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# Maritime Labor And The Government

NEW STOOGES FOR "IMPROVED" COPELAND BILLS

The Roosevelt administration has had the reputaof being the most friendly to labor-and yet it been the instrumentality for clamping upon the me workers the most reactionary measures ever wn to a so-called "democratic" country. The Copeacts (the fink book act and the ship subsidy law) sed by the last Congress laid the base for a vicious e against all labor.

e maritime legislation of last June had two imate objectives: (1) to establish the principle of vernment "identity book" which can easily bea means of blacklisting workers for trade-union litical activity; and (2) to set up some permanent rnmental body (the Maritime Commission) which d gradually develop itself into a board of comory arbitration.

The basic reasons, however, for the legislation lay th deeper and involve fundamental economic and tical forces. The principal reasons were: (1) the sure from commercial interests to safeguard their profits and juicy public subsidies in the face of a maritime labor movement demanding its rights; (2) the ever pressing threat of war, with the conent necessity of forestalling by adequate control opposition to war plans and activity which would nanifested by American workers, especially those he key marine transportation industry.

This legislation had been carefully prepared and sugar-coated with a demagogic veneer of clauses sedly restricting excess profits of shipowners, to satisfy the labor leaders and the easily pla-"liberal" congressmen. It was vaguely phrased, ting of broad interpretation, and could have been to fulfill its ultimate union-smashing purpose it not for one all-important obstacle—the alertand militancy of the maritime unions.

he labor fakers, such as Scharrenberg, Olander. r, J. P. Ryan, and others, had already been nicened up, but then, strangely, this anti-labor legisn misfired. These betrayers, from whom a porof the rank-and-file (on the West Coast) had alemancipated themselves, overplayed their cherous hand and are now well on the road toward lete and final repudiation by the union member-They are no longer as effective and useful to Government and to the bosses as they once were. equently a new and more effective offensive inst labor is being prepared. New agents within labor movement are required—and they are at

The unanimous and militant protest against the (Continued on Page 4)

# fense Body Asks Delay Of Radek-Pyatakoff Trial

iet Government Asked To Permit At- legislation to professional endance of International Commission Of Labor Elements

he American Committee for the Defense of Leon today asked the Soviet Government to permit the the Young People's Socialist nce of an international labor commission at the forthtrial of Karl Radek and Gregory Pyatakoff for floor by parliamentary steamoffenses, and to postpone the trial until the com- roller tactics and their motions

arrives. atement of the Commit-

ing to yesterday's Assoress dispatch from Mosrvers there believe that oming trials may be he fact that Leon Trotsky and to the fact that a med in the United States.' of Leon Trotsky declares it will not submit to ure but will continue its asylum and its effort h the truth concerning which Trotsky was the

ATIONAL COMMISSION FORMING

mmittee and associated mains and Victor Mar- that made by the sixteen who France; Henry Noel were executed in August. and J. F. Horrabin of

prisoners until a com- S. R., Washington, D. C.

mission may proceed to Moscow. We ask the right of the commission to move freely through the U. S. S. R., to be present at the forthcoming trials with stenog- have to sponsor a bill slightly raphers, to interview the prisoners privately. Such rights, denied by Hitler to friends of the defor his defense has fense in the Reichstag fire trial, are normal in political cases in democratic courts and were normal in the early years of the Soviet regime. A refusal now will make it clear that the projected behalf of Trotsky's right trials are cut and dried affairs.

"Inasmuch as Karl Radek and Gregory Pyatakoff, two of the acsination trials of last cused in the newly-announced trial, joined in the denunciation of the prisoners during the August trial, and have issued statements against Leon Trotsky which do not differ from those of the presecution, few informed which include John observers will expect them to Suzanne LaFollette, Nor- make a defense of themselves has, John Dos Passos; which is any more serious than

"The American Committee inand others in Spain, Den- tends to carry out unflinchingly land, Switzerland and the task which it has set itself lovakia are now organiz- and calls upon all labor and deminternational commission ceratic organizations and individatic and labor elements uals to rally to its support by ate the August trials. communicating an endorsement of ow call on the Soviet our demands to Alexander Troynt to postpone the trial anovsky, Ambassador of the U. S.



# **Cut Down** California Youth Bill

Adopts Weak Program and Bans Struggle

Assembly for a California time of writing). Youth Bill met in San Francisco on January 9th and 10th and in one fell swoop viewed two G-men (thinking they weakened considerably the were volunteers) and asked them struggle for the American if they had military experience. Youth Act, resigned the field of struggle for working-class lobbyists, and frowned down Arms"—just brushing up on the any attempt at class action military training he had received by organized working class "gratis" as a result of the enyouth.

League were railroaded off the and resolutions were buried in Communist controlled committees, while the super social-patriots who were afraid that they might tinged with a reddish hue.

DEMANDS CUT IN HALF (Continued on Page 4)

# Sidelights On Win WPA Debs Column

The Socialist Party's invitation to the Communist Party to participate n the organization and financing of a Western Division Youth Assembly of the Debs Column to aid the Firm Demonstration Spanish workers in their struggle against Fascism was greeted with an oral return message that the Communist Party would send "a committee to confer." (The com-The Northern California mittee has not showed up at the

A comrade in the office inter-

One volunteer-enthusiast was seen reading the "Manual of deavors of supporters for required military training in the schools. "It's an ill wind-"

### **GEORGIA LEADS** LYNCHERS

the National Association for the tampered with. advancement of colored people. Two of the victims were white The bill as finally adopted by men who had been murdered by the Black Legion in Michigan.

# "BE PRACTICAL"

Or, How to Scab on the American Youth Act—In One Easy Lesson

Provisions of American Youth Act as proposed by Youth Bill (supported by the YPSL for inclusion in California Youth Bill.

No less than \$15 per week salary and \$2.00 per week for each dependent.

In colleges, student-workers to be paid no less than \$25 per month.

In high-schools students shall receive no less than \$15 per

levied on inheritance, gifts, and individual and corporate comes of \$5.00 or more.

Provisions of California YCL) as adopted by Northern California Youth Assembly. No less than \$30.00 per month plus three dollars

weekly for each dependent. In colleges student-workers to be paid no less than \$20 per month.

In high schools students shall receive no less than \$10 per month.

Money to be raised by an ap-Money to be raised by a tax propriation by the state legislature of \$10,000,000, out of funds not otherwise appropriated. No provision for taxation.

# 'Sit-Down' At Toledo

# Of Solidarity Forces Reinstatement

TOLEDO. - When the workers mean business they get what they're after.

One month ago, assignments for 4200 WPA workers were discontinued until the conservation department concluded a "biological survey."

Now, WPA clerical workers are rapidly writing assignments and the biological survey has been shelved. And WPA workers are congratulating themselves over their victory.

The change of heart wasn't accomplished by the good will of the Roosevelt Administration nor by the humanitarism of the WPA It took the organized backing of the labor movement, with the Workers Alliance as the spearhead, to effect the shift of sentiment. It took the unceasing vigil of 200 Workers Alliance members. rushed through measures designed in the United States last year nights held down the WPA headto placate capitalist legislators with the state of George account- quarters, to convince WPA offiing for five of them, according to cials that Toledo labor can't be

> With the demand that projects be immediately approved and the 4200 be hired, WPA members moved in on the WPA headquarters when the executive commit- posted in all plants which read tee of the downtown branch of the Workers Alliance gathered for their regular meeting they took over the finely-polished, swiveled-chair private office of Administrator Schmuhl. Schmuhl impatiently waited outside, the committee transacted their order of business. The Workers Alliance was in the saddle and the WPA Administrator was outside looking in.

ducted a labor-sing, raising their GM plants. lusty voices in "Solidarity Forother labor songs.

tempt to sidetrack the workers. of a straight hourly rate. Haverson, Nelson Megley and day and work-week.

# Time To Retire! . . . By Carlo World War Veterans, Members of Workers' Organizations Register

# Roosevelt Is Aiding Fascists Says Socialist Secretary

CHICAGO .- "President Roosevelt is aiding the fascist rebellion in Spain by his investigation of the enlistment of American anti-fascists to defeat fascism in Spain and by his so-called neutrality act which would forbid Americans to ship any war materials to the democratically elected Spanish government," declared Roy E. Burt, national executive secretary of the Socialist

He said further, "Roosevelt shows his colors. Those who called him a bulwark against fascism and a force for progress and democracy now can clearly see what Roosevelt does when he is actually faced with the struggle against fascism. At the domand of the President. Congress has taken its first action-the passage of a bill making it illegal for Americans to ship any war materials to the democratically elected Spanish government fighting against a fascist rebellion. This is called neutrality. But in actual practice this action constitutes direct aid to the forces of Franco, and Italian and German fascism.

"The New York and San Francisco offices of the Socialist Party are now being investigated by the government because they have aided men who wanted to enlist on the side of the Spanish workers and peasants.

"Hearst is more frank than Roosevelt. He openly champions the cause of the fascists; he condemns the Socialist party and other working class forces for their attempt to aid the enlistment of a force of 500 technicians to give direct aid to the Spanish

"Hearst's attempt to invoke a law 119 years old against this recruiting is hyprocritical. Hearst who so loves to laud our American traditions conveniently forgets that the great struggle of America for independence from the British empire was aided

by the French Lafayette and the Polish Kosiousko and their troops. "Roosevelt and Hearst are attempting to stop aid to Spain's struggle against fascism. But this will not stop the Socialist party and the militant working people of America. We will exert every effort to mobilize a tremendous force against the partly vicious

and partly misguided action of Congress. "We will continue to exert every effort to render aid to the workers of Spain, confident that the solidarity of the workers of the world will be the only path for defeating Franco and insuring class victory in Spain.

"We call on all workers in America to join with us in fighting fascism wherever it rears its ugly head, and for a worker's

# Showdown Near As Thousands Strike In GM Auto Plants

Auto Workers Buck Bosses, Injunction and Threats of Craft Union Scabbery As Epic Struggle Unfolds

The struggle between the United Automobile Workers' Union and the General Motors Company is rapidly approaching a showdown with thousands of workers on Debs Column to raise the necesstrike in many plants and with the vital "feeder" industries being tied up by strikes.

