Practically all of the witnesses have been with the company for a long period of years, many as long as 12 and 15 years.

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V. V. Ulrich, presiding judge at the trial of 21 former Communist leaders, who saw to it that Stalin's purge was successfully carried out. He and his fellow purgers sentenced 18 of the 21 innocent victims to death.

Socialists to Hold Protest Meeting

NEW YORK.—A mass meeting on the recent trial of the twenty-one Bolsheviks in Moscow will be held Thursday, March 24, 1938, at 8:30 p. m. Norman Thomas and others will speak.

It will be held under the auspices of the New York Socialist Party, and will take place in the Hotel Center, 43rd street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues.

Reserved seats 25c and general admission free.

3,000 Workers Affiliate With Pocket Book Union

Approximately 3,000 luggage workers of the East, who were until now organized in independent locals, have just been chartered by the International Ladies' Handbag, Pocketbook & Novelty Workers Union. These luggage workers locals are known at Suit Case, Bag and Portfolio Makers Unions and are located in New York, Newark, Philadelphia, New Brunswick, Quakertown and Woodbury.

Until now, they have been organized in a Joint Board which took charge of these locals and carried on organizational work on an independent basis. The manager of this Joint Board is the well known labor leader, Murray Baron.

POLITICAL SHIFT IN LOYALIST SPAIN

By LABOR RESEARCH FRONT

General political tendencies which have been developing in Loyalist Spain, for some months, have now reached a point where they can be concisely and clearly defined. To state the change concisely, Indalecio Prieto, Minister of National Defense and leader of Spanish Right-Wing Socialists, has become the all-powerful force in the Loyalist government, and the political control of the Spanish Communist Party has thus been superseded.

Many of our readers will be surprised at the designation of Prieto's power as a change, since he has been at the head of the entire armed forces of Loyalist Spain ever since last May when the Negrin cabinet was formed. Nevertheless, for many months following the May cabinet crisis, admittedly brought to a head by the Communist Party, the latter organization remained all-powerful in the most important branches of the Loyalist government, particularly in the army.

Campaign Against Lefts

Indeed it was during the months of last summer that the campaign against the left forces in Spain (Left Socialists of Caballero, Anarcho-Syndicalists and POUM) reached its climax, and the Communist Party was the spearhead of that campaign. But while it was the influence of the Communists which hoisted Prieto to power, it was clear to many who had followed his career during the years preceding the Civil War that he was not the sort of political leader to allow himself to be used by another political group with whose basic philosophy he was in total disagreement.

Those who recall that Prieto was, prior to 1936, the most outspoken enemy of the Communist Party and communism in general (while Caballero was the leader of the unity campaign) may well wonder why it was that he cooperated so completely during recent months with his erstwhile political opponents.

Expressed Disagreement

The answer can be found in the very plausible fact that the Communist Party was organizationally fitted to carry out an effective campaign against the Left, a campaign which Prieto was not loath to see accomplished. During the course of that campaign, the followers of Prieto often expressed their disagree-

ment with the methods of liquidation and suppression that were used, but at no time was there any indication that these expressions of disagreement would be translated into concrete action to prevent the use of such methods.

The first measures taken by Prieto to restrain the Communist influence were the decrees of last summer and early fall. These decrees were aimed specifically against what was called proselytism in the army. They prohibited the use of army posts for partisan purposes; they made illegal the appearance of army commanders in public meetings and parades without the express authorization of the Minister of National Defense; finally they put such restrictions on the Commissariat of War that the head of that organization, Alvarez del Vayo, one-time friend of Caballero and later an ardent Communist sympathizer, felt compelled to resign.

Balance of Power

During recent months two events indicate conclusively that the balance of power has shifted in Spain in favor of Minister Prieto: (1) The victory at Teruel and (2) the meeting of the Cortes on February 1.

Our analysis is, of course, written after the loss of Teruel has become a sad fact, and it is impossible to determine the exact effect of that reversal on the political situation. But even a cursory reading of recent Spanish papers indicates beyond a doubt that the capture of Teruel by the Loyalist forces was a personal triumph for Prieto.

The first reports gave much prominence to the part played by the troops under the command of the Communist Lister, but the final victory was attributed to the personal direction of Prieto and his two commanding officers, Gen. Rojo and Gen. Sarabis. It is equally significant that Premier Negrin's speech of this last week pledged the government to the re-capture of Teruel as the symbol of Loyalist victory.

Anti-Fascist Exile To Speak In Chicago

CHICAGO.—Count M. Salvadori, prof. of colonial economics, University of Geneva, now on a lecture tour of the United States, will be heard in Chicago at the University of Chicago on March 26, and will give an address in Italian at the Mid-City Odd Fellows Temple on Sunday, March 27.

Prof. Salvadori, although only 29 years old, lived for several years in East Africa, after being forced to leave Italy because of his opposition to the fascist regime. He speaks English fluently and has contributed important works in the *The New Review*, *The Spectator*, *The New Statesman* and *Nation* and other periodicals.

The professor recently visited Valencia, Madrid and Barcelona where he saw at first hand the real situation in Loyalist Spain.

A committee of anti-fascists in Chicago has been formed to welcome the anti-fascist professor. Heading this committee are Prof. G. A. Borgese, Prof. Paul Douglas, Prof. Maynard Krueger, Prof. G. Bertelli, Rev. W. B. Walmire, Sam Levin, Morris Bialis and Attorney G. L. Quilici.

Would Legalize May Day

STOCKHOLM, Sweden. — A bill has been introduced in the Riksdag (parliament) seeking to legalize May 1 as a workers' holiday. The bill has provoked the opposition of conservative and folk parties. Reports are that the bill will be approved.

WORLD NOTES

By JOHN MILL

Austrian Socialists

The events in Austria are of such deep interest and vital importance that they overshadow other world events no matter how much of our attention they deserve. Fate is severely punishing Schuschnigg, his Fatherland Front, and the Austrian clerico-fascist. The brutal dastardly onslaught of the German Nazis could have been beaten off only by united efforts of the Austrian masses, particularly by the working class and its well disciplined vanguard—the Socialist Party.

But Schuschnigg's predecessor, Dollfuss, who was murdered by Hitler's agents, and Schuschnigg himself and his clique did all in their power not only to alienate the natural defenders of Austrian independence, but to implant in them hatred, limitless hatred, against the Austrian brand of fascism.

Judging by the recent frequent utterances of the leaders of the Austrian Socialist Party in the central organs "Der Kampf" (Struggle) and the "Arbeiter Zeitung," the news spread by Schuschnigg and his followers before their fall that Austrian Socialists were ready to support him in his quarrel with his ideological bosom friend, Hitler, were evidently misleading.

Some Capitulations

It is true that some Socialists—very few of them at that—capitulated to the sweet songs of the clerico-fascists murderers of Weissel, Wallish and Muenichreiter, martyrs and heroic leaders of the revolutionary workers of four years ago. It is also true that the Austrian fascists lately were courting the workers, whom they begged to forget and forgive. But our Austrian comrades had deaf ears to the cry for help of Schuschnigg and his distressed fascists.

They rightly told them: "You are worth Hitler and Hitler is worth you. In your blindness, in your lack of foresight, in your hatred of class conscious workers and Socialists, you alienated the strongest power that could protect the independence of Austria, and could have effectively withstood the onslaught of the German Nazis.

"For us there is no better or 'worse' fascism—they are all alike and all bad.

"For us there can be no compromising, no cooperation with you. By your criminal destruction of the Socialist Party in 1934 you destroyed the force that was the best champion of Austrian independence, and thus your act of high treason toward Austria. We have but one thing to do—fight and fight, uncompromisingly, unabatedly and pitilessly . . ."

This approximately is the opinion of our comrades of the Austrian Socialist Party, as expressed in their press.

Jap Boycott Conference

Nineteen countries sent 1,000 delegates to a conference held in London with the aim to find proper ways and means of boycotting Japan and helping China in its fight against the aggressor. Most of the delegates represented Socialist parties, trade unions, cooperatives and other working class organizations. The Chinese Ambassador in Paris and the widow of the founder of modern China, Sun-Yat-Sen, also participated. It goes without saying that the conference in energetic terms denounced the Japanese for their brutal attack on China and proclaimed a boycott of Japan.

Committees will be set up in every country to study conditions of organizing an efficient boycott and to influence the public opinion in this direction. It

British Cooperatives Sell Bread Made From American Wheat At 9c Per 32 Ounces

NORTH KANSAS, Mo.—Two hundred thousand bushels of wheat shipped from a large American marketing cooperative to the British consumer cooperatives March 10 marks an important step in international cooperative trade and may be the beginning of tremendous inter-cooperative business, according to an announcement in the current issue of the *Cooperative Consumer*.

The Union Equity Cooperative Exchange, a marketing cooperative with headquarters at Enid, Oklahoma, completed arrangements February 20 for the shipment to the Cooperative Whole-

sale Society, central organization of the English consumer cooperatives.

