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Seamens' Fight Balks the Fink Book Unions Meet To

Sitdown Strikes Surging From Coast To Coast Militant Stand Plus

Workers Rush Into Industrial Unions By Thousands As Significant Aftermath Of General Motors Defeat

Stimulated and encouraged by the victory of the Auto workers' Union over the powerful General Motors Corthem with the Copeland Fink book. poration, a great wave of strikes spread over the United States as the CIO drive gained real momentum this week. From the aircraft industry in Southern California to the plemented by appropriate legal ac shoe industry in the New England states workers occupied tion—seamen succeeded in securplants or stood on picket lines in firm resolution to better ing injunctions in various ports on their conditions of life.

Spy Body

Uncovered

"Experts" Evolved Union-

Smashing Tactics For

Twenty Years

WASHINGTON.—The existence

strike just concluded.

tatives of General Motors.

A union man, James H. Mangold,

were closed and the sit-downers

were gassed and beaten until their

assailants could no longer bear the

unit, reports the official organ of

Although Chevrolet officials ran-

In autos, in steel, in rubber-in all the basic industries being organized by the C.I.O. the sit-down fever spread and workers flocked to join the unions. In a single day after the strike settlement in Flint, more than 3,000 Detroit auto work ers joined the UAW, and similar gains throughout the country are reported by union leaders.

A battle raged in Waukegan, Ill. as 150 armed deputies attempted ,to oust sit-down strikers from the Fansteel Metallurgical Co. plant and were met by determined resistance and a hail of missles, including acid. The strikers were attacked for two hours and a bar- of a highly centralized organizarage of tear gas was laid down tion of corporation labor "experts" by the forces of "law and order."

DEPUTIES BREAK DOORS The deputies broke open the States, and whose shadowy exdoors to the plant with steel batter istence during the past 20 years ing rams and shot into the plant had been but vaguely suspected March 8 the handing down of a deuntil the air was filled with chok- by unionists, was revealed in deing gas. The steel workers re- tail last week by the La Follette ing order which he granted against taliated with what weapons were Committee investigating violations the U. S. Shipping Commissioner at hand-bolts, nuts and wrenches. of civil liberties. Only when the complete supply of the sheriff by corporation agents emanated the poisonous company rine Firemen, argued in favor of a was exhausted did the attack union theories which have emascu-

Anderson, Ind., remained in a state of siege after a gun battle and black-listing systems, and care- culed the phoney claim that the that wounded John Rose, member fully designed campaigns against bill is intended to aid American of the UAW, and Heaton Vorse, labor reporter. Eighteen men are company profits. under arrest and martial law was CONTROL MAJOR declared because a group of auto- | INDUSTRIES. workers demonstrated their solidarity and went to the aid of fellowunion members.

closed the big Douglas Aircraft plant in Santa Monica and stopped work on Army bombing planes, delaying work on contracts totaling Electric, Westinghouse Electric, fore they had no authority to speak \$19,000,000. They jeered at threats of violence from Donald Douglas, Irving Trust. These 12 giant cor- experience of seamen the world president of the company, and successfully held the 3-block plant. ARREST STRIKERS

Armament building for the Navy lations as followed by this group proceeded behind picket lines after was clearly demonstrated to the strikers at the Electric Boat Co. La Follette Committee by witwere arrested by police. The plant, nesses testifying to the activities U. S. Attorney H. H. McPike conbuilding submarines for the Navy, of General Motors during the orcontinued work with scabs while ganizational drive by the United to seamen by accepting the disunion leaders established picket Auto Workers and during the lines around the gates.

Picketing of 85 shoe factories began as the newest union under sacked the files of Alfred P. Sloan the leadership of the C.I.O. demon- and destroyed documents substrated its strength to overlords of poenaed by the investigating comthe leather industry in the New mittee, enough evidence of the use England states. The United Shoe of terror and blackmail, besides and Leather Workers' Union, re- the outright violence during the cently formed by the amalgamation strike, was introduced to make of three unions already in the field, Senator La Follette, case-hardened demanded recognition and negotia- after months of exposing the tions with the manufacturers.

Rubber workers in widely separated sections of the country acted in small plants to gain demands and recognition. Ohio, Michigan told how the workers on strike in and Wisconsin plants were af- plant No. 9 of the Crevrolet comfected, while in Chicago, retail pany were gassed and beaten by of the Goodyear Rubber Co.

That the struggle for unionization in the auto industry has only begun is seen in the numerous reports of sit-downs and strikes in tear gas. They left, but the strikers (Continued on page 4)

Oakland Tribune, circularizing

Guild during the recent period.

of the labor movement.

News Guild Speeds Drive

To Organize Calif. Papers

SAN FRANCISCO - Intensifying its drive to unionize

all newspapers in the Bay Region, the Northern California

every editorial worker with facts At San Jose enough members

demonstrating the progress of the have been recruited to form a

The Guild pointed out that sup- the NCNG, The Pacific Reporter.

port for any eventuality which Other points in northern Califor-

might arise from the arbitrary and nia are responding to organizing

unreasoning attitude of an owner activities and the possibility to es-

would be available from the rest tablish more guilds looks very en-

couraging.

Newspaper Guild concentrated its activity last week on the

SHIP WITHOUT DOG COLLAR IN **EVERY PORT**

Legal Action Puts **Book On Ice**

Militant seamen of the United States have succeeded in forcing the government Through their uncompromising refusal to accept the books-supboth coasts temporarily restraining the Shipping Commissioners from refusing to clear those men who rejected the books.

Faced with the uncompromising efusal of the militant seamen to ship with the Copeland Dog Collar around their necks, the shipown-

From coast to coast the success of the seamen in stopping the issuance of the blacklist books clearly demonstrated that the Copeland Fink Act can be nullified by unyielding refusal to take them. The simple strategy of a united refusal to touch the continuous discharge books has already temporarily stopped the operation of this odious whose influence extended into regulation.

every major industry of the United INJUNCTION GRANTED In San Francisco, Federal Judge Michael J. Roche put over until cision on the temporary restrainsome three weeks ago. Attorney From this body, known as the Aaron Sapiro, representing the Sai-"industrial munitions" furnished to Special Conference Committee, lors, Cooks and Stewards, and Malated the labor movement in the that the book is intended only as basic industries, intricate spying a blacklisting measure. He ridibona fide unions that threatened seamen obtain jobs. He presented

writing more than a cross for a The committee is composed of signature. representatives of Standard Oil of Harry Lundeberg, Secretary of New Jersey, General Motors, U. S. the Sailors' Union, presented an af-In California, sit-down strikers Rubber, Goodyear Rubber U. S. fidavit showing that the I. S. U. Steel, Bethlehem Steel Interna- fakers, Scharrenberg, Hunter, Carltlional Harvester, American Tele-son, etc., did not represent the phone and Telegraph, General American seamen and that there-E. I. duPont de Nemours and for them. He showed also that the porations control or influence the over proved that the fink book, if major industries of this country. | clamped on the maritime workers,

photostatic copies of fink books is

sued to non-citizens incapable of

blacklist system FAKERS' LINE Arguing against the injunction, tended that no harm could come

charge books, quite evidently tak-

(Continued on page 2)

The ultimate policy of labor re- would be used by the owners as a

SOCIALIST PARTY IN STEEL BELT

The Socialist Party reaches again into industry. The East Chicago Local of the Socialist Party was re-organized on January 29, 1937. The new organization was permitpractices of coporation personell ted to function under the old charmanagers, admonish the representer. The Branch is located in the heart of the steel belt.