Violence has already broken out in Flint, and labor bor and liberal organizations for spies, thugs, and Pinkertons are being imported into the assistance in the project. As many

affected areas in wholesale num-4 bers. General Motors has obtained rate of pay, commensurate with a sweeping injunction against the an American standard of living. sible after their qualifications are sit-down strikers in the Flint Fisher Body division of GM which even prohibited peaceful picketing. The injunction was issued by Circuit Judge Edward D. Black.

The position of General Motors was summed up in a bulletin in part, "General Motors will not recognize any union as the sole bargaining agency for its workers, to the exclusion of all others. General Motors will continue to While recognize, for the purpose of collective bargaining, the representatives of its workers, whether

UNION DEMANDS

The United Automobile Workers, a CIO affiliate, have pre- the human beings on the lines any friends or organizations they To entertain the strikers, the sented the following demands to of General Motors have been can contact for financial support. Yipsels adjourned their meeting General Motors as the alternative tuned to the machiner, not the All donations should be sent to to WPA headquarters and con- for a general strike affecting all machinery to the human beings." the central office, care of Glen

1. A national conference be ever," "On the Picket Line" and tween representatives of General claiming jurisdiction on the auto- Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco. Once more the Lucas County and bargain over:

tory over the Government's at- systems of pay and the adoption

Active in the struggle were 3. Thirty hour week and six members of the Socialist Party, hour day with time and one-half Art Preis, Ted Selander, Dorothy for overtime over the basic work

5. Reinstatement of all employees who have been unjustifiably discharged. 6. Seniority based upon length

of service.

Union recognition Speed of production shall be mutually agreed upon by the management and the union.

President Homer Martin of the United Automobile Workers in a significant speech representing the new trend of thought in the organized labor movement stated, "The speed of the lines in General Motors has been determined earnest to make it possible for arbitrarily by the corporation without conferring with anybody. without taking anybody's welfare amount of support we receive into consideration. In other words from readers of Labor Action and

Four craft unions in Cleveland Trimble, State Secretary for the issued a letter to General Motors Socialist Party of California, 236 Motors and the union to discuss mobile industry and threatening Send in your dollars, checks or to supply strikebreakers in the money orders quickly. Workers Alliance had won a vic- 2. Abolition of all piece work event of a general strike by the Locals in California are rapidly UAW. The unions are the Elec- organizing for the campaign to

ers, and Bricklayers unions. um ments in the A. F. of L.

More Than 250 Enrolled for Debs Column in N. Y.

Four days after the announcement in Labor Action that volunteers would be interviewed at the San Francisco Socialist Headquarters at 236 Van Ness Avenue for the Western Division of the Debs Column of the International Workers' Brigade to aid the Spanish workers, 96 men had come in to the office to offer the services, ranging in age from 21 to 65.

Headquarters have been set up in San Francisco and New York to make possible a thorough check on all volunteers who wish to go under the working-class banner to Spain. Volunteers are being questioned determine whether they have the victory against Fascism, and whether they are sincerely sympathetic with the workers' cause and not just adventurers. The Socialist Party is not recruiting any army. No one is being induced or paid to go. Anyone interested merely in getting into a "scrap" and getting paid for it will not be assisted in any way

by the Socialist Party. HUNDREDS VOLUNTEER

More than 250 volunteers in New York City alone were interviewed the first week, and as many more wrote in to that office to apply. Volunteers are still streaming into the San Francisco office at 236 Van Ness Avenue. The first group were called for second interviews with a full committee to judge their qualifical tions during this past week.

On Sunday evening, January 10, the Socialist Party of San Francisco held an emergency mass meeting to start the fundraising campaign. Hans Amlie, first volunteer for the Western Division of the Debs Column, and brother to Congressman Thomas Amlie (of Wisconsin) spoke to the two hundred workers gathered at the meeting. Humberto Rivas and James P. Cannon. Editor of Labor Action, discussed the background of the present conflict in Spain and explained why the Socialist Party is making every effort to send aid to the Spanish workers.

"FRIENDS OF DEBS COLUMN" The committee in New York is organizing the Friends of the sary money, and the local committee is active appealing to lamen will be sent as money can be raised and as quickly as posjudged by the committee.

Veterans of the World War, men with from two to twelve years' training in the United States Army and Navy, infantrymen, chemical technicians and engineers have applied. of various maritime unions, carpenters' union, Alaska Cannery Workers' Union, I.W.W., Socialist Party, and Communist Party have asked to be considered as volun-

The Socialist Party is in dead these volunteers to go. The number we send will depend on the

trical Workers, Machinists, Plumb- raise the necessary funds and check on qualifications of local This was in line with similar volunteers. Headquarters in Beraction by John P. Frey, reaction- keley are at 2533 Telegraph Aveary leader of the craft union ele- nue, in Los Angeles at 1161/2 West Ninth Street.

# Maritime Labor And The Government

### 1. NEW STOOGES FOR "IMPROVED" COPELAND BILLS

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blacklisting Copeland "discharge book," which swept spontaneously over every coast and enlisted the support of other sections of the labor movement, momentarily stunned the administration because it was unexpected. Roosevelt and the shipowners had reckoned without the rank and file.

The inherent sound militancy of the maritime workers, and their canny ability to see through demagogic appeals from Labor Department "friends," also effectively blocked the attempt to railroad the unions into a treacherous arbitration of all issues including those fundamental to the very life of unionism.

As a result of this splendid demonstration of determined fighting spirit from the democratic maritime unions, the Government withdrew somewhat from the picture in order not to expose its hand. During the election it was counting on labor's support, and it still wants to retain labor's "good will" so as the more easily to accomplish its dirty work. In fact the present appeal from Merriam, Rossi, and others for Roosevelt's clear-cut intervention is actually embarrassing to the Administration. It would like to wait a little longer until the "cat is put in the bag"-which it hopes the present session of Congress will accomplish.

Since the old labor fakers have passed out of use the Government has been looking about for new and more useful elements with influence among the union membership. The Stalinite Communist Party, since its new right-wing turn, fits the bill to a T. The Stalinites were known for their militancy in 1934, and many workers are still unable to see the reactionary role they are now playing because they still "talk left" on occasions. But that is only camouflage. The Stalinists are already spreading the word up and down the waterfront that "you can't strike against the Government," and "Roosevelt is with us." This is only preliminary to a more open campaign to get seamen to accept the Copeland "fink" book. The Stalinites will be the new stooges for the labor-strangling designs of the Administration.

The legislation of last June misfired-principally because its "liberal" clauses were veils too thin to deceive many workers, and because the fat subsidies to the shipowners were too big and fancy to be easily glossed over. The Government, therefore, as the agent of the shipowners, has worked out a drastic program for the immediate future. It has three main aspects: (1) the enactment of more effective straitjacket legislation against maritime unions; (2) the extension of Government control beyond seafaring labor to include longshore labor as well; and (3) the "putting-across" of this legislation by means of highsounding promises and minor concessions to the maritime unions.

Washington news reports have it that over a dozen bills affecting maritime workers are already announced for presentation to Congress. The most important of these is the plan to set up a permanent system of Government mediation and arbitration which has so viciously throttled the railroad workers since the War.

It is difficult to predict exactly what "concessions" to labor will be made and what "promises" given to union leaders. Whatever is done to obscure the real issues, however, a continuation of the fine militant actions of the rank and file maritime workers will effectively expose these new maneuvers and will rally the forces of all labor to checkmate these subtle but distinctly reactionary measures.

The danger lies in the confusion existing in the minds of some present leaders of maritime unions concerning the real significance of government intervention, which is a vastly more disastrous move than they have even suspected, and in the deliberate desire on the part of some other "leaders" to confuse the rank and file on this question.

Fostered by groups who do not have an honest interest in the welfare of the American workers, a dangerous tendency has developed in the maritime unions to a compromising attitude on government intervention, an attitude which is not consistent with the best interests of the unions.

For example, to urge that the Copeland fink book be "improved" by legislation is to ask the seamen and all other groups of workers in swift succession to kindly place their necks in a noose. A government discharge book, work book, identity card or whathave-you, is at best a measure which in critical periods will be used against the unions.

There is no compromise possible with the fink book. Any attempt to "amend away its bad features" will still leave the fink book in operation. And any individuals who purport to represent maritime workers cannot hope to meddle in any deals and compromises with agencies of the government in regard to this book without betraying the best interests of the workers. Such individuals ultimately will be decisively repudiated by the rank and file.

Maritime workers must be constantly vigilant during these next months and keep themselves well informed about the maritime legislation which is being introduced in Congress. Labor Action will keep on its toes to expose every move which threatens to bring in by a new back door legislation which the rank and file workers have so far very successfully combatted.

### Music for Sit-downers

ANDERSON, Ind .- A new twist was given to sit-down strike techacross the street.

## Gas Pumps Run Dry

AKRON, Ohio.-Gasoline pumps nique when a 30 piece orchestra here were running dry as a result entertained 3000 strikers at the of a strike by tank truck drivers plant of the Guide Lamp Co., Gen- led by the Tank Truck Drivers eral Motors subsidiary. Among Union. All roads into Akron are other diversions supplied the men being picketed by flying squadwere regular exercise and games rons. The strike is directed periods. Meals were served by against Cities Service Corpora- withdrew to the lobby of the hall protest by a delegate from the Eddie Alexander, YCL stooge, who strikers' wives from a restaurant tion which has been paying the in order to discuss ways and Emergency Peace Campaign. drivers extremely low wages.