All Cooperative

The wheat will be loaded at Galveston and shipped to Manchester. There it will be made into flour in a cooperative mill, baked in a cooperative bakery and distributed to members of cooperatives through retail consumer cooperative stores. Thirty-two ounce loaves of co-op bread cost co-op members 9c a loaf, or about half what consumers are paying for bread in this country.

From midwestern wheatfields to dinner tables of cooperative members in England the process will be cooperative all the way.

Since the cooperative bakeries in England produce one out of every four loaves eaten by English consumers and the Cooperative Wholesale Society is the largest buyer of wheat in the British Isles, it is hoped that this shipment will mark the beginning of extensive trade between American marketing cooperatives and consumer co-ops in England.

Socialists Reply To Fake Story In N. Y. Evening Post

By AARON LEVENSTEIN

NEW YORK—Workers in this city were startled this week by the appearance in the New York Post of a story, based on unnamed sources, asserting that the American Labor Party had refused to permit the Socialist Party to affiliate to it. The report was immediately repudiated by Alex. Rose, secretary of the A. L. P., in a statement which the Post saw fit to refer to vaguely but not to quote.

Mr. Rose's statement read: "The New York Post version of the action of the State Executive Committee on the application for affiliation of the Socialist Party is erroneous. The Post stated that application had been rejected. The State Executive Committee at its meeting in the Hotel New Yorker Monday night, March 7, has merely deferred action on the application."

Included in the false report of the Post was the statement that New York Socialists were considering disbanding their party; the assertion was immediately branded as a fraud by all responsible party spokesmen.

Members Resentful

Members of the American Labor Party were deeply resentful to the story, for its origin was immediately apparent from the conduct of the Communist Party which had publicly urged the rejection of the Socialist proposal. Communists who are attempting to "bore from within" the A. L. P., after having gained admission by lying about their party affiliation, fear the open and above-board entry of the Socialists who are pledged to the building of a genuine labor party and the achievement of independent working class political action.

The Communists, it is understood, are also interested in eliminating the right-wing Social Democratic Federation from the A. L. P. which has been advocating independent action in the labor party as against the Communist line of "people's frontism."

Vote 10 to 7

Postponement of action on the Socialist proposal by the State Executive Committee of the A. L. P. was effected by a vote of 10 to 7, the seven urging favorable action.

Commenting on the Communist-inspired story in the New York Post, Jack Altman, Socialist executive secretary stated:

"Our attention has been called to an article carried in a New York newspaper which purports to quote unspecified sources concerning the relationship between the Socialist Party and the American Labor Party. In that article, it is alleged that Socialists have been deserting their party in order to join the ALP, that Socialists have been considering liquidation of their party and that the American Labor Party has refused offers of mutually beneficial relationships between the organizations.

"These statements are not true. It is our considered judgment that they emanate from persons hostile to the interests of both the Socialist and American Labor Party.

Loyal To Socialism

"The truth is that Socialists, believing in the principles which the Socialist Party has long advocated, are loyal to their party. It has always been a cardinal principle in the Socialist movement that all aid must be rendered to the building of a genuine farmer-labor party in this country and have always expressed the determination to participate in such movements as a Socialist group. Consequently no

Clarence Darrow

As we go to press we learn of the death of Clarence Darrow, known and loved by workers throughout the world for his many services in the cause of human liberty. Darrow died March 13 at the age of 80.

A champion of civil liberties during the greater part of his legal career, Darrow was often sought by labor to fight the travesties upon justice which time and again have been perpetrated by the courts of this country.

Darrow figured prominently in scores of important legal battles through more than a half century of activity. His outstanding fights were in behalf of Eugene Victor Debs, Socialist leader, in the Pullman strike; "Big Bill" Haywood and his co-workers in the attempt frameup in Idaho; McNamara brothers, who are still in prison; John T. Scopes in the famous Tennessee "Monkey" trial, and other cases.

Darrow proclaimed himself an agnostic for many years. Three years ago said he no longer had any doubts—he became a materialist and said that he was convinced that there is nothing after death.

JAPANESE UNIONS VOTE SUPPORT TO IMPERIALISTS

History teaches us that the ruling classes of a country at war, especially of an aggressor country, have always known the art of creating a pro-war, nationalistic and patriotic sentiment among the masses. Under their influence even those elements in whose political and economic interest a peace policy is paramount fall prey to the worst kind of war hysteria.

We witnessed it in the last war and we are witnessing it now in Japan. The sixth trade union convention recently held in Osaka gives proof that a section of Japanese workers have fallen into the clutches of war-mongers and militarists and how thoroughly they have been poisoned by the ideology of the exploiting classes.

In one of the adopted resolutions the trade unionists attending the convention said: "Thanks to the Imperial Army for the successful operations in China." In another resolution the convention considers a special mission of Japanese trade unions to foster patriotism. Sixty percent of all organized workers in Japan (the unions are extremely weak), about 270,000 members, were represented at the convention.

Socialists are considering disaffiliation from their party and abandoning the cause which it represents. We have not experienced any such alleged 'desertions.' On the contrary the intensification of Socialist activities, particularly on the question on war which we are determined to oppose, has brought an increasing number of recruits to our ranks.

"It is true that conversations have been going on between the Socialist Party and the American Labor Party. These conversations are still under way and when a decision is finally reached, the public will be duly apprized. There is no basis whatsoever for the statement that any individuals in the Socialist Party have ever contemplated the liquidation of the Socialist Party."

The New York State Committee of the Socialist Party announced that it would continue its conversations with the American Labor Party.

'All Military Objectives Achieved'



These children's bodies were lined out on a Barcelona street after the dead were taken from buildings following a rebel air raid on the city Jan. 30. Of the raids which horrified the world, a rebel communique issued at Salamanca the same night said: "Our warplanes raided the rebel military headquarters and other official centers in Barcelona, achieving their objectives with every success."

Workers Alliance Calls National Conference On Unemployment March 19

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Workers Alliance of America has called a national conference of trade union, farm, church and welfare group leaders for the national capital March 19 and 20 to consider and lodge their demands for an adequate unemployment relief program for the nation and its unemployed workers. New Deal Administration and business and some labor press propaganda about the current depression being a superficial and artificial recession induced by a conspiracy or sit-down strike of all powerful industrialists and financiers has by now been pretty completely punctured.

Leaders of working class and farmers groups throughout the nation are beginning to settle down to face the hard facts that they and their members are up against a first class capitalist breakdown of society and that they must furnish both the program and the power for any meeting of the crisis.

Invite Unions

The Workers Alliance has extended its invitation to confer to the executive boards of international unions, to state and local councils of the A. F. of L. and C. I. O., farm union and others farm group leaders and to selected church and welfare leaders. Approximately 400 individual leaders of prominence and influence are expected to attend. The Roosevelt administration belatedly came across with its \$250,000,000 deficiency appropriation to prevent the actual cutting of WPA employment in the face of growing mass industrial unemployment which has increased the nation's jobless rolls by 4,300,000 in the last four months.

The appropriation was only a little better than a third of the amount called for by the Workers Alliance to meet even immediate needs and fell even farther short of the amount estimated as necessary by the officials of the C. I. O. nationally.

Needs Mount

Needs continue to mount.

Direct relief standards now pushed back on local governments have dropped steadily. Chicago boasts a continuing relief crisis but East St. Louis in the same state boasts that they pay a relief standard (which must be worked for) which is less than half the Chicago standard in the midst of crisis. St. Louis, Mo., just across the river pays only half the East St. Louis, Illinois, standard and is engaged in a controversy with the rest of the state whose counties feel that the city of St. Louis is taking an unfair advantage because they pay in turn a standard so far above other Missouri sections.

Alliance Demands

President David Lasser in his letter calling the conference suggests for consideration the growing demands of workers particularly unionized workers, that they be given jobs producing at their trades under WPA projects instead of the wasteful uniform pick and shovel jobs which are basic WPA tactics still.

Civil and economic bargaining rights of workers on relief projects, amendments to the Social Security act to broaden and improve its provisions, the fight for prevailing rates of wages, long range planning and fundamental construction programs particularly housing versus leaf raking projects and the opening of projects to all unemployed as well as formal relief list people are all on the agenda of the conference.

S. P. Fights Militarism

Socialist trade unionists and other delegates to the conference as well as among the members of the National Executive Board of the Alliance which will meet on March 18 before the conference, will urge the necessity of sharp opposition to the Roosevelt super-armorament program in order to guarantee any sort of unemployment relief and aid program by the Federal government.

The immense funds proposed for war preparation expenditures should be diverted to peace-

Racketeers Get 1-5 Years For Blackmailing

By A Special Correspondent

CLEVELAND, O. — John McGee and Donald A. Campbell, officers of the Laborers and Glaziers unions here, were convicted last week on charges of blackmailing Stouffer's restaurant to the tune of \$1,500 and were summarily sentenced to serve from one to five years in the state penitentiary.

The two racketeers had built up a lucrative business at the expense of both the rank and file and the public. Their stock-in-trade in this instance was to shakedown the restaurant for "protection" against window smashers.

McGee testified that he was fishing on May Day, 1934, at three o'clock in the afternoon, when he was asked the famous question: "Where were you on the afternoon of May 1, 1934?"