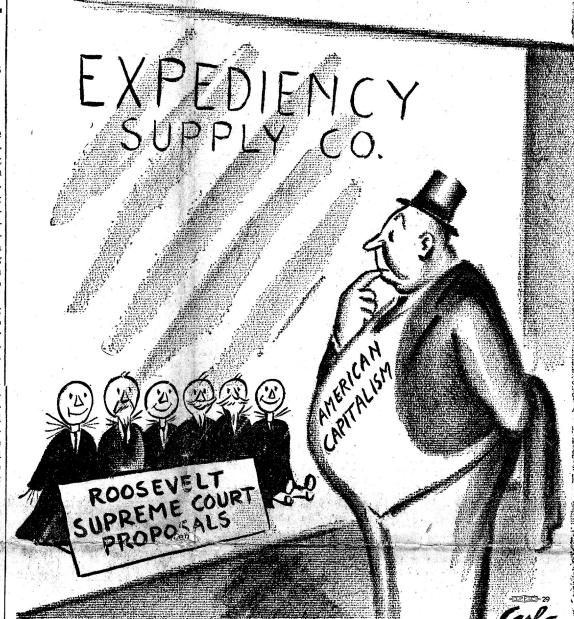
The political level of the group is exceptionally high as many of the members belong to Yipsels, workers closed up six service stores men under the direction of the several have been members in neighboring cities and transferred plant manager. The plant gates to the new local. The composition of the members is almost in its entirety, steel workers. The prospect

for growth are splendid. The local is planning to have a permanent headquarters at a local hall. The drive for finances is mov ing rapidly and on March 1st will probably open.

ATTENTION! Socialist Cooperators

All Socialists who are members of Cooperative Distributors, Consumers' Union, or some other national cooperative or consumer organization, are urged to get in touch with the Socialist Cooperators of New York who have been organized to unify and stimulate the work of Socialists in co-ops. Please send your name at once to Benjamin H. Wolf at 21 E. 17th Street, New York City.

It's All For His Own Good - - By Carlo



Socialist State Convention Takes Revolutionary Stand

California Organization Adopts Clear Reso- Sit Downs

The annual convention of the Socialist Party of California, held in San Francisco in the local Socialist headquarters at 236 Van Ness Avenue, went on record in favor a continuance and strengthening of revolutionary Socialist principles as a guide for Socialist work in all phases of the class struggle.

session until Sunday evening, adattend the mass meeting for Ernest Erber, national chairman of the Young People's Socialist

League. FIRM STAND ON WAR historic stand of the Socialist Party offer no adequate defense against capitalist government engages. The war resolution emphasized the system which inevitably breeds

Marxian position that "only when fascism." the workers take political and economic power into their own hands in the great nations of the earth went on record in favor of an agreswill the world have a sound basis sive united front policy for workof lasting peace. . . . Uncompromis- ing-class action. "The united ing struggle against all capitalist front, in all cases, shall be firmly states, both before and after war based upon the participating workis declared, is the only method of ing-class organizations," though fighting imperialism and the threat "middle-class liberal and cultural of fascism here and abroad.'

Opening Saturday noon, February nique of the People's Front. Passed 20, the convention remained in (with other general policy resolutions) as recommended to the Najourning in time for delegates to tional Convention of the Socialist Party to be held in Chicago in March, the unanimously adopted People's Front resolution stands on the revolutionary class struggle and repudiates collaboration in any Delegates assembled at this con- form as a socialist tactic. "The

> FOR UNITED FRONT Delegates - again unanimouslygroups whose sympathies are pro-

maintenance and rehabilitation of a

The California Socialist convenlabor" may in certain instances be tion took an unequivocal stand drawn in. (Continued on page 2) United Mine Workers Ask

Six Dollars For Six Hours

NEW YORK.—Demanding the 6-hour day and a \$6 wage, representatives of the United Mine Workers met soft-coal operators from eight States last week in a con-

for the pact that expires March 31. with a basic yearly wage of \$1,200, and full right in determining working conditions and the use of machinery in speeding up production.

Prospects of securing the deof the union as "utterly impossible" and countered with a plan to increase the weekly hours from the to a single worker in the industry." capacity of the industry to grant." freshments.

Fight New **Relief Cut**

New Deal 'Reclassifications' Slash Wages; Dismiss Project Workers

Continued efforts to reduce relief to the insufficient "quotas" prescribed by the national administration is meeting with the organized knew of the dynamite. Two of ention unanimously reaffirmed the policy of the People's Front can opposition of unemployed workers throughout the nation. From Sein opposition to any war in which fascism since its purpose is the attle to New York strikes, sitdowns and demonstrations, accompanied by arrests and police beatings, attest to the unwillingness of unemployed workers to be juggled about to fit a budget.

> In Seattle "reclassifications" that result in wage cuts, and outright dismissal from projects provoked a Oil agent named Robertson who Communists strike under the leadership of the was first notified. Scrudder had Attack Program Workers' Alliance. The demands include a 20 per cent wage increase, a minimum of \$65 per month, decent working conditions and the right of collective bargaining.

motion from the wage-allowance of ing Captain Healy, had known for caused sit-downs in New York City. was in San Francisco, but did noth-Unemployed demanding the meager allowance of direct relief invaded the office of relief administrators.

result of firing numerous caseworkers for "sub-standard work." According to the strikers, sub-standard is the term applied to the The miners are asking a guaran- mands of the miners by peaceful investigator who accepts too many tee of 200 working days a year, negotiation seemed remote as mine cases for relief, or does not disoperators rejected the proposals qualify enough of those families already on relief.

The Second Annual Social of the present 35 to 40. The owners pro-Lake County Socialist Parties will tained by Standard Oil "to repreohn L. Lewis, president of the fessed amazement at the demand be held in Hammond, Indiana, at sent several witnesses." U. M. W. A., voiced the hope of for a two-week vacation with pay, the Workmen's Circle Hall, 119th securing the miners' demands and declared that other proposals W. State St., February 27th. Everypeacefully, "without loss of time of the miners "were beyond the body is invited. Music, dancing, re-scheduled to conclude in Modesto,

Close Ranks At Federation Call

State-wide Industrial Union Planned To Launch Biggest Organization Drive In California History

The conference to form a State-wide organization of agricultural workers in California, sponsored by the California Federation of Labor, meets Saturday and Sunday, February 27 and 28, in San Francisco, at the Labor Temple, 16th and Capp Streets. This conference opens the way for the organization of one of the most exploited sections of the working class.