# **Cut Down** California Youth Bill

the assembly cut in half the demands made by millions of Amer-

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ican youth in the American Youth Act and left the raising of funds to finance the act to the tender mercies of professional politicians

Where the American Youth Act asks for \$15 per week for a minimum grant to unemployed young people, the Communist inspired California bill pleads for a measly \$30 per month. Where the American Youth Act demands a tax on corporate and private incomes over \$5000 to finance the bill, the California bill pleads for a grant of \$10,000,000 from funds, if any, "not otherwise appropri-

A well-oiled and securely or ganized Young Communist League machine swept through the sessions arrongantly in a united front with liberals and reactionaries and successfully opposed all motions for extra-parliamentary activities on the behalf of the young workers, resigning the fight for the bill to the organized lobbies in Sacramento.

JUNIOR "PEOPLE'S FRONT" After listening to harangues from a lot of liberals and downright reactionaries the assembly settled down to listen to a twohour speech on the plight of the younger generation which was delivered by Claudia Williams, representative of the Business Girls Club of the YWCA, and formerly identified with the Young Communist League. Mrs. Williams' speech abounded with such tidbits as quotations from President Roosevelt and his stooges in the National Youth Administraton. She also made a great many allusions to the "suffering of youth" such as are mouthed by all milksop liberals.

Mr. Williams' talk was the keynote for the entire assembly. It was just another case of the Junior People's Front in action, with the Young Communist League outdoing the reactionary elements in their attempts to water down every proposal for just demands for the young workers and militant action to enforce

At the very outset of the first session of the proceedings an announcement was made by Mrs. Williams that no literature could building because the building au- national chairman, and Ben Fisch- Socialist student work. thorities would object. This an. er, national secretary of the or- Various viewpoints on the stubuncement was directed at members of the Socialist Party who were distributing handbills announcing a mass meeting to be in their localities. held in order to recruit men for the Debs Column for service in stressed preparations for intensi-Spain.

Socialist League that such action PAINTERS STAND A protest by the Young People's authorities of the Jewish Community Center was in violation of all civil rights went unheeded.

"LET'S BE PRACTICAL" The second session of the assembly consisted of round tables of religoius, National Youth Administration, Trade Union, Racial Minority, and fraternal groups. There was also one session of legislative work which considered lobbying methods.

At all the round tables the YCL dominated majority stressed only one point-that the bill must be 'practical" in order to pass through the legislature. On the ground of "practicality" the provisions of the American Youth Act were thoroughly emasculated and provisions set up that approximated those of the National Youth Administration, which are completely inadequate.

In the trade union round table Al Furth, delegate from Miscellaneous Union 110, put up a fight for a bill which would in some measure be adequate for the needs of youth. The opposition to this progressive action was led by Archie Brown, head of the YCL maritime fraction.

DELEGATES STEAMROLLED At the opening session on the second day the Presiding Committee presented a draft bill which represented the correlated efforts of all the round table discussions. The provisions were so hopelessly inadequate that your correspondent took the floor to make amendments which would make the bill more reasonable and realistic from the standpoint of the working youth. Through parliamentary trickery he was ruled off the floor to a chorus of "question, question" from the YCL stooges on the floor.

The chair ruled that amendments could not be made and that opposition to the report of the presiding committee could not be heard. However order was not restored, due to protests against such high-handed proceedings, until the YCL railroaded through a motion suspending Robert's Rules of Order, the only way in which they could keep opposition motions off the floor.

delegates who were outraged by tion of the presiding committee The Assembly closed with such undemocratic ans of continuing the struggle

# CHICAGO SOCIALIST NOTES

CHICAGO MASS MEETING ON MOSCOW TRIAL

CHICAGO .- A mass meeting on the subject of the right of asylum

The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Chicago committee for the Defense of Trotsky which has already enrolled many prominent radicals and liberals, including professors of Northwestern and Chicago Uni-

Open Socialist Bookshop The organization of a Socialist nounced by the Cook County So-The bookshop occupies a room opening on to the reception room

to 7 p. m. daily except Sundays. League for Industrial Democracy residents. and Pioneer Publishers.

### Special Notice

to February 14. The new address will be announced shortly.

To Hold Raffle for Spain A special affair and raffle for the benefit of the Spanish Solidarfor Trotsky and the Moscow trials ity Fund will be held February 20 30.—Refusal by Gov. A. B. will be held February 14 at the at 1241 North California by the 7th Chandler of Kentucky to Capitol Building, 159 North State Congressional District branch of free the four Harlan-county Street. Speakers announced are the Chicago Socialist Party. The miners serving life-terms de-Norman Thomas, James Farrell Gillespie, Illinois branch of the spite strong new evidence Party recently raised \$72.00 single that they were framed up by handed for the Fund.

Co-Op. Shares Ready

Every member of the Chicago So-Bookshop for Chicago has been an- issue shares to be purchased by contention that these men were cialist Party literature committee. which may be resold to the house ernor said "not enough evidence" when moving out.

The shares, according to a mimeof the Socialist offices at 35 Dear- ographed announcement, "will be can't grant your request," Chandborn, and will be open from 9 a. m. prevented from becoming capitalis- ler stated. "I don't feel that I tic acquisitions by the most ad. would be justified now. Bolster Included in the stock will be all vanced principles of co-operation," up your record and I will consider Socialist periodicals, Marxist clas- and will not be dividend-paying or it further. I'm sorry I can't do sics, works of current social inter- interest-bearing, will have a fixed anything now. est, and literature published by the price, will permit one vote per Socialist Party or publishing shareholder rather than per share, houses close to it, such as the and no absentee control by non-

The experiment is being watched Books of any publisher which with interest by Socialist co-opera- keep them there. I hate to deny may not happen to be on hand may tive houses in other cities, which a father the joy of being with his flicting and contradictory "evibe ordered through the bookshop. may join in the same shareholding association if it proves successful. The Chicago house announced that The dinner and reception to na- it still had a single and a double tional secretaries, Roy Burt and room vacant. It can be reached by Frank Trager, originally scheduled telephoning DORchester 6120, the for January 23, is being postponed same number as the address.

# Young Socialist National Conference Notes Progress

CHICAGO - Young steel work- fied industrial work, whose confeet"-all of them leading mem- the YPSL in his state. bers of the Young People's Socialist League-met here to note the gains and discuss the prob- ard Rosen, California state secrelems of the American Socialist tary, in the chair. Upon their youth movement in a three-day conclusion Harold Draper, leadnational conference.

The reports and discussion League.

# by the assembly and by the FIRMLY BEHIND MARITIME STRIKE

The regular membership meeting of Painters Local No. 158, which took place on January 8, cil of Painters n the sending of in the conference proceedings. time Strike.

The sentiment of the membertion of the delegates of the Local to place the painters in line with a day longer. reactionary forces hostile to the Maritime Strike.

port of the strikers.

returned to inform the minority porters. group that they could have the floor to present their resolutions.

proof that unless one was "in" they could put up any sort of struggle on the floor.

SOCIALIST PROGRAM The YPSL delegates and other training was deleted from the mo- the matter to NYA groups.

ers and students, New Yorkers crete results were demonstrated Mahler, "we will be compelled to ion, only the prosecution's eviand Californians, Negro and white, by Bill Monroe of Los Angeles in youthful "veterans" and "tender his report on the gains made by gation. Work on this task will be

Local reports continued into the second day's session, with Howing Young Socialist who has been The first session, presided over active in the student movement, by Irving Barshop of New York, discussed the problem of the heard an account of the political American Student Union, followed and organizational problems of by national student director Albe distributed or sold outside the the League from Ernest Erber, vaine Hollister who reported on

dent question were then present ies of reports from attending dele- ed in one of the most educational gates of the growth of the YPSL and thought-provoking discussions that has ever taken place in the

"TO THE MASSES" On the third day concrete or-

ganizational plans for "going to the masses of youth" was the central topic. Ben Fischer spoke tions, while Joseph Carter, whose experience in the radical movehe was a leading member of the Young Communist League, pre-1936, unanimously repudiated the pared a written report on the action of the Joint District Coun- united front tactic to be printed

a telegram to the President, ask- It was the unanimous wish of ing his intervention in the Mari- those present that the sessions could have been extended for several days more. But the Young ship, as expressed on the floor, People's Socialist League, with was that this unauthorized ac- its ever increasing activity, could ill afford to keep fifty of its key was a bad mistake which seemed people away from local work even

On the day after, the young steel workers and students. New The motion carried, was to Yorkers and Californians, etc., send a letter to the press and to were gone. They were rushing the Maritime Federation, express- back home as rapidly as their ing the true sentiment of the meager purses permitted, to conmembership, which is in full sup- tinue the work of the Socialist youth in America.

for a bill which had some "meat." sembly was taken up completely The discussion had barely be with a discussion of ways and gun when Frank Carlson, state means of getting legislative supsecretary of the Young Commu- port for the bill. A lengthy renist League appeared and in- port was given on lobbying and quired if the Young People's So- lobbying methods, sending full cialist League was withdrawing time paid lobbyists to Sacramento. from the assembly. He was in- contacting other lobbyists to pull members of congress and urge formed that unless the YPSL strings, and other such pussycould get the floor to state its footing and pusillanimous methcase it was useless for their ods. The YCL, glorying in their delegates to remain. Carlson, who new-found method of conducting tion and other armaments from has consistently denied that the the class struggle, very carefully Young Communist League domi- pointed out that other methods nated the assembly, rushed to the of bringing pressure to bear conplatform and after a whispered cerning the bill would embarass conversation with the chairman its liberal, non-working class sup-

STUDENT STRIKE REJECTED Harry Becker, speaking for the This of course was conclusive YPSL, proposed a series of extraparliamentary activities to bring with the top leadership of the pressure on the politicians in or-YCL that there was no hope that der for them to consider the bill. After lengthy discussion, in which Carlson of the YCL attempted to pacify the YPSL and other milit-Bill Millis took the platform ant delegates with compromise for about 15 minutes and pre- motions, all propositions of Becker sented the motion of the YPSL were accepted with one exception. which is contained elsewhere in This exception was a motion for this issue. It is interesting also, student strikes on all NYA projto note that a provision that no ects on the day the bill was to be recipient of the benefits of the heard in the legislature. The mo-CYA be required to take military tion finally accepted was to refer

procedure and was only included after a singing of "America," led by serves in the capacity of ASU

# Freedom Of 4 Miners Is Still Sought

anti-union coal interests has given new momentum to the fight for their liberation.

cialist Co-operative House at 6120 end of a two-hour hearing on Dorchester will also be an owner Dec. 24, at which liberation of the of it, according to a plan just been prisoners was urged by two key released by the residence. The witnesses, labor leaders, state "Co-op," which has just been reno- legislators, and defense represenvated and redecorated and is in the tatives. Testimony by the witprocess of being refurnished, will nesses corroborated the defense each tenant as an initiation fee, and unjustly convicted. But the Govwas presented to convince him

"I'll appeal to the Maker of my won't. I probably will."