More Indictments

On December 20, at the time Campbell and McGee were indicted, indictments were also returned against McDonnell, assistant Business Agent of the Glaziers Union, and Carl Nadally, assistant Business Agent of the Painters Union, by the County Grand Jury. Charges have been entered against two more officials of the Painters Union, Trent Longo and Lawrence A. Zitt. Two other union men, Harry Wayne of the Kosher Butchers Union, and Harry Barrington of the Carpenters Union, have already been sentenced on extortion charges.

Capitalists Worried

During the trial it was brought to public print that New York real estate capitalists were very much disturbed when their Cleveland investments were "organized" (and their profits were decreased thereby). This was the work of McGee, and the trials was generally considered a successful attempt to "get" McGee and Campbell.

Socialists believe that the union membership is vital enough to excrete labor racketeers and pie-card-artists. One of the unions in the limelight in this case actually did evict McGee and several of his men by blockading the union office. Elections were held and the rump officers were recognized by the international Laborers union.

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ful construction at home, particularly for housing at least the "ill-housed third" which Roosevelt once referred to. Socialist workers and their followers have pointed out time and again in advancing the slogan of war funds for unemployment relief purposes, that the two things cannot live side by side. One or the other will come out on top. And battle ships do not mean jobs in any significant or lasting degree.

Is Relief Hampered?

It remains to be seen whether the paralyzing tie-up between so many of the leaders of the labor movement and the New Deal administration will bind their hands and prevent their support for an effective unemployment relief and works program.

Socialists are of course everywhere advancing the fundamental measure of socialized production for use under Federal government or other collective direction which alone offers a lasting answer to the question of unemployment. It is to be hoped that an aggressive and militant conference will assemble in answer to the call of the Workers Alliance.

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A Lesson for Workers

"You cooked up this evidence!" was Nikolai Bukharin's parting shot at Prosecutor Vyshinsky as the scandalous Moscow trial came to a close. Even this did not deter the puppet court from sentencing eighteen of twenty-one Communist defendants to death by the firing squad. The decision was cut and dried beforehand, if not by one man—Stalin—at the most by a small faction which has cynically spurned the world-wide opposition which the trials have provoked.

The Russian Frankenstein presents an ugly spectacle. In a few days (before this issue of the CALL reaches our readers) the eighteen old Bolsheviks will have been lined up against a wall to be shot down in cold blood. There will be a muffled report of rifles within the dreary confines of a death yard and once more legal killers will have done their daily deed. Bukharin, Rykov, Krestinsky and others, who faced the tyranny of the Czar, and later Stalin, as true fighters for Socialism, will be no more.

More scandalous even than the trial itself is the flood of publicity which the various national sections of the Communist International turned loose upon the public. Fanatics, irresponsible users of invectives, falsifiers and treacherous to the core, Communist writers have written long dissertations on the Russian trials. "Wreckers," "diversionists," "spies," "enemies of the working class" and other tormented words were hurled fast and furiously against the innocent victims of Stalin's purge.

American readers may well make a comparison with the use of these terms on native soil. According to Stalinist standards Norman Thomas is a "social fascist" and an "enemy of the working class." Roger Baldwin is an "English imperialist spy." Morris Ernst of the Civil Liberties Union was denied a visa to the Soviet Union because of his "questionable ideas." Homer Martin of the Auto Workers Union is an "agent of Japanese imperialism." The Minneapolis leaders of the Teamsters' Union are "diversionists and wreckers." John Dewey, Edmund Wilson, John Dos Passos, Louis Adams, Benjamin Stolberg, Carlo Tresca and countless others are all these things, too. We take it, therefore, that if the above named were Russians and not Americans, they would also be shot.

The Communist position is enough to laugh at if its practical application were not so tragic. We are living in a world gone mad and the Communists were the first to go nuts!

To the workers of the world the Russian experience is not without its positive lesson. The teachings are unmistakable. In the struggles that lie ahead, workers will remember that only in themselves and the organizations which they democratically control is the means to their liberation. It's going to take more than the inescapable logic of Socialism to bring about the world of our dreams. Democracy within workers' organizations remains a prime necessity. Without democracy the workers are doomed in advance to suffer defeats.

Dictatorships, fascist or "proletarian," are the grave-diggers of the revolution. Decency, honesty and simple justice in our relations with one another are not "bourgeois virtues." These true qualities are deeply rooted within the working class. Let no bureaucrat or bureaucracy, from the right or the "left," mislead the working class from the true course of freedom.

Down with bureaucracy in all its forms!
Long live workers' democracy!
Long live Socialism!

Thumbs Down

The American Civil Liberties Union reports in a pamphlet, "Thumbs Down: The Fingerprint Menace to Civil Liberties," that the movement for universal civilian fingerprinting is being pushed in the United States. For propaganda reasons the proponents of fingerprinting are careful to use the word "voluntary"—a respectable word but dangerous when the high-pressure legislators, judges, and officers are given the right to interpret and emasculate legalisms.

Class-conscious workers and their allies should vigorously combat fingerprinting in schools, the CCC, public agencies, private places of employment and when workers are arrested for labor activities.

If workers need any further agitation on why this action is necessary let them bear in mind that behind the fingerprinting drive are their perennial enemies, the Chamber of Commerce, the National Manufacturers' Association, the D. A. R., American Legion and various professional patriotic groups. J. Edgar Hoover, who leaps into the limelight from time to time and whose ambition is very obvious, is the spearhead of this drive.

Hoover's stock in trade is that we need fingerprinting to check criminals. The Civil Liberties Union points out that "the rate of criminality in England and France is far below that of the United States, although these countries have no universal system of fingerprinting."

Workers in industry, especially union men and women, constitute the most vulnerable element to the persecutions which will inevitably develop out of this proposed reactionary device. The time to abolish a menace is in its infancy. It is all too easy to lose what little freedom we now enjoy, and history, the hard-boiled teacher, instructs us that liberty once destroyed is seldom regained.



A REVIEW OF CURRENT WORKERS' LITERATURE

War—What For

"War—What For" published by The Keep America Out of War Committee, 112 East 19th Street, New York City. 32 pages magazine format ten cents per copy, Six dollars per hundred.

An imposing list of leading Americans have contributed short articles to the first issue of "War—What For?". Among the 25 contributors are Charles A. Beard, Norman Thomas, Homer Martin, Joseph Schlossberg, John T. Flynn, Frederick J. Libby, Dorothy Detzer, John Haynes Holmes, Robert N. Kelso, Jr. and Nathaniel Peffer. There are also a number of excellent cartoons on war including some of the works of Fitzpatrick of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

With such an array of articles, it is impossible to attempt to make an adequate review of them all. There are, however, two main themes that run thru them all. First, that we have plenty of problems to solve for ourselves before we try to solve them for other nations and that our participation in a war would only decrease the possibility of their solution. Second, that the present foreign policy of the Roosevelt administration and its armament program, if continued, are destined to involve us in foreign war.

It is very encouraging to find two very clear cut resolutions from two of the largest unions in the country, the United Automobile Workers and the Steel Workers, and articles by Joseph Schlossberg, General Secretary of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and Homer Martin, President of the Auto Workers, giving labor's position in opposition to war.

We hope that this first issue of "War—What For" will not be the last. It merits a very widespread distribution and should be placed in the hands of every person who is sincere in his opposition to war.

A Timely Pamphlet

"Shall Strikes be Outlawed?" by Joel Seidman. Published by the League for Industrial Democracy, 112 East 19th Street, New York, N. Y. 32 pages 15c per copy.

The recent tremendous growth of organized labor with the resultant increase in the number of labor struggles has given rise to a widespread demand that strikes be outlawed and that some form of compulsory arbitration be instituted. To many uninformed persons this demand seems to be reasonable. The best answer to these people is to show them the history of attempts to impose compulsory arbitration both in this country and in other countries.

Joel Seidman is his pamphlet "Shall Strikes be Outlawed" gives an excellent comprehensive survey of the outstanding at-

tempts to settle industrial disputes by means of governmental action. Compulsory arbitration has been tried in both New Zealand and in Kansas. In both cases it failed because neither the employers nor the unions would accept the results if they lost. Compulsory mediation with a waiting period as exemplified by the Railway Labor Act has been successful only where the unions have been so well established that they could afford to publish their intention to strike some time in advance.

The conclusion of the author is that "Along the path of voluntary collective bargaining lies the greatest hope of satisfactory industrial relations." The pamphlet is one that should be read by every trade unionist. There is an excellent bibliography included.

—Ed Adams.

Labor Bulletin

"Labor Bulletin," published by Labor Research Front, 112 East 19th Street, New York, 10c per issue. \$1 a year.

That the future of the mechanical cotton picker may vitally affect the organization of share croppers, is contended by the editors of Labor Bulletin, in the current issue of that publication. An unusual article on "The Mechanical Cotton Picker and Share Cropper Organization" discusses the possibility that a greater struggle for employment may add a subtler terrorism to the now open terrorism in the cotton area. Intensive organization is held to be the only possible solution for the tenant farmer.