Standard Paid For "Parties"

He Knew About Dynamite

SAN FRANCISCO. — Revelations of "big parties" paid for by the second week of the State Assembly investigation of the Modesto frameup of eight maritime union men. The investigating committee of

five heard C. C. Nunnally, Modesto printer, tell of at least three parties before, during and after the trial of the union men in 1935. The biggest party came on the night after a jury convicted the men of reckless possession of

dynamite, Nunnally said. Nearly all members of District Attorney Leslie Cleary's staff, together with Standard Oil "guards" who testified at the trial, were guests at a Modesto night club, he declared. The present investigation came

cution witness, confessed in Los Angeles that he lied on instructions from the district attorney, Special Prosecutor Glen Devore, and Jack Sayers, head of Standard Oil's "se-

Scrudder's confession was recorded by a dictaphone. He said that seven of the eight convicted were absolutely innocent, and were victims of a Standard Oil frame-up. He had testified at the trial, however, that all the men knew dynamite was in two cars in which they were traveling to Patterson, near Modesto, the night of April

Corroborated

Corroboration of Scrudder's confession was furnished at the investigation by a statement he made immediately following the arrests -a statement the district attorney "neglected" to introduce at the

trial. In the statement, Scrudder declared only four men on the trip these four were never tried-Scrudder and Hal Marchant, confessed Standard Oil labor spy.

Captain George Healy of the San Francisco police department told the investigators he notified the sheriff's office in Modesto that the two cars were headed toward Patt-

desto declared it was a Standard confessed that the San Francisco police were working with Standard Oil to launch the frameup.

San Francisco police admitted he munist Party. Reclassification, that is the de- and several other officers, includa skilled worker to that of laborer, about 10 days that the dynamite ing about it.

In San Quentin prison, the five investigators heard Robert Fitz-Meanwhile, the staff of the New gerald, Rouel Stanfield and Vic-York administration threatened a tor Johnson, three of the men con-"slow-down" strike in retaliation to victed, declared they knew nothing speed-up imposed on them as the of the dynamite, and thought they were on an investigating trip. Stanfield and Johnson were mem-

bers of the union committee in charge of a strike against Standard Oil tankers at the time.

The oil company has been dis playing a marked "interest" in the Eugene Bennett, former U.S. attorney, appeared and calmly announced he had been re-

The probe will resume February 25th in San Francisco, and is scene of the trial.

More than 50 A. F. of L. federal locals and independent agricultural unions and 30 central labor bodies have indicated that they will participate in the conference to start the largest organization drive in agriculture in the history of the California labor movement.

This is in line with the resolution adopted at the last convention of the California Federation of Labor which stated, "pending the Scrudder Declared establishment of an international union of agricultural workers, a State wide charter is to be issued covering all workers in agricul-

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor recently rejected the application of Standard Oil Company featured the 30 federal agricultural locals for an international charter despite the pledge of William Green that a nation-wide drive to organize in agriculture was to be started by the A. F. of L.

"In line with the Industrial Farm Settler resolution of the State Federation the matter of a Statewide charter which will cover all agricultural workers is mandate un said Walter Cowan, vice president

of the California Federation in charge of agricultural work. "There can be no discussion of any other structural form. The organization is to be a State-wide industrial union; that is settled by the resolution.'

The advantages of this form of organization are obvious. Mr. Cowan lists five major points which can only be enforced under the proposed organization structire. They are:

1. A uniform program of demands adequately controlled. 2. A centralized organizational set-up with power to concentrate orces at any given point.

3. State-wide negotiating with all employers' organization for all crops in all areas. 4. One union card good in all

sections of the State. 5. A common treasury and de ense fund.

Previous attempts at State-wide organization on a federated strucure such as established last year at the Stockton conference have proven inadequate in a crisis. Such situations as Salinas. Orange County and, more recently, San Diego, have shown that the individual unions were isolated, had no strength, and could not cope with the forces of the Associated Farmers who are strongly organized

on a State-wide basis. "The farmers and shippers have always been able to pick their snots." said Mr. Cowan, "and the unions have had to fight on that basis. With a solid, state-wide industrial union the workers will fight when and where they are But Sheriff Grat Hogan of Mo- | prepared to and will have the forces necessary for a victory

The only force opposing one big industrial union of agricultural workers, with the exception of the Inspector Sidney Duboce of the Associated Farmers, is the Com-

According to the Western Worker of February 25 the Communist Party proposes the formation of a joint council of the already exist-(Continued on page 4)

Benefit Dance To Aid Spain

For the benefit of Spanish workers now battling to crush Fascism in Spain, an entertainment and dance will be held Saturday, March 13, at Garibaldi Hall, 441 Broadway, San Francisco.

A union orchestra will furnish music for dancing and refreshments will be served by the International Libertarian Group, which is sponsoring the benefit. Admission is 35 cents.

Repeats Challenge

Offers To Accept Verdict Of An Impartial Commission of Inquiry

CHICAGO.—In a telegram to the mass meeting on the Moscow trials, held at the Capitol Building, February 14. Leon Trotsky repeated his offer to deliver himself voluntarily into the hands of the G. P. U. (Soviet Secret Police) if an impartial commission of inquiry should find him guilty "directly or indirectly, even if only in an infinitesmal degree" of the crimes imputed to him.

The meeting, attended by 9004 people, adopted a resolution in in its backwardness, in the poverty support of the proposal for an in- of its people, in the great defeats ternational impartial commission of the world proletariat. If this of inquiry on the Moscow trials. excrescence is allowed to develop Norman Thomas, Albert Goldman, without hindrance it will come to Frank McCulloch and Albert Glotzer dominate the whole life of the addressed the meeting.

ing follows:

tive of diverse tendencies of Socialist, Communist and Demothe U. S. S. R., that is to say, former Bolshevik Stalin. my true ideological friends, not can count firmly on these men who ture and art, must be created. are not functionaries but revolutionists, who by long years of prison and deportation have demonstrated their devotion to their banner and their spirit of sacrifice.

class throughout the entire world try to utilize the Moscow trials to discredit not only the Soviet Union of the G. P. U. but also the very idea of Socialism in the eyes of the popular masses. Such is, above all, the policy of the yellow press of Hearst. From this certain radical bigots draw the conclusion that it is necessary to give up all revelations and to keep silent. As if it were a question of revelations not of the trials themselves! Is if the danger were in the medical diagnosis not in the disease which gnaws cunningly at the organism!

"Down with bigotry! The cure for social ills begins with the rank menaces all the grandest conquests difficulty. of the Revolution and which, at of the Soviet Union, its great conits Socialist possibilities and its social sores.

"The Soviet bureaucracy says, "We are the State, we are Socialism." World reaction on its part tries to present the crimes of the bureaucracy as the crimes of Socialism. We revolutionists, Marxists, say, "The bureaucracy is not the revolution but a diseased excrescence of the Revolution." "The cause of this growth lies in

the isolation of the Soviet Union, truth! Long live Socialism!

ing its campaign for the organiza-

During the past two weeks new

names of outstanding prominence

into silence appears now to have

One of the principal methods to

force resignations has been to bom-

hard the members with telegrams,

delegations and telephone calls

order to make life intolerable for

the victims, especially those in

poor health or advanced in years.