PRESENT NEW EVIDENCE Immediate steps will be taken he Kentucky Miners' Defense.

Kentucky Miners' Defense

ing. In advising us to 'bolster up over the nation. the record,' we consider that Mr. Chandler conceded an open doubt men was justified."

NEW YORK CITY. Dec. bummed a smoke, and confided to us that he was going get on your toes.

soul to guide me in making final decision when the record has been completed. I would rather let these men out than family on Christmas, but on what dence" introduced by the State, record you have presented, I can- and found Earl King, Ernest G. not grant your request. . . . Be- Ramsay and Frank J. Conner, cause I haven't given a pardon to along with Wallace, guilty of secany one yet doesn't mean that I ond-degree murder.

assemble additional evidence of the innocence of the prisoners, and to arrange for its presentation to the Governor, according to Herbert Mahler, secretary of statement of the duties of the "To meet the difficult require-

ments of Gov. Chandler," said and pointed out that in his opincarry on extensive further investiing factor is the fine spirit of co-

BRUNSWICK, Maine. ers struck against doubling the All labor must raily to the task amount of looms per worker at of freeing Earl King, Ernest G. the cotton mill of the Cabot Manu- Ramsay and Frank J. Conner, the

# The Action Army By FRANK STERN The most encouraging thing that happened to us

week was a visit from our old grade A booster Bill of Stanford U. Bill rested his feet comfortably on the turn in 25 subs in the next week. And when Con Millis says he's going to do something he just goes does it. The rest of you Action Armyites take note

# King Case Attorneys To Appeal

Undeterred in their fight expose the conviction of three members of the Marine Firemen's Union for the murder of George Alberts as a vicious frameup concocted by District Attorney Earl Warren, the defense attorneys moved immediately for a new trial.

Desnite the testimony of two witnesses who accused George Wallace, co-defendant and star prosecution witness, of the actual crime, a jury of six women and six men chose to believe the con-

A decisive factor influencing the jury's choice was the final charge given by Superior Judge Frank M. Ogden. PREJUDICED JUDGE

In effect, his charge, tradition-

ally supposed to be an impartial jury, became a directed verdict of guilt against the defendants, dence was valid.

Organized labor is aware that started at once. One encourag- once more workers' lives are in danger because they dare fight operation established between the to improve the working conditrade unions of Kentucky and the tions of their brothers. This is apparent in the vigorous cam-"This unity of action was large paign for a new trial for these y responsible for the splendid men. Protests from labor against showing at the Frankfort hear- the verdict are coming from all

The move for a new trial, placed as it is within the frame that the conviction of the Harlan work of a legal system that has only too often displayed its true character, must be reinforced by workers were affected when weav- the labor movement as a whole. latest victims of capitalist justice

# Farmer-Labor Enroll For The on mass work in other organizations, while Joseph Carter whose

BY CARL PEMBLE

ST. PAUL.-The swift blocking of large shipments of war mathe consequence of such "neutral- people. ity" legislation as that introduced

In this matter, the Fourth contee of the Farmer-Labor Association played a completely reaccommittee unanimously voted to

Without putting forth tee of the Ramsay County Farmer-Labor Association instruct its municate with all Farmer-Labor national neutrality act to prohibit the exportation of arms, ammuni- for recruiting. the United States to any foreign either engaged in warfare of any kind or in the business of supply-Hons engaged in warfare." This action was reported in the

St. Paul Union Advocate. However, the INS reports an attempt of the bill. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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# ment goes back to the time when Spanish Labor At Rochester tributions to the sustaining

The Socialist Party, Rochester Local, has opened a recruiting office for the Eugene V. Debs our point. Gordon Haskel terials to the Spanish Government | Column which the Socialist Party | Angeles-"I think the pape today brought into sharp relief is sending to help the Spanish

Many eager recruits applied at by Senator Pittman and rushed the office at 62 State Street, through specifcally to block the where John Dwyer, Regional State shipments to the Spanish work- Organizer, enrolled them in the column. The U. S. Army Reserve Corps has started an investigagressional district central commit- tion as to the legality of the move on the part of the Socialist Party. Several officers have tried to entionary role. This Ramsay County roll at the office and to put the Socialist Party in an embarrassing support this "neutrality" legisla- position but their attempts have met with failure.

The Socialist Party is proceed reason other than the fact that ing with the enrollment of men such legislation already exists as in spite of the investigation and far as war between nations is reports that 50 men have signed concerned, the committee re- up to date. The men who are ensolved "That the central commit- listing are anxious to go to Spain to fight against the Fascist butchers that are slaughtering the secretary to immediately com- Spanish people. Many more are expected in the next few days. John Dwyer expects to go to

their cooperation in amending the Buffalo soon where he will open the Socialist Party office there Ernest Erber will speak at

meeting held in Rochester on power, corporation or individual Monday, January 11, to raise funds to send the Eugene V. Debs column to Spain. Erber, who has ing armaments to nations or fac- just returned from Europe and a visit to Spain, will speak in Buf falo on Sunday, January 10. The Rochester local of the So

cialist Party passed a resolution by Rep. John T. Bernard, Minn. calling on every local of the So-Farmer Laborite to block passage cialist Party to follow their example in setting up recruiting stations throughout the country to enlist men for the Eugene V Debs column. Only by showing the American

workers the necessity of helping the workers of Spain to obtain food, clothing, arms and men, can we hope to show them the necessity of fighting Fascism with every weapon at our disposal.

Says the January issue of the Teamsters' International Bulletin: 'no central body or State Federation of Labor has the right to go against the policy of the A. of L. and pass resolutions for industrial unionism."

First place this week goe female comrade . . . which have appeared in Labor Nice work Ina. both used to be in the Park branch in Chicago t

Second place goes to Dunne of Minneapolis wh through with an even four. panied by a pair from Dexter ton of the same territory Vince, pick your print of our cartoons and we'll st you PDQ.

apolis without saying "nice to Chester K. Johnson been doing a splendid job Labor Action agent. (He bundle order bills on time. No column is complete a mention of Ernest Peri

Angeles who has the all-tir ord for sub-getting. He things going with a pair this week and a promise ! lot better next week. The Berkeley Yipsels keep

unning with a sizeable che couple of subs from Labor agent Ida Bear. We'll hear from the wrong side of Last week we said quit

about our sustaining fund, response was not what i be. Labor Action operates ficit as does every Socialist cation. The only source of to offset that deficit is our and sympathizers

In the last couple of we incurred heavy expenses in ing and outfitting our n fice. The only way we can up for that expenditu through regular contrib These contributions must from you who are close cause of Socialism.

Send in your bit this come a member of our s

And now some commen our readers-which only ing fine work. . . . I'm glad

what I can." From Milt Cohen, New Yipsel industrial director the following, "Lots of h truly fine paper. May the ist movement from Coast to duplicate such forerunners new Socialist journalism a

And Bob Ontell of Los A pens, "A Labor Action Brigade has been organize group of active comrades to spend every Sunday vassing for Labor Actio and subs from house to Watch our steam." That's we call real active suppor Let's really go to town no

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The French "protest" over the

proposed action of Britain was mo-

racy but solely by considerations

of French imperialist interests that

of either Germany or Italy gaining

a strong foothold on the Iberian

tative organ of the French hour-

written on Spain. In an editorial

on December 13, 1936, le Temps

said: "The truth is that the mili-

tary reaction, which had the sup-

port of all the moderate, conserva-

arose for the sake of doing away

with the threat of a social revolu-

tion, and the plunge into commun-

de force succeeded in Madrid and

Barcelona, the crisis would have

purely internal order for Spain

Le Temps makes it quite clear,

"Workers"

foot on Mexican soil!

Militia"

# The Notebook of an Agitator

The Champion from Far Away; Frameups and Build-ups; The Great Leaders and the Great Whoosis

Since coming to San Francisco I have been watching principle not only on the part of plan. As an illuminating commensince range the "build-up" of a new Stalinite labor leada transparent mediocrity who was unknown yesterday will be forgotten tomorrow—and I keep thinking of and in the West of all places. the story Ben Hecht once wrote about the wrestling way its phoney&

"The Champion from Far ka who became a champion

cle-bound lout, was originally There, equipped with -he performed his not too ents, surviving fellow-craftswould one day dig a grave im and plant him underneath

at God proposes-and the proes of the wrestling racket fix to suit themselves. One of destiny a couple of these eimers happened in on the ral to pay their last respects he fallen comrade and make nut away for keeps.

spotted the big graveswinging his shovel in the ion decided then and there and color. He was big and oters. They signed him up on im away like a captive ox

promoters gave the gravethe "build up." His non-

at the appointed moments, sis a short time ago. poor sap took the counterfeit ty of the promoters for

adn't been fixed to fall belly. and he was mean and tough seem to work any more.

his elbow with a vicious, dead, like so many of grading slave-minded practice, level.-J.R.Q.

only he was sincere about it. The referee slapped "the winner and new champion" on the back and our hero was done, finished, his a long time to build him up, but one mean elbow-jab in the belly brought him down. In a single

him up surveyed the human wreckage of their hand - made champion sadly, but philosophically. And then they calmly went about the business of hunting for another palooka who might be made to look like a champion. They weren't discouraged by the catastrophic result of their failure to fix the match securely, and judge, comes in. There was noththey never thought for a minute ing spontaneous about it-and of changing their ways and going what is a demonstration worth to straight in the future. For the a self-respecting man, if it isn't entertainers of the wrestling spontaneous? The very fact that racket disagree with Lincoln and a "leader" will stand for such a will bet even money any time on shoddy tribute earmarks him as the proposition that you can fool a base pretender. all the people all the time.