The article is one of many useful research studies available in the Labor Bulletin. A study of "Legislative Shackles for Labor" gives the background of the problem of the incorporation of trade unions, and is the best historical sketch of the question that we have seen. The contents also include a general economic survey, an analysis of North-South Differentials in the Cost of Living, and an article on the Unemployment Census.

Previous material made available by Labor Research Front was cited in the last issue of Harvard Law Review and has been used by Time Magazine. This organization has a trained staff and does excellent research work. Its publications are fully recommended to readers of the CALL.

THOMAS

"Nations aren't like individual men. They are organizations which regard themselves above the moral law. War isn't an exercise of police force. It is mass murder. The nation which indulges in it today has to copy the totalitarian states whatever its professed ideals."—Norman Thomas.

SQUIBS

BY GENE LOMAN

PINK ELEPHANT

IT is getting clearer and clearer that there is not room to the right of Mr. Roosevelt for a full-sized elephant.

The elephant will either shrink or move over, as Nye and Norris and LaGuardia predict.

It would be the first authentic pink elephant in history.
LOUISVILLE COMRADE.

RUBAIYAT OF OMAR JR.

A Book of Economics in your hand,
A lonely place where you can study—and
In spite of Platitudes and Falsehood preached
To fool you, you will know and understand.

With me along the Shacks and byways strown,

The Slums and Huts in which the poor are thrown,
There we shall talk of most Important Things:
How Labor can be brought into its Own.

Ah, Love, could you and I with Fate conspire
To grasp this sorry Scheme of Things entire,
Would not we shatter-it to bits—and then
Remould it nearer to the Heart's Desire?

J. C. HEDSTRUP

JUST A RUMOR

AT a festive meeting of the League of Nations, a satisfied and optimistic diplomat thus addressed the assembly:

"Gentlemen, with full satisfaction and limitless joy we may state that since our League of Nations was created by the wisdom and foresight of great men, the world fortunately has not witnessed any war—except maybe the small, unimportant incidents in Spain, Ethiopia, China and a few places in South America. As a matter of fact, even the meaning of the word 'war' has almost been forgotten by the world."
Sent in by JOHN MILL.

PROSECUTOR Vishinsky is riding high during the Russian trials but all in all we wouldn't want to be in his boots. Who knows but that in next year's purge he may be answering questions instead of asking them.

BARE FACT

IN Boston the WPA has cancelled plans for a class in semi-nude art.
We always thought WPA was strongly in favor of nudity—judging by their clothing allowances.

THE United Radio and Electrical Workers union has signed a contract covering 30,000 employees of General Electric.
That must have given anti-labor employers quite a shock.

HOLY GEE

TERMING their war on China "the Supreme holy enterprise of mankind," the army staff has promised Nipponese soldiers "Immortality" as a reward for death in battle.
"To die for the sake of the emperor and the fatherland is to live forever," the annual army day pamphlet unctuously stated.
They might at least have asked God.

DOS PASSOS

"In the years before us it is going to be America's job to invent a new form of society, in which there may be a decent balance between individual liberties we have always fought for, and a better organized, industrial machine. To do this enormous job we must keep our energies at home, harnessed to building instead of destroying; we must have peace."—John Dos Passos.

AT THE —
FRONT
with Norman Thomas

It was a Black Friday for Europe and the world when Hitler gave his ultimatum to Schuschnigg which Schuschnigg accepted, as he had to do, and asked for German troops to preserve order. But the European powers which are said to be appalled and the Americans who now denounce Hitler to high heaven ought to remember that the real black day for Europe came when the peace treaties were forced on Germany and Austria to which these developments are a logical reaction. Another day of darkness came, without protest from the European powers, when Dolfuss, Schuschnigg's own leader and predecessor, turned his cannon on the Karl Marx House, destroyed the Socialist Party and made himself dictator. Then he annihilated the only force which might have given Austria strength to resist the Nazi movement. That movement commands not only German backing but the support of a great many Austrians.

I remember my own sense of astonishment when a street car conductor living in the Old Karl Marx House after cursing Schuschnigg bitterly told me that he didn't much care who got in power—Socialists or Nazis—provided Schuschnigg was out. Of course this is not the socialist point of view, but probably it had support among some Viennese workers, and everybody knows how strong the Nazi movement is among the peasants. When you hear liberals, including, perhaps, Governor Earle of Pennsylvania, denounce Hitler, don't forget Earle's eulogy of Dolfuss!

SOCIALIST MOVEMENT STILL STRONG

In two respects the consequences of Hitler's latest move may not be wholly bad: (1) He will have to deal with an underground socialist movement in Vienna far better developed than anything in Germany and perhaps capable of extending its organization to other cities. (2) The nation most immediately affected adversely by this move in terms of power politics is Italy, and even although Mussolini has agreed to this extension of Hitler's power it is entirely probable that the New York Times correspondent is right in saying that these events have "shaken the Rome-Berlin axis to its very foundation."

In any case there is no logical connection between what has happened in Vienna and the Roosevelt super-navy program, nor would Roosevelt's war cure what Wilson's war caused.

With doom hanging over so much of Europe, with Leon Blum apparently working not for a Socialist or even a Popular Front government in France, but a national coalition, think what it would mean for mankind were we able to point at Russia, "the first great socialist nation," and say: "Here Lenin and his successors have conclusively shown the world the answer to the wars and confusions of capitalism. Here the workers have proved that they can under their own institutions establish a society of plenty, peace and freedom."

THE UNENDING PURGE

But try saying anything like that to any intelligent non-Socialist! He will at once point to the latest chapter in the unending story of the Russian purge and the Moscow trials. He will ask you when and where in the capitalist world it ever happened that men who called each other comrades, partners in a great social enterprise, plotted each other's death with such complete lack of pity and good faith. He will ask you under what capitalist government the president, king, or leader has had to kill all the most important of his own associates in order to preserve his own power. He will laugh bitterly at Stalin's boast that socialism has been established and then his charge that the leaders in establishing it since 1918 have been engaged in plots and sabotage against it! Finally he will probably remind you that in no capitalist country has the integrity of physicians been so undermined that the most prominent of them confess to complicity in the death of their patients at the behest of the secret police.

What has happened in Russia represents the degeneration of Socialism, the complete subversion of revolutionary idealism, an all but fatal wound to working class integrity and confidence in its own destiny. There is no hope for Socialism, which indeed deserves no support, unless it can divorce itself completely from everything that the Moscow trials stand for.

From this point of view it is of secondary importance just how guilty Stalin's victims are. My guess is that some of them are guilty of something. Yagoda's confessions are true to his character, but think what they imply about the past in Russia. The same Communists who now ask us to believe Yagoda when he confesses the use of poison and the brutality to achieve his ends also ask us to believe that former Russian trials arranged by this same Yagoda were honest and that no torture was used to get confessions! Ambassador Troyanovsky is said to have told an American that four at least of these defendants deserve death, especially Yagoda, "because," he added, "think how many men Yagoda killed." But Troyanovsky like all the rest of the obedient Communists had to yell for the blood of those whom Yagoda slew.

In general the confessions are filled with improbabilities, they do not make a consistent story and

nowhere do they tally with available external evidence. By any interpretation they constitute one of the most painful chapters in human history, and this in a country whose ruthless dictator says that Socialism and democracy are established!

TRAGIC LESSONS

The one important thing that is left for us to do is correctly to learn the lesson of these Russian tragedies. To my mind it is clear. No society can be decent, certainly no society can be Socialist, under the regime of totalitarian state ruled by the iron hand of the dictator of a monolithic party, which party from the beginning professed to believe that the end completely justifies the means and that good faith is a contemptible bourgeois virtue. In so far as Trotsky and even the great Lenin were responsible for this conception of what they called or mis-called the dictatorship of the proletariat, they share responsibility for the system which under Stalin has degenerated to such appalling depths.

Under these circumstances it seems to me rather a waste of words to discuss whether Russia is still a proletarian state. It certainly is not a Socialist state. It was once a proletarian state with a tremendous store of revolutionary idealism. It is still a state without capitalism in which the government does its deeds, good and bad alike, in the name of the working class, but where the working class has lost any real power of self government. Stalin's Russia is a totalitarian state in which the bureaucracy expropriates surplus value and distributes it as it sees fit without benefit of democratic control, free and informed discussion, or standards of fair play even among comrades. This kind of society jeopardizes all the gains that have been made through years of revolutionary struggle and sacrifice. Communists in other lands who defend what has happened in Russia cannot expect us to believe that they understand in their relationship with other people the nature either of democracy, good faith or Socialism.

PASTOR NIEMOLLER

There is still some hope for human dignity and decency when Pastor Niemoller goes with unshaken courage to the concentration camp and the preacher who occupies his pulpit dares to repeat his assertion of freedom of conscience. It is significant that the East Prussian peasants brought about the release of some of their pastors by their protests.

Not all the infamy of human injustice is to be found in Europe. American capitalism has written another black story in the hideous police cruelty to the pecan shellers in San Antonio, Texas, who were fighting a cut in wages which were then only about \$2.50 per week.