Although a half dozen or so suc-

met with dismal failure.

inquiry on the Moscow Trials.

More Prominent Liberals

Join Defense Of Trotsky

The American Committee for the Defense of Leon Trot-

sky, headed by such distinguished figures in American

public life as John Dewey and Norman Thomas, is continu-

tion of an impartial commission of Statement of John Dewey

in the worlds of literature, art, of us have been called on the tele-

science, jurisprudence and liberal phone, visited by friends and re-

thought have been added to the ceived letters, urging us to resign

The organized campaign of the the Defense of Leon Trotsky. The

Stalinists and their allies to black- pressure exercised upon us, how-

mail the members of the committee ever devout in intention and disin-

into resigning and to hound them terested in motive, involves so pro-

organism and will transform itself Trotsky's telegram to the meet- into a new ruling class which will definitely erase the social con-"Amongst you are representa- quests of the Revolution.

"Other people would like to hesitate eternally in order not to cratic thought of Chicago and of shoulder any responsibility. 'Why,' the United States generally. I do they say, 'should we believe not doubt, however, that a great Trotsky rather than Stalin?' Such majority of you, all else aside, are a way of posing the question is sincere partisans of the October radcally false. Blind confidence is Revolution and unshakable de-demanded by totalitarian regimes fenders of the Soviet Union. Per- with infallible leaders at their mit me to tell you, above all, that head. This in equally the case those who are called Trotskyites in with the Fascist Hitler or with the

"I do not ask for confidence. I pseudo "Trotskyites" fabricated by propose a verification. The way the G. P. U., will at the hour of of verification is very simple. A danger be found to be the most commission of inquiry, composed certain and most courageous de of authoritative representatives of fenders of the October Revolution the workers movement, of scientific ganization of some 20,000 Arkansas against the plans of Fascism. One thought, of jurisprudence, of litera-

"I take advantage of your meeting to repeat once more: If this commission decides that I am directly or indirectly guilty, even if only in an infimitesimal degree, of "The enemies of the working the monstrous crimes which Stalin tries to impute to me I will deliver myself voluntarily into the hand

"I am forced however, to warn you in advance that Stalin will not accept this challenge. He cannot accept it. He prefers to hire the bureaucrats of the Comintern and other individuals of supple consciences to carry contagion to other souls.

"But if Stalin recoils before s Commission of Inquiry, you will not recoil. If Stalin is incapable of demonstrating that his accusations are just, we can demonstrate that they are false.

"Let the "Friends" of the U. S. expression of that which is. It S. R. with delicate or too prudent is impossible to erase the Moscow nerves step aside. We do not need trials from history. They did not them. Among them there is a fall from the sky. They were not goodly number of careerists and ject of charity or a relief worker, invented by Stalin. They were babblers. He who steps aside in was the most pitifully underpaid, engendered by the interests and critical moments, he will betray the underprivileged and underfed spirit of a parasitic caste which workers movement in time of

"Glory and honor to the sincere the same time, through the Comin- defenders of the Soviet Union who two hundred dollars. tern causes demoralization of the come out firmly and boldly against His housing, furnished workers movement of the whole the crimes of the Soviet bureauworld. It is precisely to protect cracy! They will win the confithe toiling masses from despair dence and respect of the overand to save the honor of Socialism whelming majority of the workers and its future that the workers and honest citizens in general. must learn to distinguish clearly They will save the banner of the profound internal contradictions | Socialism for the future, the banner soiled by the Soviet bureauquests and its barbarous heritage, cracy. They will aid the Soviet pomp and luxury in the county people to crush the new despotism and to establish workers demo-

> "The people can be helped only by truth!

"Citizens and Friends. demand imperatively the creation of an International Commission of Inquiry. Support it with all your strength. "Down with the poison of false-

hood! "Down with frameups! Long live

And Horace M. Kallen

During the past week a number

from the American Committee for

found a misunderstanding of the

reasons that led us to accept mem-

bership on the American Commit

tee for the Defense of Leon Trot-

sky, that we deem it necessary

once and for all to make these rea-

Trotsky Telegram The Terrible Story Of America's Sharecroppers

A Socialist Who Knows The Facts Paints A Graphic Picture Dangers

By J. C. THOMPSON.

Farm tenantry is increasing more rapidly in the South- all the year round. The same thing the name of law. ern and Western States than anywhere else. Most of the applies to hogs. So the shareinvestigators with the approval of the New Deal Administration come from New York, Washington, Chicago, and other large cities of the East with no knowledge of farming except that learned from bulletins. The few who really reach the cotton belt seldom get closer to the tenant

fifteenth of July.

LANDLORD

DOMINATES.

family.

houses, and therefore say where it

shall be located and what kind of

building, resembling the shacks in

One writer, describing conditions

in this section of the country, said

that share-croppers and their

families were denied the consola-

tion of religion. This is not true.

"hands" get religous consolation,

even if the landlord himself has to

build the church house and pay

the preacher. Of course only

preachers with "sound doctrines"

preach more than one or two ser-

missary, or a

such texts as the following:

that country.

TRAGIC

BATTLE.

which the share-croppers live.

wondered at that their reports of conditions and their proffered remedies are most ludicrous.

We read, for instance, a repor from one writer who laments the fact that the poor tenant farmers of the South "had to labor 12 hours a day, picking cotton, under the burning suns of June for a wage of only 50 cents per day.'

Now cotton is never picked in June. Neither is the cotton picker paid a daily wage. Cotton picking is always paid at a hundred pound later Summer and the Fall months.

THE SCENE. I happen to have been reared on a cotton farm and to have made a share-crop. I assisted in the orcotton farmers into the Arkansas branch of the Farm-Labor Union of America soon after the World War and was their State president for five years-1921 to 1925, in-While doing this work I a building it shall be. Often it is lived with the farmers. I slept in a cheaply constructed one room their homes. I ate at their tables. I talked with them, and studied their problems. With them I attended their religious meetings. I ectured to them in their school houses. I helped them to fight their economic and political battles. I think I can qualify as one who The landlord sees to it that his understands the wants and needs of the cotton farmers.

I visited the Mississippi delta section of Arkansas from October 1931 to April 1932, making a quiet study of the much publicised Share-croppers' problems. This study further convinces me that the New Dealers either do not understand the farm tenant problem or have not the courage to go to

the root of this evil. New Deal policies made him an object of charity or a relief worker ordained of God;" "The meek shall WORK. The share-cropper, even before worker in all the South.

His average gross annual income, for years, has been less than

landlord, consists usually of a one or two-room shack unfit to house a mule. I have seen families of eight or ten people living in these inadequate and unsanitary cabins, working their lives away, even down to the smallest child, that the landlords might live lives of or his foreman. seats or the State capitol.