# Racket

sumption of the cynical gentry From old habits or by way of camouflage, they still occasionalbooks of these great-hearted rebels and honest men. The real American advertising game which has been developed to its fullest flower by the racketeering promoters of the world of commer-

and simple and are considered of the workers like Debs and sure fire by the people who think classes-wise guys and suckers. Rule No. 1 says you can make people believe anything if you repeat it often enough, and Rule No. 2 says Mark Twain was right travel half way around the earth while truth is putting its shoes on." That in a nutshell, is the credo of the Stalinites and the essence of their technique in advertising and "building up" labor

Nowhere had this technique been more crudely employed than in the present campaign to build new and Leader from Far Away, the Great Whoosis who is touted and ad- like formal demonstrations anywere ar- combination of Christ and Buddha and the erstwhile shovel and the Sacred Cow. As for Debs narched triumphantly across and Haywood and Vincent St. ountry, pushing over set-ups John and Albert Parsons-such and left. Honest, but inno- real men and real leaders of the sports commentators fell for great tradition, whose memory eneral ballyhoo and the clod- might truly inspire the new gene's impressive string of ar- eration of labor militants if they cause their merits were genuine victories, and they also but knew the simple truth about and they honestly and truly repto beat the drums for the their rich abilities, so nobly and on from Far Away. The generously devoted to the working public was worked up ers' cause—as for them, the over a long period of time. Their lather of admiration for Stalinite school of Ballyhoo can unbeaten and unbeatable find no place at all beside the had no need of press agents, new divinity, the Johnnie-comethe grave-digger himself lately who just arrived from nothat's the saddest part of where. Indeed, in this part of the with deep roots in the workers' tory-began to believe the country, at least, you would movement, and did not require build-up. He began to think, if you took the ballyhoo was really out-wrestling seriously, that the history of the Tained set-ups who rolled labor movement only began with lack these qualities, because they their backs and played the discovery of the Great Whoo-

One of the tricks-and not ex- methods borrowed from the shadiactly a new one-for putting this est fringes of the capitalist world. four-flushing false alarm across The system of Stalinism has no is to represent him as super- use or place for honest militants human, beyond comparison with of tested character and ability Merward that the house of ordinary mortals, above criticism, and independent opinions. It collapsed. Through some not to be touched or pinched to needs pliable nonentities, parvein the arrangements, the see whether he is real or a mo- nues and careerists on the make. on from Far Away got into tion picture, and, above all, not Against the former it employs the one night with an op- to have the elbows of inconsider- frame-up; for the latter it pro-

As remarked above, this trick attitude of Stalinism to leaders giving employment to 13 per cent He put the manufactured is not new. They used it to bam- of the labor movement, the real on through an agony of boozle the ignorant long before and the counterfeit. hammerlocks, half-nelsons the Great Whoosis came down to beholds which made him survey the situation on our planet, Stalinites, like that of their proor the old simple life in the like God on a vacation. "The king totypes in the wrestling racket, is ple had jobs in manufacturing at and and to wonder why his can do no wrong," was the original founded on an illuson and is the end of 1936 as in three normalhighly-touted "technique" inal formula for the trick. In the doomed to explode. Lincoln was ly good years before the depresprize fighting and wrestling rack- right: You can't fool all the ets they translate the same prin- people all the time; and the people turned out 13 per cent more viciously, gouging and ciple: "Don't knock the champ- truth, slow-moving at the start,

thrust into the belly a public meeting before I would champion. But it's the truth just mpion from Far Away. believe that even Stalinites would the same, and the truth never was his turn to roll over attempt to introduce such a de hurt anybody that was on the

# INTERNATIONAL NEWS AND VIEWS Anglo-French Imperialism and Spain

The "plan" for British imperial- | Largo Caballero, the Premier of the ism to intervene in the Spanish present Madrid Government. Labor situation and to solve the crisis Action has carried rather a detailthere met with an acceptance in ed analysis of what is behind this Moscow diplomacy, but also by tary on the imperialist plans be-

I saw the Great Whoosis final- ticle in the Manchester Weekly China and the ly get his "rising ovation," but Guardian for December 24, 1936: the whole thing was too transparent a fake to impress me. Government does not regard a Here was an organized claque plebiscite as a practical possibility. down front, rising in unison as though in response to a signal, ing to one account, 'a more likely ers to get up. Then one could see hold and administer the territory individuals milling around at occupied by it on the cessation of cowboys around a herd of cattle, claim to control two-thirds of Spain motioning for everybody to get that is an extraordinary suggesget the thing over with, about but notice the allegation recently half of the crowd slowly stood up made by M. Achille Fould before and quickly sat down again.

### Demonstrations,

Real and Phony It was all organized, perfunctory, like taking off your hat in

greeted as he entered the hall. But there was no formal rising when he began to speak. For one thing, Debs was too eager to plunge into his speech and always deprecated unnecessary dem-

I have heard Haywood speak ism and anarchy. Had the coupe in the heat of bitter struggle to there was none of this formal, doubtless remained a matter of organized rising, like serfs greetwould have been mortally offendby such cut-and-dried horseplay. When Haywood was on the platform he made the workers fellow-worker, one of their very own. That was one of the secrets of the real power of real leaders

I have even heard Lenin speak I must confess that I really want on record for a peaceful solution class victories. ed to rise to my feet on that along the lines proposed in Britain In the few brief days since it country and those of another. The whole to avert any further development spontaneous, heart-felt acclaim for the leader of the Russian revolu- for the peace of Europe." tion, and we didn't need any claque down front to set the example, nor any cowboys running through the aisles to whip us into line. There were ushers and because the "Old Man" was not posed it as a provocation in Spain those selected to go to Spain. feeling very well, and he didn't

### Frame-ups and Build-ups

The real leaders of the working class could dispense with all the empty fakery of capitalist advertising, ballyhoo and "build-up" beresented the cause of the workers. They were tried and tested deeds spoke for them and they lackeys, sycophants and organized hand-clappers. They grew, artificial props.

It is precisely because they play a game of deception and fraud under a hypocritical pretense of radicalism, that the Stalinites require entirely different

who knew how to wrestle ate opponents shoved into his vides the build-up. This is the whole sum and substance of the

But the whole strategy of the

carries the following telegram from lars of the Chinese People's Front Moscow:

to direct action and the mobiliza- tude. tion of workers' militias."

# Stalinists

instructions from Moscow. On De- 15, 1936. cember 14, Marcel Cachin writing According to this dispatch, Coin l'Humanite was even more out- morera, the leader of the United France's protests, a recognition of two governments in Spain by us for the signal victory gained.

Kai-shek-"butcher."

tive and traditionalist elements, a trusty ally, one of the main pil- month before.

against Japanese imperialism. East Bay "The Mexican Communist Party Hence they faithfully hewed to the has decided to make impossible line. However, when informed of ionist who spent two years in a any proposed stay of M. Trotsky in a slight change in the line, they German concentration camp, will Mexico, by resorting to every effected without any difficulty, a be the speaker at a mass meet-

### Moscow and the P.O.U.M.

The arrival of l'Humanite, talonia have brought sharply to the French Communist Daily, to this fore the question of the extent of country enables us to verify the the Stalinist influence there. The fact that in France, as in the charge made by the P.O.U.M. that United States, the original reaction it was Moscow that forced them of the Stalinist editors to the cap- out of the Catalonian Government ture of Chiang Kai-shek was just has been fully borne out by a disthe opposite of the position they patch in Izvestya, official organ of assumed on the next day, upon the the Soviet Government, for Dec.

spoken and delirious about the cap- Socialist Party (recently formed by ture than was our native Harry a merger of the Catalonian C. P. Gannes. Cachin hailed the Chinese and S. P.), published a declaration Red Army and the Chinese C. P. in Trebal, pointing out that on November 24, the U.G.T. had sent a Is this "mistake" repeated on letter to the C.N.T. stressing that one and the same day in Paris and "the advance of the rebels on Main New York due to mere coincidrid, the attempt to blockade Catadence? Is it merely a case of great lonia, the recognition of the Burminds working in the same direct gos government by Italy and Gertion, until a greater mind in the many made indispensable a change Kremlin has the chance to correct in policy and the establishment of are endangered by the possibility them? There is a much more pro- a government capable of maintainsaic explanation. Far from being ing discipline and winning the war. an exhibition of initiative on the It is necessary to give wide powers part of either Gannes or Cachin, to the counsellors of the governboth of these faithful scribes mere- ment (the Ministers) and to elimigeoisie, makes this quite clear in a ly consulted the latest instructions nate the Trotskyists from the govnumber of editorials that it has available on the subject, which, in- ernment." (Our emphasis). In intensive work in various parts deed, were quite clear: Chang- other words, the present change in of Texas. As it passed through

# It is Dangerous to Train Men In the Art of War

to the lack of the support of all we don't give them credit for international warfare. A victory discussion on religion, the class capitalist elements, but to the mili- much intelligence. We're not eattant action of the Spanish workers ing any words either. But we'd strengthen a decadent capitalism A public meeting was held in and their militias. It was Franco's like to reminds "the boys" that in every nation in Europe and of Houston. failure, that made the intervention there are times when things they the world. A victory for the workof Mussolini and Hitler "easily un- require in the interests of prederstandable." While le Temps serving capitalism (such as mili- ers' government in Spain will members and locals for reorganimakes it quite clear that if France tary training in schools and an mean one more step in the in- zation of Socialist Party work. could not telerate any strong in occasional capitalist war) act as evitable march toward internation possibilities are rethe organizations in the west with fluence on Spain exerted by Ger- a boomerange and can be used in tional Socialism for the end of ported to be generally good, if the the Bulletin which will be issued Communist International in 1922. many, it nevertheless piously goes the interests of specific working oppression, the end of the warfare enthusiasm aroused by the Red within the next ten days.