One of the features of Sharecroppers' Week has been Henrietta McGhee's moving story of her experiences in St. Francis County, Arkansas. She, a widow woman, over fifty years of age, mother of thirteen children, was arrested for belonging to the union and merely for asking a dollar a hundred for picking cotton. She was sentenced to a prison farm where St. Francis County sends its prisoners to work out their fines under a private planter. This woman was whipped almost every one of the forty days she stayed there before she was finally released on bail. Her case is not unique. Sharecroppers' Week exists to fight this thing through the S.T.F.U. and the Workers' Defense League, 112 East 19th Street, New York.

RAW DEAL FOR SHARECROPPERS

When President Roosevelt the other day told the reporters about the business men who had no idea of the misery of "ten to fifteen million" of the poorest share croppers, field hands and tenants and their families, he ought to have remembered that he himself never read the clauses in the cotton contract under which share croppers received such a raw deal in the days of A.A.A. They fear that the new agricultural law in some respects will be just as bad. The President himself has never forced his Department of Justice to act vigorously against peonage.

We who believe in social ownership and have watched with interest the development of T.V.A. must insist that there be an absolutely fearless and competent investigation of charges and counter charges without any covering up. The future of public ownership depends upon honesty and efficiency. Unless there is some defense not yet made public this principle was violated in the way in which the majority of the board tried to handle such a matter as the Berry marble claims. Government ownership cannot afford to rival Wall Street with its Whitney case.

As I write these lines I am definitely assured that the money and organization to make the drive to Keep America Out of War a national crusade are now in sight. The wholehearted cooperation of socialists with this work is essential to our cause and to the life of the committee, but beyond what a united front committee can do on a specific issue lies the educational work that Socialists must do for international Socialism as the basis of world peace and prosperity.

BY FRANK N. TRAGER

After five years of what F. D. (We-planned-it-that-way) R.'s capitalist friends call the New Deal Revolution it is fair to examine its pretensions and accomplishments.

The first fact that emerges is the starting resemblance between the economic policies of Roosevelt and those of Hoover. To both the log-jam of the depression was to be opened by the availability of cheap government credit through the R. F. C. (Putting manure on top of the trees expecting it would trickle down to the roots—as Ameringer has it.) To both the plight of the indebted farmer was to be alleviated by Federal loans, subsidies and purchase of "unmarketable" surpluses. To both "relief" in some measure was to be given to the unemployed. To both the paralysis of foreign trade was to be overcome by reducing the status of U.S.A. as the chief creditor nation in the world. To both the foreign policy of America was to be guided by friendliness if not commitments to the Anglo-Allied Powers plus a "navy second to none."

The differences between Hoover and Roosevelt are mainly differences in degree. The mining stock promoter (not "Great Engineer") had and has none of the dramatic gifts of the Dutchess County Gentleman Squire. He "timed" his shots badly; they often missed. The Squire prosecuted his aims with vigor, better instruments of propaganda and more spending.

SHAKESPERIAN IMPULSES

If it should be said that the foregoing account omits the improved status of Labor under the New Deal it can be clearly demonstrated that N.I.R.A.'s section 7-A and for the Wagner Labor Relations Act Labor has had to be willing to accept quiescently a fair-weather "friend" whose Shakesperian impulses reveal callousness at crucial times ("A Plague on both your Houses" in the Little Steel Strike); a "friend" who broke the Textile Strike several years ago; a friend who remains silent on occasions of brutal, capitalist murder of workers (Chicago Memorial Day Massacre); a friend whose Social Security program fails to insure two-thirds of the workers of the nation and actually makes a "profit" for government on the one third covered by the Act; a friend who throughout five years of Agricultural Policy has consistently avoided the problems of the sharecroppers; a friend whose dangerous passion for boating may well lead us into a new World War.

PROFITS FOR CAPITALISTS

The content of this New Deal program is balanced between government spending and increasing profits for industry, commerce, and finance.

Now government spending is like a shark in the arm to a prostrate body; it temporarily revives the patient and even relieves the pain. It, in economic terms, creates purchasing power to restart the stalled economic machine. So far as the Roosevelt administration has created additional purchasing power it has been directly responsible for the upward movement out of the depression of 1929. That it recently joined the camp of budget-balancers and sharply curtailed its spending makes it directly responsible for the sharp decline which beginning last summer dropped four times as fast as the 1929 decline.

Capitalism in America has not yet (through New Deal and other spending) approximated anything like its capacity to disgorge a portion of its holdings in order to remain in what Tugwell calls its "era of maintenance" as distinct from initial expansion and development. In Great Britain the national debt relative to its resources is two and one-half times as large as the debt in the U. S.

If the New Deal had been content to continue spending, then it is reasonable to suppose that though no basic therapy was being applied to the sick patient actually "he" would experience a degree of recovery for as long as the shots in the arm could be administered.

MORE MILLIONAIRES

As the full results of the Roosevelt effort to save capitalism manifest themselves, we find that Henderson's warning has long been forgotten. Profits have increased again in disproportionately large ratios to labor income. Since 1932 and through 1936 the number of millionaires has grown from 7,700 to 18,000! Some 275 corporations reporting to the Bureau of Labor statistics indicate NET profits of a little less than 1 billion dollars in 1937 as compared to 1932 and a total net profit slightly under 1929!

In short, the New Deal Revolution has been no revolution at all. It has succeeded domestically to contribute more than its share in "preserving capitalism" yet awhile. And it has done this generally under a deceptive cloak of humanitarianism and friendliness to labor. Some of its measures to gain its objectives such as those associated with its Farm Acts have succeeded in raising farm income but at the tremendous cost of subsidizing farmers at the expense of the urban working population. Its basic farm practices have, despite its vigorous objections to the charge, all been in the nature of creating an enforced scarcity of production.

The New Deal of Roosevelt is preparing to fight a new war to save democracy to protect the Standard Oil interests in the Yangtze River, but to deny assistance to a bona fide democratic government in Spain, fighting fascist German, Italian, Spanish aggressors.

Thus the balance sheet of five years. The gains made for capitalism have been monumental. The gains made for labor—except where these have been won by labor's own effort—have been to a large extent what one Shakesperian hero said to another—"a monumental mockery."

WDL Investigation Exposes New Jersey Relief Conditions

By Special Correspondent

HOBOKEN, N. J.—Relief conditions here have been a subject of public controversy since Feb. 25 when Poormaster Barck of that New Jersey city was killed by a frantic relief client when he said once too many times, "Go on home and wait, your food order is in the mail."

The Hudson County branch of the Workers' Defense League exposed the real facts of Hoboken relief standards at a public meeting held in Hoboken on last Friday night. That relief standards are much lower than even the disgracefully low standards claimed by the N. J. officials, was shown by the report of the WDL investigator who has been interviewing Hoboken relief people during the past week.

Allowances Exaggerated

The report showed that the claim of the State Financial Assistance Commission that Hoboken families received a relief allowance of \$32.00 per family during the month of December was either grossly exaggerated or standards have been drastically lowered since December. An allowance of \$19.00 for a family of the four was reported as approximately the average allowance being received at the present time among those families already investigated. This allowance includes the value of bread tickets given out and a \$2.00 monthly allowance for oil for heating purposes.

Even the highest allowance found by the WDL investigator fell below the \$32.00 claimed by the state authorities. One family of six was found to receive \$29.00 a month (though another family of the same size received only \$24.00). In considering the estimates of the WDL reporter it should be pointed out that they were the highest possible estimates since families that use coal for heat instead of oil, seldom receive any heat allowance.

Babies Without Milk

Hoboken relief, the investigation further revealed, makes no allowance for rent, light, gas, or milk. In each case where the WDL investigator found families receiving milk for small children, the family had been required to get a certificate from a doctor to show that the baby needed milk. No one can doubt the conclusion that the political dictators of Hoboken have lost all contact with the needs of their working class constituency when they require a certificate from a doctor to be convinced that the five months old baby of a working man needs milk.

The small amount given for relief is given out in food orders which must be spent at particular stores. Without exception, the stores designated are the small high priced local stores, often delicatessens, where people on relief can get the least for their money. In addition they have to take the whole order in groceries, and can never get a penny in cash for necessities that can not be bought in the small grocery stores.

Inadequate Relief

The investigation shows clearly that in all basic matters, food, gas, light, heat, and rent, the relief standards of Hoboken are far below a fair living standard. These basic standards must be changed by the city and cannot be effected by a mere change in Poormasters. None of the unemployed in Hoboken attempt to hide their satisfaction that Barck will never be able to insult them again. Former Poormaster Barck's custom of insulting women by telling them to go out and make their living on the streets instead of asking for re-

lief, stirred a hatred that will never be quite forgotten.

The new Poormaster Tighe has not yet revealed his plans. However, the WDL investigator revealed that many people who have applied for relief since Tighe was appointed are still sitting at home waiting for a promised visit by investigators who do not come. The unemployed can have little to hope for from a Poormaster who was appointed by the same political administration that allowed Barck with his program of insults and starvation, to continue in office and administer relief for so many years.