The landlord allots the share-

cropper and his family seldom broke up their meetings. Mitchell when the share-cropper begins farmer than the local banker, or the local Chamber of Commerce. In to make a "hand" and six or eight "Rashings" July 15. With the could not have told the difference of the depression. "kids" they can handle maybe forty acres, which entitles them to struggle of these people to live were the law. One preacher, Rev. \$20 a month "Rashings" for the through the two months between Claude C. Williams of Little Rock, time they are actually engaged in July 15 to September 15 becomes vice president of the American National Chairman of the Young planting and cultivating the crop. the most terrific and tragic battle Federation of Teachers, was People's Socialist League, now on These "Rashings" begin the first I have ever witnessed. Formerly mobbed and brutally beaten beday of March and end on the two months by working a few days

cents for a day of 12 hours. This allotment is issued to the share-cropper by the plantation foreman, on the larger plantations. A few distilled and sold enough and beaten by the same mob that after the period of questions and On the smaller ones the landlord may attend to it himself. The sum families. But the markets were wanting to help, if possible, some ask personal questions and to disrate. It is always picked during allowed each month must cover the limited to the county seats and not of these needy people. cost of food, clothing, medicine, all could do this. Those who could church dues, books for his children (if any of them go to school dur- route for food were restricted to tenant farmers and share-croppers? who heard him, and the questions some funds, it is still necessary for ing crop time, which they seldom a diet of roasting ears, wild blackdo) and all other expenses of the berries, and the fish they could catch. Their substitute for bread The landlords, either personally was made from a kind of meal or through their foreman, dominate grated from partly dried green the school boards. It is they who donate the land for the school

corn. Hundreds of children, and electricity for homes they did not quite a few adults, died in that have. It offered to finance the imsection of the State from Malnutruition-those poor devils called

it Starvation. With the coming of cotton picking season the share-cropper is allowed, in commissaries, from 25 to 40 cents a hundred pounds for picking his own crop. This, of course, is charged to his account. The landlord, or his foreman sells the share-cropper's cotton. Not a cotton buyer in the whole Mississippi delta would buy a bale of

When the cotton is gathered and old the share-cropper is settled with according to the landlord's books. From this there is no apand stay out of jail, will stick to the landlord. Then comes another called rents. terrific struggle to live through "Servants be obedient to your

masters;" "Be obedient to the January and February.

must explain that this means after Deal Administration and its plow- title to land. The second can be death). There are many others ing under of cotton, its crop re- had through the collective ownerthat are safe, sane, and sound for duction policies thousands of share- ship of all collectively used propcroppers lost their places. The erty. The share-cropper very seldom landlords no longer needed them. handles any cash. His allotment They were told to get out. If members of the working class once their mercantile establishment, owned or household goods were thrown out lems are to be solved, is not a little controlled by his landlord. He is of the shacks they called homecharged from 50 to 100 per cent out on the turnrows and roads spots of Capitalism, but the more more than cash prices. His food running through the plantations. and clothing are in many cases, These inhuman evictions were done system called Socialism. by deputy sheriffs and constables selected for him by the landlord in the name of the law.

Rogers, and a few others began they can understand, the funda-If he has chickens and makes a trying to organize these people into mental truths contained in the statistics show a total of 23,647,461 cropper's food, or "Rashings," as garden, he must buy wire and fence the Southern Tenant Farmers' above two paragraphs, is in my they call it, on the basis of 50 his garden in. This he is never Union. They were really trying to opinion, the imperative duty of participation in Federal old-age cents for an acre of land cultivated. able to do. If he could skimp and bring order out of the anarchistic every informed Socialist in the benefits program under the Social If a share-cropper has a wife able save and buy a cow, he would chaos resulting from the unlaw-country.

have to fence her in and feed her ful and inhuman evictions done in

taste milk, butter, or vegatables. and Butler had to leave the State Very few of them ever eat fruits. to save their lives. Rogers was From July 15 to September 15, arrested and jailed under the charge of teaching "Anarchy." The picking cotton, he must rustle his men arresting Rogers and trying National Chairman Of YPSL coming of the depression, the Anarchy and Angelical. But they they had been able to get by these cause he went into this delta spending several months in Spain, section to preach at the funeral of pointed out the critical situation of for the landlord at from 50 to 75 an organizer, allegedly beaten to the Spanish Revolution. Comrade death by a mob of planters. Miss Erber's speech was long, but the After the depression came there Willie Sue Blagdon, a welfare audience remained the length of was no work of any kind to be had. worker from Memphis, was mobbed the speech unwilling to leave even "moonshme" whiskey to feed their beat Williams. Her crime was answers was over; staying on to

What has the New Deal done to not or would not go the whiskey solve the problems confronting the there was appreciated by all those It gave them crop reduction, asked showed a still more keen inwhich enabled the landlords to get terest in the daily struggles of the along without them.

It offered to furnish them cheaper

provement and building of houses for them on lands they did not own. When the landlords kicked them off their lands, it offered to give them relief work at a minimum wage of \$19 a month. It offered to buy them cut-over

and swamp lands from lumber corporations at exorbitant prices, and resell these lands on easy pay ments at prices they could never

It offered them soil conservation, when they had no soil to save. WHAT TENANT NEEDS.

What the tiller of the soil needs, The wise preacher, if he wants to peal. The share-cropper usually first of all, is land of his own, that hold his job there, avoid the lash- comes out a few dollars in debt to he may escape from the leech

Then he must have markets upon the Winter months of December, which to sell his products and buy his supplies, free from the other two leeches called Interest and Profits.

ordained of God;" "The meek shall WORK.

The first can be had through inherit the earth." (The preacher With the coming of the New making occupancy and use the sole The first can be had through What the tenant farmers and all

need, and must have, if their prob salve here and there on the sore practical and more modern social

To arouse the workers to a consciousness of their class interests H. L. Mitchell, J. R. Butler, Ward and to teach them, in a language

The Action Army

To Spain

Points Need For Rev-

olutionary Party

Speaking to a mass meeting at

International Hall, Ernest Erber,

cuss further the question of Spain.

workers' cause in Spain.

His keen analysis of the situation

Comrade Erber commented on

the fact that the workers in Spain

were sorely in need of a revolution-

ary party to lead them in this

struggle for the Socialist victory.

"At present the issues are cloud-

ed," he said, "but the issues are

becoming increasingly clear to the

masses in Spain." And as one

worker put it, "We want democ-

racy, but real democracy, a work-

ers' democracy, and industrial de-

The tour of Erber in California

has thus far been highly success-

been arranged all along the State.

Comrade Erber will wind up his

tour Thursday evening by speaking

for the Hillel organization at the

University of California at Ber-

keley. From there, Comrade Erber

duties as National Chairman of the

ously attacked by professional ad-

Bluenoses Attack

lished literary critics.

organ, Challenge.

mocracy; we want Socialism."

The drive for 1,000 new subscribers is drawing to a close and we find that the Action Army has just passed the half-way mark for a total of 617 to date. With only a couple of weeks left until the drive is over we still have to sell 383 trial subscription cards to go over the top.

Many of our Action Armyites Sold their original order of twobit subs buthaven't renewed the order and kept on plugging. It is essential to the life of Labor Action that we get new subscribers. There is no easier way to get them than selling trial subs for thirteen weeks at 25c each. Disclosed

In the past week only eight of our sub-cards. Chester Johnson of Local Minneapolis is responsible for 80 cards bringing the Minneapolis total to 160.