one man, in of the crisis which has reached a for the Debs Column of the Interstage by "far the most dangerous national Workers' Brigade would be interviewed in San Francisco for the purpose of making it possible for them to join their brothers from other parts of this country and the world, World The Stalinists have been and re- War veterans and ex-army and "inside people" in the aisles, but main the most consistent and navy men with thorough military they served another purpose. frenzied opponents of the slogan training have come in to the of "Workers' Militia." They op- office and asked to be among

for Fascism in Spain would struggle, and prospects for youth. ers and the setting up of a work-

"boys" in Washington are feeling these days. They should think twice before they leap into another international war in which the working stiffs who are drafted to fight battles for the bankers Western Division find out how little the workers stand to gain from such wars. Every lesson learned in such a war, combined with the military experience that these workers get means that many more workers trained to defend themselves and their class against Fascism in their own as well as other coun-

### PUT TRAINING TO USE In spite of the goose-stepping

discipline which is part of the whole army machine, some of the To prevent Trotsky from setting warfare. The volunteers who will fellows come through that trainbe sent are men who learned ing with an ability to think for themselves. They "know what the score is". They come from the working class, and if they have left the army or navy they have thorough patriotic training cannot keep them from understanding the meaning of the class struggle if Hall, 236 Van Ness Avenue. they have attempted to better their condition as workers by organizing into unions. A good many of these ex-army and navy boys who want to put their trainthe police during the strikes. Many of them have drifted from city to city in search of merely nied that right, they have begun posed. to learn that they have "nothing to lose but their chains, and a whole world to gain," by helping their class brothers win the struggle in Spain.

after country has chosen the a government official, and if suc- tion for further announcement of weapons when the power of the cessful, is to be followed by simi- this meeting. workers was pitted against the power of the owning class.

Our capitalist government, in

preparation for such developments in this country, has enschools. It is their choice. We still reserve the right to choose how that training shall be put

Erich Rix, German Trade Unmeans possible, even, if need be, similar change in their own atti- ing under the auspices of the Sopenters' Hall in Oakland, Sunday evening, January 17, at 8 a. m. the public, the speaker will discuss the effect of German Naz-

### San Francisco

The regular Sunday evening Forum series under the auspices Los Angeles 236 Van Ness Avenue, at 8 p. m.,

ized labor in the agricultural cialist Party of East Bay at Car. will be 15c. Unemployed will be

The second meeting of the At this meeting, which is open to forum series will take place the following Sunday January 24, at ism on the working class of Ger- victim of German Nazism, will discuss Fascism-how it comes. how it acts, how it looks from

of the Socialist Party of San In celebration of Comrade Leon Francisco, at International Hall, Trotsky's safe arrival in Mexico where he has been granted po uary 17. A sensational expose of Forum Committee dedicated its a campaign on the part of the last Sunday evening Forum to a possible for agricultural workers which Trotsky stands and the president of the American Fed- the Socialist Party of California, eration of Labor. Brother Cowan was guest speaker at this Forum.

# Western States Federation Of the Socialist Party

The Party At Work

### Red Special On Its Way to New Mexico

policy in Barcelona and the elimi- the streets of Houston, a by-Neither Paris nor New York had nation of the POUM-the so-called stander-caught by the bright red specific service to the Spanish yet been advised that the "butcher" Trotskyists-are the fruits of a color of the truck-looked again of yesterday had already become campaign launched more than a and saw the Socialist Party name shouted "Hurrah for Socialism!" Between January 1 and January Church in Austin and four meet- fice) for the purpose of checking last world conflict of capitalist ings at various classes, forums, We've said a lot of nasty things nations that there must be an and chapel in the Southwestern that Franco's failure was due not about capitalist governments, and end to capitalism which breeds University at Georgetown, with

> detail work with individual party help the Federation Secretary conbetween capitalist interests of one Special is maintained by the local comrades.

Action reaches western readers, the Red Special will be in New Mexico where plans have been under way to make full use of

# Debs Column

Spanish Workers is necessary, the Brotherhoods on the Pacific Coast, Socialist Party through Labor Ac- the Finnish Workers' Association tion issued an invitation to volun- of Berkeley, the Berkeley Finnish teers in the west to apply through Workers' Educational Club, and the the State Office of California at 236 Finnish Branch of the Socialist Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, ers in San Francisco.

for the Western Division of the Debs Column. This was done to facilitate the check on qualifications of volunteers so that they would truly represent the spirit of the working-class leader, Eugene Victor Debs, and would be of some

heard from in the northwest, in addition to the San Francisco area and throughout California

The Federation Secretary recomtouch with New York for full de locally on applicants and assisting in the fund-raising campaign to

Meanwhile, the December and even the January Bulletin have been delayed because of the rush of work involved in this project.

### Berkeley Finnish Branch

The Berkeley Finnish Branch of the Socialist Party participated in a joint benefit entertainment, for the striking maritime workers, at the Finnish Brotherhood Hall in Berkeley on January 3, 1937.

This entertainment was arranged by a joint committee representing Because immediate aid to the the Berkeley Lodge of the Finnish

# Cowan To Expose Conspiracy Against Agricultural Labor

of the State Federation of Labor, will be the first speaker, starting the Open Forum season of the taken up their life as workers. A San Francisco Local of the Socialist Party on Sunday evening. January 17th at International

The subject of Cowan's forum address will be a Sensational Expose of the California Growers plot against the agricultural workers. Brother Cowan, who ing to the service of the Spanish was in charge of the State Fedcampaign at Salinas during the extraordinary facts and documenthe right to work and live. De- tary proof to present in his ex-

are organizing a campaign of dis- | gee, will speak. Comrade Rix was crimination against agricultural a trade unionist for twenty years workers, six months before the in Germany. He spent two years season opens. This plot against in Hitler's concentration camps. The capitalist class in country the workers is being organized by Watch the columns of Labor Ac-

Walter Cowan, vice president | lar attempts in other fields.

IMPORTANT FACTS

The facts which Cowan has to present are therefore of vital and immediate concern of all workers and all friends of labor At the end of Cowan's address

the floor will be thrown open for questions and discussion, giving the audience an opportunity to

Those differing with the speakworkers have felt the blows of eration of Labor's organization er's point of view will be given recent lettuce strike, has some opinions. This custom will be followed at each Sunday night forum of the Socialist Party.

The following Sunday, January He will show how the growers 24th. Erich Rix, a German refu-

# Twin Cities Organize ments in this country, has enforced military training in our For Trotsky Defense

MINNEAPOLIS-The Twin City | ments, "Trotsky's chances of esmeeting will be addressed by Al-

of asylum for one of the world's

the attention and support of the **DESK WANTED** 

WANTED-One desk (gift or loan) preferably large, any con-These figures are especially sig- capitalism provides security and some of the boys know how to Leon Trotsky's life in Mexico is fense League. Address Defense nificant when compared with the justice for the working class. The use it when use becomes neces- now recognized even by the cap- Committee, 236 Van Ness, Tele-

spread which figures show is op- into service. The fact that such branch of the American Commit caping an assassination in Mexico erating under the New Deal. Exact- military training can and will be tee for the Defense of Leon Trot- are practically nil." ly the same result is awaiting us, used to make an end of capitalist sky is now taking form. The first

italist press. Time magasine com- phone HEmlock 7968,

when he sot a chance and because he's the champ." Out here will eventually catch up with the namely another depression. All the exploitation and capitalist wars is steps in the formation of the lothey hang a tin halo around the lie. And built-up Champions from The wage figures are still worse, brave talk about redistributing the no doubt embarrassing to the cal committee are materializing great labor leaders should arouse til he began to have a ears of a two-spot and say in Far Away, in the labor move-Payrolls were only 91 per cent as national income is just so much military mugs. Let them console as a broad, non-partisan commitar that he was coming effect: "Don't throw tomatoes at ment as well as in the ring, arge at the end of 1936 as during sound and fury. It isn't being done, themselves with the memory of tee of labor leaders, intellectuals labor movement throughout the He became utterly con- the Great Whoosis, you might eventually encounter opponents the three normal pre-depression and capitalism is riding for another the numerous Socialist and other and liberal citizens of prominthat the wrestling racket smear his halo." who don't believe the ballyhoo. fall like that in 1930 to 1932, which radical students who have been ence. Collection of funds will bespecies which were not so Everybody is supposed to rise This is bad news for the Great This situation represents a very will probably hit us about 1940, expelled for opposing just such gin immediately, and a mass to his feet when the Great Whoo- Whoosis, who like the ill-starred substantial spread between a large unless another European war in military training in the schools. when the referee was sis enters the room and when he hero of Ben Hecht's story, is be increase in output on the one hand, tervenes to upset the business ap- Far be it from us to fail to make bert Goldman, well-known Chithe other way, the rough starts to speak. I had heard about ginning to take his own phoney and a considerable decrease in em- plecart and sharpen class antagon- the best of a bad bargain. If cago labor atttorney, V. R. Dunne who hadn't been fixed, this crude stunt, but being from build-up seriously and is begincapitalist government insists on and others. ployment with a still greater de isms before that time. Missouri had to see it myself at ning to strut and pose like a real Neither New Deal nor Old Deal military training, we're glad that The unquestionable jeopardy to dition, for use of Workers' De-

months prior to Franco's uprising. Assisting men with military

They continued to label it as a training to get to Spain where "provocation" in France, while the they can fight shoulder to shoul-French Francos are making all the der with their international class necessary preparations for riding brothers against the onslaught of roughshod over the working class international Fascism, does not in France. But they have come out change the position of the Soin favor of a "workers' militia" in cialist Party one iota on the sub-Mexico. For what purpose? ject of capitalist international

# Le Temps for December 11, 1936, from the bitter experience of the The New Deal Works Out Like the Old Deal

By ALFRED BAKER LEWIS | ade from 1919 to 1929 preceding the Conclusive evidence that the New depression. In that ten years the Deal is working out like the Old government's figures show that 38

Deal is furnished by the Produc- per cent more actual physical outtion chart made up from the gov- put was turned out in 1929 than in ernment's figures on wages, em- 1919. That 38 per cent more outployment and output in manufac- put was achieved by 3 per cent few-Taking the average of the three tions forced the owners of indusears from 1923, 1924 and 1925 as try to raise pay somewhat in that

the base, or 100, the index number time, so that the total payroll went for out put in manufacturing climb- up by 9 per cent. You don't have ed in December to 113, but em- to be a statistician or college Ph.D ployment was only 95 per cent as to see the difficulty there. much. This was despite the fact that the population has gone up about 13 per cent in that period, so that manufacturing should be more people if it were pulling its oar and doing its full share in our national economy. Actually, however, only 95 per cent as many peosion. Yet, the 5 per cent fewer

### PAYROLLS DOWN

crease in pay on the other.