Prepare For Action

About 75 people attended the meeting in Hoboken last Friday night, in spite of the fact that the Hoboken Police Department made it as difficult as possible for the WDL to obtain a hall for the meeting and prevented the distribution of circulars.

The chairman of the meeting was Rev. George G. Hollingshead, President of the Goodwill Industries of Hudson County; Herman Matson, WPA worker of Hoboken; Lawrence Hosie of the Fellowship of Reconciliation; Jack Pollangio of the New Jersey Workers Defense League; and the reporter for the WDL investigation of Hoboken relief conditions.

Herman Matson, the speaker from Hoboken, made it very clear that the needy people of Hoboken lay the blame for the whole situation squarely on the present McFeeley administration which allows relief and WPA to be administered by political appointees.

Since many of those present stated their interest in acting at once about relief conditions, plans were made to form a WDL group in Hoboken which will immediately start a campaign to improve relief administration and standards, and to protect the rights of workers in Hoboken to organize in any way they choose without being victimized by the McFeeley dictatorship.

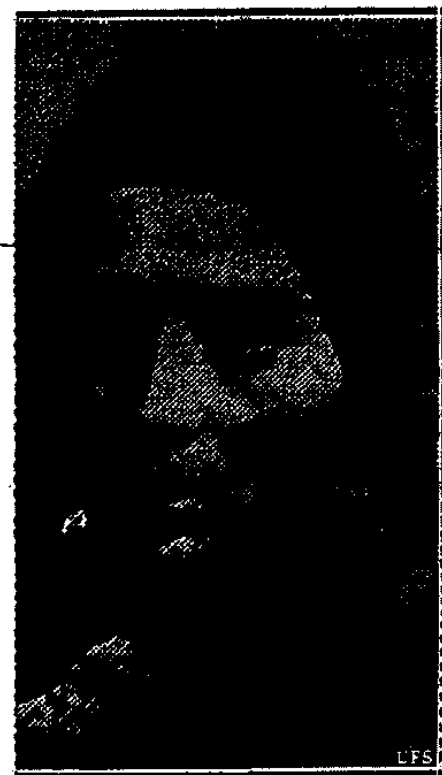
Terrorists Bomb Socialists Home

By A Special Correspondent

TOLEDO, O.—The home of John C. Taylor, Socialist and President of the Toledo Board of Education, was bombed with tear gas here today as a terroristic climax to a campaign by local reactionaries attempting to prevent the use of the Toledo Public Schools for a meeting for Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party. The bomb was of the type used by National Guardsmen and the Police for strike duty and was thrown at a time when only Taylor's wife and children were home.

John Taylor has led a spectacular fight in the School Board for the granting of the Robinson Junior Auditorium to the Progressive Open Forum for the Browder meeting. The Young Nationalists, local Fascist organization, acting together with other reactionary organizations, had opposed the use of the schools and had organized a city-wide agitation against it. Taylor insisted that the rights of free speech be upheld since other groups had used the schools for the propagation of political ideas.

Movie Star



Luise Rainer who was hailed as the best star of 1937 by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science for her great work in "Good Earth." Spencer Tracy was chosen as the best male star. "The Life of Emile Zola," which starred Paul Muni, was named the best picture of the year.

Hitler's Raid Pours Fire on Europe Crisis

(Continued from Page 1)

resist Germany's expansion with anything but words.

Hitler's Audacity

Hitler is impelled by the desire to avenge the indignities of the Versailles treaty. He wants to accomplish the aims of the Kaiser's government in respect to colonies. He has learnt the value of audacious and breath-taking action, leaving his imperialist rivals gasping with surprise and mortification.

The workers of France and England are in the main willing to support their governments in war against Germany. They believe that they can depend upon their governments to overthrow the Hitler regime. The last few weeks have been bringing home to them, however, that the imperialist maneuverings may well result in a line-up that cannot possibly be considered as between Democracy and Fascism.

World War Lessons

The lesson of the World War, that the wars between capitalist nations are fought for imperialist aims and that the peace treaty merely establishes a new division of colonies and trade, and the basis of a new war, is not lost on large sections of the working class. It is to be expected that from now on the trend among workers will be increasingly away from support of their governments' wars and war preparations and toward independent working class action in strikes and boycotts; toward the prosecution of the class struggle at home as an integral part of the fight against fascism everywhere.

The Case of Spain

The capitalist governments have given sufficient indication of their inability to fight fascism by their actions with regard to Spain. The workers have only one thing they can depend upon—their own strength and that of other groups which they can rally to support them in the fight against capitalism and its offspring war and fascism.

The inspiration of the heroic Austrian workers, who in February 1934 defended their liberties with their lives, is still before the workers. In this day of the new tribulations of our Austrian comrades, we must re-dedicate ourselves to the struggle that alone can make us victors over the forces of reaction and destruction—the class struggle of the workers against capitalism.

McAlister Coleman

The Socialist Call

Through the open window of our Jersey home the other morning came the full-throated singing of some sort of bird or other (your Uncle Mac is no Audubon) and we figured that if Spring wasn't here on the calendar, this bird was one of its harbingers and that "winter's rains and pains" were definitely over. (Of course, it has rained and snowed and sleeted ever since.)

At all events we have somehow staggered through the worst of the winter and it's something just to be alive. What a winter it was, boys and girls, with things popping right and left, and all of us holding our collective breaths as we whooped from one crisis to another.

Out Jersey way we've had our hands full ever since November bucking Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City and his storm troopers of the sweat-shop owners, the Chamber of Commerce and the American Federation of Labor, a sweet-scented alliance if there ever was one. Right now, due to the fact that His Honor is resting up in Florida gathering strength for a new assault on the life and liberty of the harried workers of his Open Shop heaven, things are fairly quiet.

Goose Steppers Active

To be sure, right around the corner from me the Fascists of the German-American Bund are goose-stepping to meetings at which they bellow against Jews, the CIO and radicals. Down in Trenton, the ironically named Public Service Corporation of New Jersey which has a seemingly air-tight monopoly over our electric lights, our gas and our transportation is cooking up new skullduggeries. Our legislature is busy selling out to the railroads and the Public Service all over again and every now and then there are three alarms from New York to hustle over and stop the next war. But as I have said, things are comparatively quiet right now and I can write a long delayed piece saying that I think you are doing a grand job with The Call and wishing you all the luck in the most thankless of tasks, i. e. editing a labor and Socialist paper.

I've had so many sheets shot from under me at one time or another that I realize what a large headache blew into Chicago from New York when the Call moved West. But you're taking it like the good Socialists you are and my battered felt is off to you.

Likes The Call

One thing I like especially about the way you are going at your new job is the fact that you are sticking pretty closely to home matters. I know all about

our being an International Party and how every tremor in the revolutionary movement abroad has its repercussions here.

A Big Continent

Laying myself open to the awful charge of being an "isolationist," I still figure that the North American continent is quite a place to be isolated on and that to my appallingly provincial mind, there's a lot of domestic knitting that needs to be attended to, by all of us who have enlisted in this fight to build a Socialist State.

If you want to see what happens when you build an organization standing in New York and facing towards Europe, take a look at our browderized friends.

Naturally the geographical location of its editorial office has a lot to do with the contents of any paper. Especially is this noticeable when the office is in New York. Here, in what Mencken once called "The Hansa Port" of America, we are particularly susceptible to importations. And our press reflects that susceptibility.

So I'm glad that the Call is being edited in Chicago, though of course, I miss the perennial rows with the editorial board, the waist-reducing exercise of climbing up the worn stairs on Seventeenth Street, carrying copy destined for the editorial waste-basket, and generally making a nuisance of myself around the shop.

Will you accept the congratulations of a gun-mumbling veteran on the work you have done on The Call and his pious hope that this may speedily bear fruit in the shape of fresh showers of subs and a rapid expansion of the paper's size to something commensurate with the scope and significance of our movement?

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The coal diggers and their Socialist comrades throughout Illinois lead the Build the Call drive. "That's nothing!" Ed Adams, state secretary, told us today as we prepared to go to press with this the next issue of the CALL. "Illinois is just getting warmed up. We aimed to do a lot more to build our Socialist press. Watch our percentage take on weight!"

We take it that this is a challenge to the rest of the country. To work, comrades! Let's clean up this phase of the Build the Call drive by April 15!

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Wyo.	5.00
Total	\$3,095.00	\$1036.20	33.5



COMING EVENTS

CHICAGO
The Cook County Local of the Socialist Party announced the agenda for pre-convention discussion this week and urges all of its members to prepare material to contribute to the discussion.

The following was announced as the agenda:
March 17—"Labor Party and People's Front," Roy Burt and Arthur McDowell reporters.
March 24—"Organization, Press and Carrying out Party Program," Gerry Allard, Roy Burt and Al Hamilton reporters.

All meetings are to be held at Room 404, 549 Randolph St., Chicago, 8 P. M.

PHILADELPHIA
Eastern Radio Broadcast by Norman Thomas over Station WFIL, 7-7:15 p. m. March 25. Subject "America Heading for War?" Arranged by Germantown Branch of Socialist Party.
March 20—General Membership Meeting. Young Peoples Socialist League, at 8 p. m. at 4035 Girard Ave. Herbert Zam will speak on "New Alignments in Europe. Open to Sympathizers and Contacts."