The offer of 13 weeks for 25c is not an indefinite one. The end of orders in immediately for your Action readers in your community. following for the Socialist Party. Labor Action is the only Socialist Party paper published in the west. The best way to build the party is to build Labor Action.

Though our appeal for funds has not gone unheeded, and though the special sub-drive has brought in us to call on our readers and boosters to help sustain Labor Action. In the short existence of Labor Action a great deal has been accomplished for the Socialist Party. More than 27,000 free copies of Labor Action were distributed to Maritime workers during the Maritime strike. Thousands of copies have been distributed to agricultural workers.

This outlay has cost Labor Action a great deal of money. We must call on our supporters to help us make this up. The testimony of leaders in the Maritime and agricultural unions at the State Convention of the Socialist Party of California last week as to the excellent ful. Banquets and meetings have role of Labor Action in assisting the workers is proof that we must

Many of you already contribute to the Labor Action sustaining fund. Many of you have given outleaves for the National office of the YPSL in Chicago to take up his you to continue with your aid, and we must ask those who have not League and editor of its official yet given to start now.

You can give in more ways than one. You can give by purchasing sub cards at four for a dollar. You Novel By Farrell can give by taking and paying for a hundle order each week. You can NEW YORK, N. Y .- "A WORLD give by contributing cash. You can NEVER MADE," proletarian give by advertising or getting adnovel by James T. Farrell, was vici- vertisers. Do what you can.

Those who came through on the vocates of censorship who are interested in maintaining the capital sub drive this week are:

The novel was defended by the Glen Trimble, San Francisco. American Writers Union in a tele- A. Abrams, Cleveland...... gram addressed to Magistrate Pat- Lou Kilgore, Los Angeles rick Curran. The union demanded Ernest Peri, Los Angeles..... that if censorship must be exercis- Ruth Holtz, San Francisco..... ed that it should be done by estab- Chester Johnson, Minneapolis...80 Marna Leigh, Sierra Madre, Cal. 4 Alex Ferguson, Vancouver, Can.. 5 WASHINGTON, D. C. - Federal Marjorie Kerrigan, San Diego...

Laundry Workers Start N. Y. Drive

NEW YORK, N. Y .- Demanding a signed union agreement for shorter hours, improved working conditions, higher wages, and union recognition for 25 Brooklyn laundry employers, Local 280 of the Laundry Workers International Union launched an intensive drive for organization of New York laundry

Hitler Lops Wages

LEIPZIG, Germany-Since Hit ler violently crushed all workers' organizations, wages of metal craftsmen throughout Saxony have been exactly halved. At the same time, living costs have soared far above their former level.

Canadian Rail Men Voting For A Strike

MONTREAL, Canada-Union men anticipate an overwhelming majority of 117,000 Canadian railwaymen will vote to strike for a ten per cent ports from various locals. Balloting will end March 18.

ers of an impasse in shipping. The Department of Commerce

Harold Stern, counsel for the sai- has now received more than 16,-

Council for shipowners at New and his deputies to accept the book. York and at San Francisco appear- In the same port of New York, all

Convention Takes Revolutionary Path

(Continued from Page 1)

The major difference of opinion basis for further discussion.

C. P. DEMAND REJECTED

charges made against him. Our sole which they demand for themselves. its work. concern is to secure for him those Certainly, no honest liberal can fail plain human rights before the court to take his stand with us.

of public opinion and under the law In our view the developments in of the land to which, according to Russia, which have put Trotsky in have been received, so far, from immemorial liberal tradition, all jeopardy, are so astonishing, so dis- Prof. Franz Boas, Prof. Gaetano people in similar circumstances are turbing to the commonsense of the Salvemini, Norman Thomas, Ludentitled. Were Stalin in the same liberal world, that for the good wig Lore, Suzanne LaFollette, Prof. precarious position, we would just alike of the Russian Government Paul F. Brissenden, Prof. William as willingly defend his right to be and of Trotsky, every aspect of it Ellery Leonard, Prof. William H. involved are far more important outstanding figures of unimpeach- ham Munson, Margaret de Silver, than those which specifically con- able authority. This inquiry should Clara Gruening Stillman, Martha Professors John Dewey and Hor-cern Trotsky, for if the right to lay be as scientific and as public as Gruening, Eleanor Clark, Evelyn

of Socialists to be disrupted by A specific program for increased Communist Party attempts to have effectiveness of Socialist co-opera- the so-called "Trotskyites" expelled tion to strengthen the organized from the ranks of the Socialist labor movement was laid down on Party was made at this convensound revolutionary working-class tion, and National Convention delegates from California stand instructed to take a firm and unon principle occurred on the ques- compromising stand at the Nation-

tion of the Socialist attitude to- al Convention in the spirit of this A unanimous expression of revo- trary, that they are to remain in lutionary unity and unwillingness our ranks with the same rights and

Americans have spent a consider- quiry. We believe in all fairness agricultural, and mass industry the Government's representatives, able amount of time, energy and that such an offer must not be decruits for effective work in these would meet with me, we might find means in defending the rights of clined, and we therefore look to the fields; financial provision for more a temporary expedient." We have no concern whatsoever Communists, regardless of whether organization of such a board, and field work, both by state officials with Leon Trotsky's political views they were guilty or innocent, in or- invite the cooperation of all right- and voluntary organizers; and genin this connection; nor are we in- der that they might receive justice minded persons, regardless of party eral budget plans to stabilize the terested in prejudging the question before the law. They should be the or sect, in helping to make such a of the truth or falsity of the last to deny those rights to others board a reality and to implement

HORACE M. KALLEN JOHN DEWEY Endorsements of this statement

him, the rights of all others are im-submit himself and whatever evi-Sidney Hook, Oscar Jaszi,

duties as other members of the Party-without discrimination and without special privileges." Labor Action, its policy and prob-

lems, were thoroughly thrashed out in conference, and by agreement among the delegates, a resolution was passd endorsing the continuance and strengthening of its revolutionary character, and laying the Editorial Board to follow for as Scharrenberg and Hunter who down constructive directions for

PARTY PROGRESS SHOWN

ward the formation of and partici- resolution. Recognizing the co- ments of the year, illustrated the as the Morro Castle and that the the Department of Commerce were pation in a Labor or Farmer-Labor operative effort and revolutionary increasing political effectiveness of Copeland Fink book will be utilized positive in their insistence that he to be a subject for national pre- the Workers' Party who have taken growing influence on, and recruits ion organization of crews. convention discussion, and both ma- their place in the party, the reso- from, the rank and file of the orjority and minority resolutions are lution says: "The Socialist Party ganized labor movement, and offerbeing printed in this issue (with contemptuously rejects the de- ed specific organizational sugges- legal documents until March 8, and other convention resolutions) as a mand of the Communist Party that tions for strengthening that influthat on this date he would render former Workers' Party members ence and increasing the growth for a decision upon making the injunbe expelled and states, on the con- the coming year. Among the rec- tion permanent. ommendations accepted by the conjor emphasis be placed on concen- Judge Roche. "It seems to me that perilled. In the past many of us dence he possesses to such an intration of party work in maritime, if the shipowners' representatives, organization work; training new reand the unions' representatives financial basis necessary for this organization work.