NEW CRISIS COMING Any Yipsel could tell that you cent more goods to people with only 9 per cent more pay on any price basis that is satisfactory to the owners of industry. So we had "over-production" and unemploya big increase in output and a small

er people. Certain economic condi-

It is just exactly that same

V'ait For Baby!

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### The Name of Debs

Debs.

Now, more than a decade after the death of the grand old militant, the example of his life has a meaning of exceptional importance. Debs personified the spirit of uncompromising devotion to the cause of the working class. His name will be forever identified with the socialist struggle against imperialist war.

battleground of the international class on the brink of a new 1914, the young generation of Socialist militants need the mem-

It is entirely fitting and profoundly symbolic of the new spirit animating the Socialist Party, that the column of proletarian soldiers which the Socialist Party is sending from America to Spain will march under the banner of Debs. The great agitator, who was always ready to "come a thousand miles to fan the flames of the proletarian revolution," would have been the first to endorse the bold move of the New York socialist organization to send men to Spain to fight for Socialism.

When the reactionaries of the west attempted thirty years ago to take the lives of Moyer and Haywood, Debs called for the workers to fight in their defense, if necessary, with arms in their hands. How much more readily would he have seen the need of answering the murdering hordes of fascism with something more than words and

Let pacifist muddle-heads and Old Guard traitors sniff the air and sneer against the Debs column. The young socialists who mean business, who take socialism seriously as a philosophy and an

Let the Roosevelt administration suddenly discover the merits of "neutrality" as soon as it can be invoked against the Spanish workers. We never expected anything else from the counterfeit "friend of labor."

Let the Daily Worker, likewise, join the Old Guard betrayers and the Roosevelt Administration in denouncing the Debs Col-

disrespect for the lives of men C. S. Monitor.

and animals, contempt for law

and results in crime and murder.

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this is a way to prevent crime.

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Another good way would be to

give everyone sufficient food.

received a recommendation for

thing Safe for Democracy, that

means that democracy is going

Geneva news item: The Inter-

the armies of the world?

that source either.

The tradition of Woodrow Wilson and the traitor socialists is with the enemies and opponents of the Debs Column. The tradition of Debs is with the Socialist militants who proudly carry on their struggle in his name. There is a place for everything and everything is in the right place.

More prosaic, but hardly less important, is the campaign now being conducted to finance party activities by the Debs Organization Campaign. The editors of Labor Action are glad to serve on the special committee directing this campaign under the chairmanship of Norman Thomas.

Socialist victories will not fall from the sky. Socialist organizations work, for which there is such a crying need in every field, will not finance itself. And it is becoming clearer every day that if we really mean to build a revolutionary party we must infuse our ranks with the spirit of sacrifice required by every great cause.

Here again, the spirit of the socialist pioneers must be appealed to. Debs, who represented and symbolize the thousands of Jimmie Higginses who found the meaning of life in the struggle for socialism, is by right the honorary, if absent, chairman of the Debs Organization Campaign. Socialists and sympathizers who purchase the Debs Fund stamps to the measure of their ability help the Socialist movement in the most practical way and honor themselves by this practical association with the great Socialist work unfolding.

### Socialists and War

"Socialists recruiting for the Spanish workers will plunge the United States into

This is the wail of Hearst and of senators and congressmen on capitol hill. The same cry is picked up and echoed by liberals, who, because they are liberals, know no better.

The United States Government has picked its own wars for more than a hundred years. It was dollars, territory, and commercial "rights" that plunged American workers into the wars with Mexico, Spain and the German Entente. Every military expert knows that the United States will not be forced into a war it does not want to fight—no other great power will invite that much trouble.

This is not to say that the United States Government will not enter war-and that only too soon. It is to say that the war the Government enters will be chosen by American financiers who today have "interests" in every corner of the globe.

It is for just that reason that American Socialists do not want and will oppose with all their strength the war-making moves of the United States Government, whether in Spain or anywhere else.

The government's war purposes will always and everywhere be the protection and strengthening of American and world capitalism. Volunteers risk their lives for a working-class victory in Spain, and the Socialist Party which is endeavoring to make it possible for them to join with the volunteers in the International Workers' Brigade, do not give approval to war deumn. We expected nothing different from | clared by a capitalist government.

# DE BS BRIGADE

# Problems Before Party Convention

# Our Movement Faces a Year of Opportunity

of the Socialist Party. They are intended as a basis for local and branch pre-convention discussion. We are sure that non-party readers will also find interesting and educational. Labor Action will welcome articles submitted by party members on all subjects to be considered at the Socialist National Convention .- Editor.

The Socialist Party will meet snail's pace. in national convention at Chicago the last week in March. The problems both inside and outside the party make this decision of the National Executive Committee a vitally important one.

Nationally and internationally, 1937 will be a year of tremendous opportunity and responsibility for the Socialist movement. Here at home labor is embarked mass production industries which old-line A. F. of L. leaders ignored or failed to penetrate in transport are in the midst or on contradictions. More and more more conservative than his first.

This swing has already begun to discredit the "left" supporters of Roosevelt in labor, socialdemocrat, and Communist camps. The only genuine and consistent alternative to "New Deal" capitalism is the revolutionary program of the Socialist Party. That program turned into action in every immediate struggle of the working class will make the Socialists the rallying centre for all class-conscious, militant workers.

and pessimism in the international field has been checked by the Chicago headline: WHEAT ers. The hope of world revolu-PRICES SOAR TO SEVEN-YEAR tion has again, as in 1917, become a matter of immediate concern to the best and most militant elements in the labor and so-

In this crisis, the officials of the labor and Socialist and Communist Internationals have lagged far behind and even acted in diprofitable income by selling seats rect contradiction to the spirit of in Heaven. He has a map of the workers. Their trust in and anti-war and anti-fascist ac- Prof. Emery Bogardus of the Uni-Dr. Grayson, dean of the Whar- Heaven on which are pictured the "democratic" capitalist govern-

Yet in spite of these obstacles the march goes on. Nationally and internationally the revolutionary Socialist movement is gaining force. Our own party is gradually swinging into the main line south and west; recommendations of this march. In contrast to in contrast to the needs of our times, we are still moving at a

close to the decisive break with organizational conclusions from self should stand for re-election,

vention policy. that can truly represent the in terests of the workers.

Yet we have only partially carried this recognition into action. We have been hampered by indecision, a hang-over of out-dated decisions, and an insufficiency of The past ten years of defeat forthright, decisive leadership. The March convention presents an opportunity to correct these heroic fight of the Spanish work- faults and prepare for the work

### Convention Has Full Power

The convention call outlines certain matters for consideration. including trade union policy, our relations with other organizations. provision of adequate party machinery, creation of a party press, finances, constitutional revision,

The party membership should said that "most speeches in the italism, which cannot exist with ness cycle theory is based on the God cost double the normal price. defensive measures against rising recognize that the limitations of last presidential campaign repreeconomists' belief that a new . . . Many peasants sold their last Fascism and their hostility to the call are not binding upon the sented efforts to fool the people crop of fools comes along every cow to obtain a place. - N. Y. revolutionary Socialist groups and convention delegates. The con- through the use of social-psycho-

sidered in these pre-convention violation of our traditional and is a decidedly unhealthful articles and, in all probability, by the convention itself.

Among these are a comprehen

for the most effective utilization past inaction and ineffectiveness, of new recruits, particularly the party progress is tremendous, but increasing number of trained and experienced Marxists being won from other sections of the radical movement; provisions for encourlest and freest possible discussion This fact is partly a conse- also, if the N.E.C. is of the quence of the recent internal his- opinion that the party machinery tory of the Party. The Cleveland should be re-organized to carry convention of May, 1936 was too out our "new emphasis," that same new emphasis should rethe ultra-reformist Old Guard quire a revision of our declaraleaders for the delegates to tion of principles. For that matclearly foresee the political and ter, the Executive Committee it-

and be chosen on a basis of con-

from the agenda, some of its pro- rescue the "Kitchen" from further visions are so broad as to give damage. Before the attack could little guidance. "The relationship be driven off, two strikers suffered of the Socialist Party to other such severe injury that they had to organizations," for instance, takes be taken to a nearby hospital. Howin the whole world. Beside "the ever, the thugs took a receipt with other organizations" mentioned them also, before fleeing. specifically in the report (labor parties and trade unions), our Party, the Communist Internaeration, the Labor and Socialist International and its component parties, and toward the Spanish Government in the existing civil war-all required careful defini-

These questions will be discussed in detail in subsequent articles, but this review of convention problems should make the reasons for one immediate recommendation obvious. The three days allotted for the convention are totally inadequate. Lack of time will force over-hasty and the midnight watch are depending slip-shod decisions on matters vital to the future of our Patry. Every night for the past eight Members and local and state organizations should act at once to urged that the N.E.C. extend the convention time to at least five days and preferably to a full and has been a great force in main-report to national

CHICAGO, Ill.-In a talk before

SIDELINES

By JONATHAN DOE If Winter Comes

By Carlo

will remember that in our account of the Western Writers' Congress, the disagree, and the printed in the first issue of LA. Huns. But don't touch From BOR ACTION, we reported that his Christian-spirited M the Congress had got slightly out are spreading cvilization of hand-that is the Communist bombs over Madrid-Party hand-and had failed to endorse the Pacific Weekly as its official organ-as per schedule. However, there is no keeping a good Party fraction down, whether it is on the cultural or the water front. In view of the fact that the Congress itself had become too "broad" to work up any enthusiasm for the Pacific Weekly-the issue was not forced by the fellow-travelers. Since the adjournment of the Congress, however, the comrades have been active. The Pacific Weekly which was supposed to have quietly expired a few weeks ago, is now to be revived, given a new name and a new format and to be issued as the official organ of the Western Congress. In short, the fel- meanie and "a dirty red" low-travellers are in the saddle.