March 25—Norman Thomas on "Fascist Trends in Our Democracy", 5820 Germantown Ave. Admission 25c. Auspices Germantown Forum.

March 18—Symposium on "Collective Security". Auspices Educational Dept. I.L.G.W.U. 1008 Cherry St. 8 p. m. Admission Free. Speakers: Pat Toohy, Communist Party; Sam Putnam, League for Peace and Democracy; Morton Goodman, I.C.L.L.; Herbert Zam, Socialist Party.

March 19—Anti-War Mass Meeting, Strawberry Mansion, 31st and Ridge Ave. Speakers: Rabbi Milgram, Herbert Zam and others.

March 28—General Membership Meeting for Pre-Convention Discussion. Subject for discussion: "The War Question."

UPPER DARBY
March 22—Open Meeting at 305 Shadeland Ave. Drexel Hill. Subject: "The New Depression." Speaker: Herbert Zam.

SOUTH LANGHORNE, PA.
March 18—Regular Branch meeting. Leon Shull will speak for the S.E.C.

Pennsylvania Readers, Attention!

Call readers, Socialist sympathizers and progressive workers in Pennsylvania, help put the Socialist candidates on the ballot. Can you spare a few hours to go out with petitions to collect signatures? If so, communicate with the State Office, Socialist Party, 1626 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

SPECIAL CALL PARTY

New York comrades are cordially invited to a special party on Saturday night, March 19, at the home of Comrades Goldbloom, 424 East 23rd street, near Ditmar avenue (Newkirk avenue on the Brighton line). For the benefit of the SOCIALIST CALL.

IDAHO

Comrade Gwen Krause, acting as state representative since Comrade Donahue moved out of the state, has been contacting Party members and sympathizers throughout the state, looking toward a statewide drive this spring.

NEW YORK

March 20—3rd Anniversary Call Dinner, 7 p. m., Rosoff's Restaurant, 43rd St., near 7th Ave. Outstanding editors will participate on "Press and War." Reservations \$1.25 per plate. Write 11 W. 17th St. 5th floor, or call Chelsea 3-0964. Ask for Art Greenstein, Call director.

April 1—Bronx section YPSL Party, "One Third of a Nation," Adelphi Theatre, 54th St. E. of 7th Ave. Prices 25c, 40c, 55c.

April 2—Annual Rebel Dance of the NYC YPSL at the YCLA Auditorium, 22 E. 15th St. Sub 49c. No branches may arrange conflicting affairs. Friendly organizations are urged to do likewise.

CAMDEN, N. J.
March 24—Open Forum at 104 Broadway. Herbert Zam will speak on "The New Depression." Admission Free.

Philadelphia Committee Plans Anti-War Meeting

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The Philadelphia Anti-War Committee, which was formed last month as part of the drive begun in New York to "Keep America Out of War," is laying final plans for a huge mass rally at the Metropolitan Opera House on April 6.

Speakers who have accepted are: Norman Thomas, Rabbi William H. Fineshriber of Philadelphia, Roger Baldwin, and Homer Martin.

Sponsors
The meeting is being supported by labor and peace groups throughout the city. Members of the action committee of the Philadelphia group are: David H. H. Felix, member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party; S. Finestone, Benjamin Seaver, and P. R. Hoopes of the Neo-Seminar Forum; John Edelman, regional director C. I. O.

Helen Fishell, labor secretary W. I. L.; Bernard Walton, Philadelphia Peace Council; Jack Lamping, member National Council of Methodist Youth, Philadelphia District; Mary Morrissett, Philadelphia Youth Committee for the Oxford Pledge; Morton Goodman, organizer Knit Goods Workers; Max Ways, and Arthur D. Pierce, editorial staff of the

Philadelphia Record, and David Schick, editor Philadelphia Labor Herald and William Hollister, secretary.

Program
The action committee adopted a six point program similar to that used in New York at the Hippodrome rally:

1. For the immediate removal of American ships and Marines from Chinese territory. American nationals remain at their own risk.
2. For a billion dollar building program instead of a billion dollar rearmament program.
3. For support of the original Ludlow - LaFollette amendment, assuring American citizens the democratic right to vote on a declaration of war.
4. For opposition to the Industrial Mobilization Plan and the Sheppard-May Bill; and to all "conscription" plans, as leading to military dictatorship.
5. For support of a vast program of construction, conservation, and education to prevent a stampede into war as an escape from unemployment.
6. For opposition to entangling alliance with any nation or block of nation for war, under any name or pretext; but support for positive co-operation with all nations for disarmament and peace.

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- 1) Elect a CALL promoter. He or she should see to it that the items listed below are carried out.
- 2) Organize squads for the public sale of the CALL. Determine which are the regular meeting places of unions, fraternal organizations, forums, etc. Assign the squads to cover these places at the times you find best for sales. Remember that this is a job that requires salesmanship as much as does a private business. Use the most attractive possible methods. Call out the article that in the issue you are selling is most likely to sell it to the group you are approaching. If there is a directory of meetings in the newspapers make a chart each week and fill in the names of the comrades who are covering each meeting.
- 3) All comrades in mass organizations like unions and fraternal organizations should take CALLS with them to meetings.
- 4) Sub blanks, ad contracts, prepaid sub cards, price lists, are available from the SOCIALIST CALL office, 549 Randolph St., Chicago, Ill.
- 5) Make up lists of former members, contacts, registered Socialists, trade unionists. Assign comrades to visit them to solicit subs and to recruit members.
- 6) Make collections for the CALL of spare change at all meetings.
- 7) If you have not yet celebrated the third anniversary of the CALL, hold some affair—banquet, theatre party, social or what have you. Proceeds to go to the CALL. If the affair is large enough you can get out a souvenir program, with ads, greetings and additional revenue. If you have not yet filled your quota in the Call Fund Drive make this affair the occasion for making a drive for the money.
- 8) Some people will not subscribe but will want the paper delivered weekly and paid for COD. Arrange to have comrades handle the delivery and collection.
- 9) Try to get the CALL onto all newstands. Organize to cover them with the offer which we can make them. Write us for details.
- 10) The April 2 number will be a special anti-war issue with articles and greetings from leading Labor and Socialist figures of Europe and America. Gather greetings now for that issue, in the branch, among your friends, in the mass organizations. Organize special mobilizations for sale of the issue.

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Unions Rally Forces To Break Open Shop Rule In Los Angeles

By JOHN NEWTON THURBER
State Organizer, Socialist Party of California

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Reactionary open shop forces which have dominated Los Angeles and made it the anti-union paradise until the union drive of the past two years are rallying their forces and have come into the open to smash all labor organizations in this district during recent weeks.

The heart of this anti-union drive is the same as that which smashed the militant Socialist and labor movement with the Los Angeles Times - McNamara bombing case, famous in pre-war history. Harry Chandler, reactionary publisher of the Los Angeles Times, then and now, is the leading figure in this "Holy Crusade" to drive unions out of Los Angeles.

Unlike open-shop drives in other parts of the country, the Los Angeles drive is not centering its attack on the C.I.O. but upon the A.F.L. unions. Chandler and his crowd can see little choice between the two, and the organization of the A.F.L. inside Los Angeles seems more ominous than that of the C.I.O. to the open-shoppers.

"Davebeckism"

Rallying cry of every issue of the Los Angeles Times, smeared from Page 1 on, is "Drive Out Davebeckism!" Dave Beck, "Boss" of the A.F.L. Teamsters union in the Pacific Northwest, has directed a vigorous organization drive of Teamsters working in the Los Angeles district. All the different categories of drivers are being organized into the A.F.L. Teamsters Brotherhood, at times with the militant organization methods best known by the teamsters.

The open-shoppers have seized on the unsavory reputation of Dave Beck, both in and out of the labor movement, and attempted to smear the whole organized labor movement. Not a day passes but some attack is leveled on "Davebeckism" (which is one word!) in the Times. Hearst and other publishers are also joining in the field day.

"Women of the Pacific"

The drive of the open-shoppers is not limited to newspaper propaganda. Several organizations have been formed to mobilize anti-union sentiment into action. Newest and best publicized of these outfits is called "Women of the Pacific," which was launched during the first week of February in the swank Beverly Hills Women's Club.

Organizing head of Women of the Pacific is Mrs. Edwin Selvin, veteran of anti-labor struggles by the wives of the capitalists of Washington state.

The Women of the Pacific boast a group of leaders "whose names will not be divulged." According to Mrs. Selvin's statement, they "are opposed to any program which provides for the laborer to sell his birthright over the conference table." Further they plan to "learn the names of men who support the open shop and will do all they can to increase patronage of such places."

Rally With Red Squad

With extensive advance publicity in the Times, this outfit came down from the rarified atmosphere of Beverly Hills and last week staged a mass meeting at the Shrine Auditorium, where Mrs. Selvin moved to add a rank-and-file to her open shop movement.