Aside from matters referred by ville. the convention, the new SEC at its first meeting on Monday, February 22, appointed the Resident Sub-Committee to serve (according to the new constitutional provision) with full powers between the quarterly meetings of the full SEC

meeting. Glen Trimble, State Secretary during the previous year, resigned the office. The State Executive Committee appointed Crary Trimble to the position of State Secretary for the ensuing year.

Fight the Copeland Bill

Seamens' Fight Balks Fink Book

(Continued from Page 1) ing his cue from such I.S.U. fakers nation.

The judge announced that he could not finish reading all the

"I believe the remedy to this

Similar injunctions have been placed against shipping commissioners at Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles, New York City, Tampa, Baltimore, Norfolk and Jackson-

Representatives of the sailors gress to impress upon that body that the book cannot be put over

ed to include every man in the

the Luckenbach Line, the Dakotan,

the same reason. Marine Cooks secured a temporary in New York, urged that the grant-

lost no opportunity to propagandize fore, the commissioner had no right tions who join maritime workers the fight against the Copeland Fink to make their display at the be- in opposing the vicious measure. Book and the militant refusal of ginning of a voyage a requirement the sea-groups to accept it. They for granting clearance. He pointed ma Railroad ship Cristobal, 105 left for Washington, D. C., to join out that the ship lines are unwill- members of the crew at first reother representatives of West Coast ing to sail, since they are liable to fused to accept the fink book but seafaring unions in Washington, a \$200 fine for each man who is were finally induced by the repretaking the fight right into con- not cleared by the commissioner. sentations of Commissioner Daly and that the unions are united in ed as "friends of the court," asking | West Coast men remained absorefusing it. Workers over the en- that the injunctions be granted so lutely firm in their stand that they tire nation are rallying to support the costly delay in shipping could cannot sign away their rights to the fight as they become aware be obviated. Roscoe H. Hupper, citizenship by accepting the fink that the fink books can be extend counsel for the Pacific American book.

applications are now on file for

At New York City, Shipping Comincreasing its effectiveness as a are thoroughly in favor of maritime missioner John J. Daly, had tied propaganda instrument in the class workers taking the fink book. Mc- up the Dollar liner, President Har-Pike further contended that the rison, refusing to clear members Copeland act was designed to pro- of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific mote safety at sea, although he who told him they would not take The State Secretary's report out- failed to mention that non-union the books. Mr. Daly claimed that lined the problems and accomplish men manned such ill-fated vessels the orders from his superiors in Party. This issue will continue service of the former members of the Socialist Party, pointed out the by shipowners to further attack unsuccessive should not clear any ship whose tied up the Dorothy Luckenbach of

> the Columbian and the Nevadan of the American-Hawaiian Line for Three union men representing west coast crews solved the im- pay restoration, according to repasse which developed. Charles A. vention was the proposal that maproblem is legislative," declared Fitzell of the Sailors' Union, Edward A. Thompson of the Marine Firemen, and Arthur Leuer of the Steamship and Owners' Association

> > made permanent. AFRAID OF FINE

injunction from Federal Judge ing of an injunction would not af-Francis G. Caffey ordering Daly fect the final disposition of the to appear in court and show cause case, and in the meantime it would why the injunction should not be relieve the heavy cost to shipown-

lors, argued that the seamen were 000 protests from seamen besides required to show their books only hundreds of resolutions and comat the end of their voyages; there- munications from liberal organiza-On the government-owned Pana-

cumbed to the hounding campaign and brought freedom from further molestation by resigning, the great majority are reacting to a more determined and active participation in the work of the committee. At the committee has increased from 70 Among the new members are Prof. Franz Boas; Sidney Howard, heard before being adjudged guilty should be laid open to inquiry by Kilpatrick, John Dos Passos, Doro-

around midnight (GPU fashion), in sons public.

the playwright; and James Casey, or innocent. The fundamental issues an impartial board composed of thy Kenyon, James T. Farrell, Gorformer managing editor of the Daily

ace M. Kallen have issued the fol- his case before the world is denied possible. Trotsky has offered to Scott, John Brooks Wheelwright, lowing statement:

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY STATE CONVENTION

Socialist Party Of California Recommends Revolutionary Program To National Convention

The Socialist Party And The Peoples' Front

The Socialist Party of California declares its opposition to all forms of class collaboration and particularly to the policy and practice of the People's Front.

Throughout working class history, the policy of class collaboration and coalition government has demonstrated its anti-revolutionary character and has resulted in disaster for the working

In the present period of capitalism decline, advocates of the People's Front who pretend to speak for the working class-and by these we mean, primarily, the Communist Party-gloss over the real nature of such coalitions and attempt to justify them as a necessary weapon of defense against Fascism.

But the policy of the People's Front can offer no adequate defense against Fascism since its purpose is the maintenance and rehabilitation of a system which inevitably breeds fascism. In the People's Front, as in any form of class collaboration, the working class abandons its own revolutionary struggle and accepts the program of its "democratic" allies. Instead of mobilizing large sections of the middle class under working class leadership in the struggle against fascism, it mobilizes the working class in defense of the capi-

talist state. The policy of the People's Front, whether expressed in inter-class political alliances in general or in coalition governments, hinders and side-tracks the independent struggle of the working class for its own objectives. The policies of any such inter-class combination are dominated by its most conservative elements. In France, for example, the People's Front has tied the workers in the Socialist and Communist ranks to the middle-class Radical Socialist Party and through it to French imperialism. It has prevented the workers from consolidating their own strength and from preparing their own ranks for the seizure of power, while it has done noth ing to check the spread of Fascism among the middle classes. It has sent troops and police against striking workers, sup-

to the Spanish workers. In Spain the People's Front Policy has been even more disastrous. Though supported by all the workers' parties when it took power and deriving its actual strength from these parties, the government, interested only in maintaining the status quo, soon found itself forced to send troops against peasants and striking workers, to censor the working class press, forestall the arming of workers and peasants in the face of a rising fascist threat. When the Fascists struck

under Franco, only the resistance

in their struggles.

store unity.

tablished trade unions.

Trade Union Resolution

The main points of Socialist of the C. I. O. The Party is an

Trade Union policy are the follow- outspoken partisan of the C. I. O.