New slogan for the California Kiss Me Again cultural front: If Ella Winter comes, can the Party be far be-

### Making of a Hero

the action of the Socialist Party champagne to claret-cu in calling for recruits to fight never did believe in the Fascism in Spain has its amusing which denied the beaut

Lafayette, of course, is a great comrades on pedestals w national hero because he came shiny noses and wore the here in 1777 and fought for Amer- equivalent of our Groun

the big-wigs of France condemned ing kisses! arrested on the eve of his de-Lafavette escaped to

came here in the 1860's to fight big commercial airlines ge too if we can believe what we news broadcasts, which the very ones which are considerash, are soon crammed w ered 100% American by organiza- tistics about the number tions such as the American Leg- flown, the comparative sa

And we have always been led | This goes on until simple to believe that those Americans ed people like ourselves, who volunteered for service in lible to propaganda, are France with the English, Canadian afraid to stay on the gro and French armies before our fact, we're in one hell of entry into the World War (when at present. We have become we were officially "neutral" were convinced somehow that also of the stuff of which heroes people die annually from

But to enlist on the side of the the sides of bathtubs than "unAmerican," "ignoble" and "in The outcome of this, sacred policy of neutrality."

cans and their brave Followers of the Cultural Front across the sea to kill B men, fellow Americans with

### New Angle On War

Our "patriots" and "pacifists" are up in cause, they claim. fighting in the Debs' Americans anybody says it was tion manufacturers were they could not afford t them lose, he is just

A dispatch from Moscow news of the latest craze sia. Intoxicating kisses. The of the Soviets has deve The hue and cry raised over with alcohol - "anything In the eyes of our "patriots," and placed only those pers. But shades of Louis Incidentally, the King and all decadent French court! In

### Death On Saturday N

After every great air Those European idealists who the publicity departments

and dashing their brains

tion in our home.

# sive plan for organization in the south and west: recommendations Ryan's Thugs Attack Rolling Strike Kitch

NEW YORK .- The Socialist Roll- | against intolerable condition ing Kitchen that was initiated here utilize this opportunity by aging and systematizing the ful- by Young Socialists was attacked liberally to the 'Kitchen' f early this morning on the waterof Socialist problems. Surely, front by a group of eight men, identified as J. P. Ryan's "Goon Squad." Ryan, who is president Young People's Socialist La of the International Longshore- 21 E. 17 St., New York City man's Union, has been trying to break the strike of the Atlantic and Gulf seamen, by hiring plug uglies and thugs to "dump" pickets along the waterfront. The attack came early this morning, when the crew left the "Kitchen" temporarily to warm up at Strike Headquar

Strikers, noticing the attack, im-Beside these matters omitted mediately jumped into the fray, to

The damage to the "Kitchen" consisted of having the two signs. Strike Relief Kitchen," "Industrial tires punctured beyond repair, coming more acute, of and the motor badly damaged.

### COMMITTEE STATEMENT

The Committee in charge of the 'Rolling Kitchen" has issued a statement in which it asks all So other fields which are cialists and trade unionists to come in need of attention to its aid, financially, in maintain- each of us along with ing the "Kitchen," which is in great ity in these lines, buy the danger of being discontinued because of a desperate lack of funds.

The statement said in part:

"The picketing seamen who keep on the Socialist Rolling Kitchen. mobilize our resources weeks the "Kitchen" has gone out of the Socialist Party with its load of coffee and sand- cept his assessment it wiches. This nightly "feed" has become habitual with the strikers, be made so that the taining the morale of the pickets. These activities of It would be nothing less than trag- underway must not b ic, when at this time, with the because of lack of mone great national maritime strike them going. This is bearing down for the final conflict, bility. We must not fail that the Kitchen should have to young and old, every trade unionist, every friend of the labor movement, who wants to see the seamen from the Socialist Party, receive a most deserving victory Randolph St., Chicago, at from their long and heroic struggle each.

# To Aid Full

By ROY E. BURT National Executive Secret Socialist Party

If we are to continue th to expand it and branch

based on our ability to pa

tion Fund stamp can be

# out wars and depressions.

there is in the U. S. today.

# OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY

San Franicisco, Calif.

JAMES P. CANNON. FRANK STERN

The two significant actions being undertaken by the Socialist Party at the present time-the move to give aid to the fighting forces of the Spanish workers and the campaign to organize and extend the general activities of the party-gain momentum and inspiration by the wise decision to associate both actions with the name of

Today, with Spain already a bloody war, and with the whole world quivering ory and the name of Debs.

resolutions.

ideal, will go right ahead.

By CARL O'SHEA Chicago news item: Some 22,- tion from regular officials of the 000 youngsters in Illinois are International Seamen's Union, looking forward to a big Christ- who regard the strike as illegal mas without toy pistols or small and unauthorized, was held rerifles. The children have signed sponsible for the success of the that playing with toy guns teaches their floating equipment moving-

PEARLS FROM THE PRESS

That, boys and girls, is what is called "union scabbing." It is in-What about the grown-up chil- evitable under the craft union set- again. dren who play with real guns in up. How do you like it?

ents and Teachers claims that important that the Republican Party should be strong . . . but not too strong.

Just strong enough to make the clothing and shelter. For the people continue to believe that cause of crime is poverty, and if there is a real difference between everyone was assured security, the two parties.

crime would melt away like the snows under the live rays of the Headline in C. S. Monitor: PEACE AND GOOD WILL DE-CLARED WINNING IN BATTLE Washington news item: As WITH WAR. President Roosevelt returned from

It can't be this world they are the Buenos Aires conference to make the Western Hemisphere talking about. It must be the safe for democracy and peace, he next. drastic increases in the military

Toronto news item: A superestablishment of the United States carburetor, claimed to be capable from Secretary of War Woodring. of driving an automobile 160 miles lions of us will be without work. to the gallon of gasoline, is about If business keeps improving at Our experience with Wilson ready to go into commercial pro- this rateshould have taught us that when duction, according to Charles anyone talks about making any. Pogue, Winnipeg inventor.

5 gets you 10 we never see to get another stab in the back, that carburetor. Not under capitalism, at any rate. For if the carburetor IS as good as it is national Labor Office study esti- claimed, the Standard Oil Commated the world depression from pany would of course buy it up 1930 to 1934 cost at least \$149 and lock it away. For today that billion dollars. This is more than is the fate of all such scientific item: A priest here is making a seven times as much money as discoveries.

ton School of Finance: The busi- seats. The places which are near ments, their legalistic and purely Just charge it up to world cap-

Or it might be based on the pledges expressing the thought steamship companies in keeping purchasing power to absorb the modities pile up, the market gets glutted, lay-offs begin-and the whole darn thing starts over

Editorial in a Boston newspa-James Farley sez: For the best per: Speaking the same language The Illinois Congress of Par- interests of this country, it is is a bond of brotherhood between peoples . . . Once the stranger masters the language he is no longer a stranger, but a brother to whom all hearts open as by

> That is, unless he is a striker, too. Then it isn't hearts that open to him-it's the muzzles of machine guns in the hands of the

Washington news item: Secretary Roper forecast Wednesday that 1937 would be the best business year since 1929.

In 1929 only a few million of New Hope From us were jobless. In 1937 ten mil- Spanish Struggle

Now isn't that much better than having a bumper crop, which cialist movement of the world. would only ruin everybody.

and platform of the Socialist higher Party authority and al-Note: This is the first of a Party of the United States) have ways has full power to determine Spanish working class in a life dashing their brains out on series of articles on issues con- all served to make them hin- its own rules and agenda. Con- and death struggle with Fascism tainsides through the medifronting the March convention drances rather than aids in the sequently, there are certain addi-

march to world Socialism.

### Conclusion From

Old Guard Break

Today these conclusions are accepted among Socialists. We Issues Clearly the post-war years. Autos, steel, are no longer a party exclusively Defined rubber, textiles, land and marine devoted to election and legislative campaigns. We no longer ac the threshold of the most signifi- cept the view that the trade cant organization drive in labor union conduct of our members is history. On the political field the a purely private affair. The in-'people's front" for Roosevelt is feriority complex which led many already cracking from its own American Socialists to regard trade unions, rival working-class surely Roosevelt is indicating that political organizations and the sohis second administration will be cial-democratic parties of Europe with such awe that they chose to "ignore" their internal weaknesses has been largely overcome. We now recognize that the cialist program are the only trustworthy weapons for cutting the an outworn system, and that the Socialist Party is the only party

tivity.

individuals (including candidates vention, not the N.E.G. is

attitude toward the Communist bearing the inscription, "Rolling tional and the Soviet Union, to Dept. Young People's Socialist ward the Social-Democratic Fed- League" completely destroyed, the the struggles, every destroyed

FOOLING THE PEOPLE

the American Sociological Society. versity of Southern California, suspend. Every Socialist, both ers to aid us in this dr

"Kitchen" fund to Milt Co dustrial Director of the New

We are mobilizing a Spain through the S Solidarity Fund. We at ganizing action aga WPA lay-offs all ove country. We are assist ers in the automobile ber and steel industrie

stamps suggested in the

We invite Socialist

The attractive Debs

New York news items Coopers-