Prime purpose of her group, she announced, is "to resist to the uttermost the labor racketeers who would compel housewives to submit to extortionist price-fixing monopolies in food and other household necessities." In this she echoes the daily blarbs in Chandler's Times, exhorting the good housewives against the awful results of unionism.

The notorious Red Squad of

the Los Angeles Police force, which was the backbone of the open shop terror of this city for years, was present at the Shrine meeting in full force. The Red Squad has been inactive for nearly two years now but seems ready to blossom out in this new drive to smash the labor movement here.

Other Fronts

Many other organizations are also mobilized in this drive of the open-shoppers. One of the active womens organizations parades under the banner of TNT, being styled The Neutral Thousand. This outfit is broadcasting an anti-union message to the housewives of the district every afternoon, and otherwise is carrying on a propaganda drive. Of course it belies its name, being not the least neutral nor is it likely that it numbers a thousand in its ranks.

Southern Californians, Inc., is the style taken by a new open shop promotion outfit, which seems to be carrying the banner among men of the Chamber of Commerce stripe. It is of the same open-shop stripe as the Women of the Pacific, and was in the field a few months earlier.

The Los Angeles Times is giving much publicity also to an open shop association of farmers, the Associated Farmers of the Pacific Coast, Inc. This has been set up in California, Oregon and Washington, and is designed for "the preservation of agrarian independence" according to a report. Resolutions adopted at a recent meeting of this outfit at Salem, Oregon, stated their aim, "to combat subversive elements when they appear in agricultural activities and to uphold the farmers' right to grow his crop, harvest and move it into market without interference."

The Associated Farmers are aimed against both the Teamsters and the agricultural workers union of the CIO and the AFL.

Religionists of the Aimee Semple McPherson type are being mobilized by the open-shop crowd, with the Times playing up the anti-union, anti-radical, anti-pacifist spouting of every bible-thumping fundamentalist who cares to play the game with Harry Chandler.

An example of this type of propaganda has been the recent visit of the Rev. Mark A. Matthews to Los Angeles. This cleric was spread through many inches of space by Chandler, and his hysterical statement ended up by this exhortation to his faithful: "I wish you all would support Harry Chandler of The Times. He is one of the finest men that ever edited a newspaper. He is fighting a great battle and is entitled to your support. Support everybody who is fighting for God and the American home."

"Conventions" of independent union groups — obviously company union conferences — have been held as a part of the same drive, all a part of the effort of the reactionaries to break the union movement in California. These conventions have been reported with great approval by the Times and by other papers in the area.

Labor Disunity

The reactionaries have timed their effort well. Los Angeles labor is dangerously split, chiefly through the efforts of the Communists to dominate the CIO here, and apply the outworn

tactics of their third period — Trade Union Unity League days.

Not only is there the usual split between AFL and CIO unions which exists in other centers today. Here, through stupid tactics, progressive AFL locals have been driven into bitter opposition to the CIO. When the CIO was first started here, a healthful spirit of co-operation prevailed with AFL progressive locals, through wise policies of the progressives who were then in the CIO leadership here.

After John Brophy turned the West Coast CIO over to Harry Bridges and the Communist Party, the CP moved into the Los Angeles CIO Council. Most stupid move made soon after was the chartering of CIO locals of Bakers and Food Workers, establishing undesirable paper locals composed of Communist nuclei and disaffected elements, in the best TUUL tradition. This has effectively driven a wedge between the CIO and the AFL progressives, who had supported industrial unionism and progressive labor policies long before the formation of the CIO.

C. P. Domination

Further disunity of the local labor movement has resulted from Communist domination within the Los Angeles CIO. Several of the large CIO mass production locals, notably the Rubber Workers, have become so disgusted with Communist dictation of the CIO Council and the mockery which the CP is making of the meetings of the central body, that a dangerous secession movement has developed. Some progressive locals are tending to drop out of the Council in disgust on account of the CP tactics.

In the face of this disunity, and the withering away of several locals which are under exclusive Communist domination, the openshoppers have timed their drive to smash unionism here opportunely.

Most hopeful sign in the local picture currently is the brilliant advances of the CIO Shoe Workers locals, which have made this industry closed shop (incidentally signing a closed shop contract with one of the members of the Board of Directors of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, solid backbone of the open-shoppers!) under the progressive leadership of Bill Seligman, west coast representative of the CIO united Shoe Workers.

Carolina Textile Workers Vote CIO

NEW YORK CITY.—A series of victories in the elections held at five plants of the Marshall Field & Company in North Carolina during this week, were announced by Emil Rieve, Acting Chairman of the Textile Workers Organizing Committee. The N. L. R. B. held elections to determine the bargaining agency for all employees at the Blanket, Sheeting, Rug, Woolen and Bedspread Mills of Marshall Field & Co., located in Draper, Leaksville and Spray, N. C. A total of 2800 votes was cast. T.W.O.C. won by a total vote of 1726 against 1071. Majorities were secured in each plant. T.W.O.C. was designated as sole collective bargaining agency in each plant.

A wage increase of five percent was announced today for the workers of the Caledonia Woolen Mills of Clifton Heights, Pennsylvania. The company employing 350 woolen workers agreed to this increase—after negotiations with the union. "This increase in wages represents a significant change in the trend of wages in the wool textile industry," declared Emil Rieve.

Crashes



Richard Whitney, head of Richard Whitney & Co., Morgan Brokers, and five times president of the New York Stock Exchange, admitted to a court that he stole \$105,000 worth of securities.

Young Socialists Arrested While Picketing Legation

SPECIAL BY WIRE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—Four members of the Young People's Socialist League were arrested today while picketing the Austrian legation under the Pittman Act forbidding such action. Signs pledged support of Yipsels to Austrian Socialists. Thirty three pickets of the American League for Peace and Democracy were arrested one hour later at the German embassy. The Yipsel slogan was "Red Vienna Rise Again!" The American League pickets were chanting, "It's time to go to war."

Strikebreaking Role Of Ford Co. Revealed

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Testimony as to revealed attempts of the Ford-Motor Co. to use the "Mohawk Valley formula" to break the strike in their local plant was given at the National Labor Relations Board hearing by Walter H. Williams, recording secretary of Automobile Workers' Local 249.

Coal Barons Seek Gravy In New Move

Democrats in Washington are flirting around with the idea of buying the anthracite mines of Pennsylvania and putting the government into the coal business, something along the same lines that the government is in the power business with TVA and the farm business with the Farm Credit Administration.

Purchase of these mines, to be owned by the people and operated under lease by private interests, will be hailed by Democrats, Communists and many labor organizations as "great progress for the workers." It will be viewed with alarm by Republicans and the United States Chamber of Commerce as "Socialism". As a matter of fact, it is all poppycock and hooey, and Socialists should be able to give the facts when confronted with this latest argument on what the Roosevelt dynasty is doing for the common people.

Monopoly

Along about 1920 ownership of the anthracite fields of Pennsylvania was largely in the hands of the railroad companies. This monopoly was outlawed by the Supreme Court in that year and ownership of the coal mines passed to some eight other companies, which proceeded to get title to a lot more coal land than that purchased, or transferred to them by the railroads. At that time, the coal properties had a value of \$123,000,000. The companies wrote up the properties to \$456,000,000—270 percent—and against this fictitious valuation issued large bond issues.

To pay a profit on the wind and water put into the valuation, and to pay interest and dividends on the large bond issues and borrowings, the price of hard coal was boosted to a place where hard coal users turned to oil, gas, and soft coal and the consumption of anthracite decreased from 90,000,000 tons in 1924 to 54,000,000 in about a year, and the workers, as usual, paid for the watered stock in reduced wages and unemployment.

Fake Promises

Proponents of this latest steal under the guise of "government ownership" claim that operation of the Pennsylvania anthracite mines owned by the government and leased to private capitalists would "provide unemployment relief for 1,000,000 coal miners and lower fuel prices for 40,000,000 Americans."

President Roosevelt has given no indication of this stand or his opinion on this latest move to hoax the public. President Wilson also "kept us out of war" until after the election campaign. —"The Colorado Socialist."

Connecticut Labor Party Slate Headed By Trade Unionists

HARTFORD, Conn.—The Labor Party of Connecticut, a Socialist Party affiliate, is off to a flying start in the campaign to elect a labor government in the November elections. Profiting by the experience of the past, the Labor Party is placing full emphasis on labor as the force which can successfully meet the problems that confront this commonwealth.

An impressive list of trade unionists make up the slate of candidates who will be presented to the voters of this state in the coming election.

Devere Allen, a member of the N.E.C. of the Socialist Party, U. S. A., and a member of the Teachers Union, Author's League and the Newspaper Guild, heads the slate as a candidate for governor.

Other trade unionists who make up the Labor Party slate are:

For lieutenant governor—John Vanipetti, CIO leader of the United Electrical and Radio Workers Union; secretary of state—Walter Davis, International Association of Machinists (AFL); controller—Arthur Martinez, secretary of the Danbury Central Labor Union; treasurer—Michael Patane, secretary of the Bridgeport local of the United Automobile Workers; Attorney General—Harold Strauch; U. S. Senator—Philip Brainard, general organizer of the Brass Workers' union in Waterbury.