1. The organization of the work-ers on the economic field into

strong and effective unions is a trial unionism within the frame-

prime necessity in order to enable work of a united A. F. of L. the

the workers to defend their day to Party cannot under any circum-

day interests in the struggle stances sanction the abandonment

against the exploiters and to de-of the first for industrial unionism

velop the power, self-reliance and or its outspoken support of the

organization necessary for the C. I. O. under specious argu-

eventual overthrow of the capital-ments for "unity" which are ad-

ist system and the establishment vanced insincerely by the oppon-

of a socialist society. The Socialents of progressive and militant in-

ist Party co-operates closely with dustrial union methods. If the pro-

the trade unions at every stage of vocations of the craft union bureau-

their development, works loyally crats, and the violations of trade

and constructively within them in union democracy, force the pres-

order to build them up, improve ent conflict to a formal split in the

their effectiveness and strengthen labor movement, the Socialist Party

their solidarity and at all times will support the C. I. O. At the

aids and defends the trade unions same time it will continue to work

2. In order for the unions to entire movement and oppose splits

cope effectively with the exploiters in separate craft union internation-

of labor, they must have unity in als in all cases where the over-

their own ranks. The Socialist whelming majority is not clearly

Party opposes all splits and divi- ready to take the path of indus-

overcome the division and to re- rank and file of the workers to the

3. The modern development of the goal of their struggle and in

industry renders antiquated craft all their activities advocates the

organization ineffective in the con- policy of class struggle and opposes

fied industry. Especially is this 6. Trade union democracy is an

the case in the mass production in- absolute prerequisite for the heal-

dustries. The Socialist Party vig- thy development of the labor move-

orously supports the industrial un- ment and the unfettered expression

ion form of organization and advo- of the initiative of the rank and

cates this idea within all the es- file. The Socialist Party is the

flict with capital in modern trusti- the policy of class collaboration.

sions in the trade movement, and trial organization.

whenever such splits occur always

works to the best of its ability to

pressed revolutionary journals,

established compulsory arbitra-

tion and made Leon Blum the

initiator of a so-called non-inter-

vention pact which boycotts aid

of the workers themselves prevented a compromise with the Fascists and compelled the arming of the people. During the past six months of civil war, the entry of all the working class parties into the People's Front government has made impossible the rising of these political slogans which would solidify the ranks of the workers and peasants and undermine the morale of the Fascist armies. It has made impossible the building of these independent working class organs of power which alone offer an adequate defense against counter-revolution and a solution of the present Spanish crisis. While Socialists and Anarchists as well as Communists participate in and support the People's Front policy, chief responsibility for such a policy in Spain as well as for the recent attempted suppression of the POUM, rests largely upon the Soviet bureaucracy which has made conformity to this position the price of its

aid to the Spanish government. The present objective situations in France and in Spain are not duplicated in the United States at this time. But the policy of the People's Front, whether expressed in political alliances or in the struggle against war. would be no less disastrous to the working class here than in France or Spain. Such a policy is the renunciation of the class struggle. As put forward by the Communist Party and its affiliates, and the Old Guard, this policy has led to the direct and indirect support of Roosevelt in the last election, to the evasion of a militant class struggle policy in trade union and unemployed work, to attempts to form classless, populistic "Farmer Labor Parties," to the formation of 'People's Lobbies," to the liquidation of an independent youth movement and to the organization of pseudo-pacifist Leagues and Congresses which are actually preparing a mass base for the support of the government in the coming war.

As a major tactic for building the revolutionary unity of the workers and of drawing nonworking class elements to their support, we Socialists oppose to the People's Front, the Workers' United Front of Action. The United Front has nothing in common with the People's Front. It involves agreement between workers' organizations only on specific actions and without sacrifice of program or principle on the part of the working class and its revolutionary party. The revolutionary party in the United Front maintains intact its program for independent revolutionary class struggle for work-

ers' power. Within the United Front, as in its separate capacity, the Socialist Party will support any and every struggle for the democratic rights of the working class and its allies under capitalism.

While striving to maintain the un-

for the restoration of unity in the

5. In the trade unions the Party

works unceasingly to educate the

necessity of adopting Socialism as

champion trade union democracy

reaucracy. Bureaucracy weakens and disorganizes the labor movement and undermines its capacity to fight for the interests of its members. The trade unions are wherein the citizens of the future

in any case confine their educa- paganda society or a federation of

tional work to abstract propaganda,

cialist ideas in action. sion of individual opinions. Once mask a monolithic organization.

ganization of broad groups of propate in such groups.

United Front Resolution

For many years the Socialist Party was bombarded by the Communist Party with various united front appeals. Despite tremendous pressure from the Old Guard in the days before the Cleveland Convention against any joint action whatever with the Communists, the genuine and sincere desire for united working class action on the part of many Socialists resulted in various sporadic united fronts. Within these united fronts as a rule, however, the Socialists, undisciplined and lacking any clear-cut policy, were at the mercy of Communist maneuvering.

Today, however, the Socialist Party is emerging as a united and disciplined organization and is the only party standing for Socialism and the policy of class struggle. It has nothing to lose -and a world to gain-by contact with workers anywhere and everywhere regardless of their

organizational affiliation. The Socialist Party of California, therefore, places itself on record in favor of an aggressive united front policy. In order that such a policy may be carried out effectively, it recommends the setting up of both State and National committees, to be called "Committees of United Action," whose duty it shall be to explore all possible avenues of united action between the Socialist Party and all other working class organizations, political, industrial, economic and fraternal, and to carry on negotiations with these groups for the setting up of united fronts on specific issues. These Committees may, in certain instances, also attempt to draw in middleclass liberal and cultural groups whose sympathies are pro-labor; but the united front, in all cases, shall be firmly based upon the participating working-class or-

ganizations. In every case the local organization party must secure the consent of the SEC before entering into any United Front agreements.

WASHINGTON, D. C .- U. S. De-4. It follows from this that the and the irreconcilible opponent of partment of Labor figures disclose Party cannot be neutral in the all attempts and maneuvers to eli- that average weekly hours in manugreat dispute now raging in the la- minate it or restrict it and to con- facturing industries for every bor movement between the craft centrate the power of the labor month in 1936 were longer than for eration which can only be decid union bureaucracy and the forces movement in the hands of a bu- the corresponding month in 1935. I ed when the Labor Party is ac-

Party Organization

Socialist society have the best op- Socialist Party through its elected portunity to develop their capaci- delegates, registered a decisive ties for self-government and ad- break with the theories and pracministration. All attempts to su-tice of social democracy and set press minority opinion and to de- for itself the task of re-building prive the rank and file of ultimate the Party as an effective instrucontrol in their own organizations ment of revolutionary struggle. The unions are duty bound to take ac- to accept that decision, has claritice part in the work of the or- fied the Party's position during the ganizations, to be in the front line past year. This new position inn all strikes and other struggles volves organizational as well as trade unionists in action that the not function as an effective, disinterests of the workers in deed as ganizational structure continues to

but by their actual participation its own line. The need for a more highly cenin the struggles of the workers help them to learn the logic of so-tralized and disciplined national or-8. Socialist Party members in many years. However, centralizatrade unions and all other mass or- tion of authority on a national ganizations of the workers must basis without complete internal deco-operate and work together mocracy and freedom of discuss by the national convention. unitedly under the general direc- sion can easily degenerate into bution of the Party and for the fur- reaucratic control. The Communtherance of the Party's policies. ist Party furnishes us with an ex- sions of the N. E. C. or set up sub-Socialist Leagues in the unions cellent example of such degeneramust be democratically organized tion and of how the phrase "demo- ordinating organizational and edu- for a definite revolutionary posiand give free play for the expres- cratic centralism" can be used to cational work in the region, carry-

a decision is arrived at, however, The highest authority in an agand approved by the Party, all gressive revolutionary party must region. These regional commitmembers are obligated to carry out be the will of the membership extees shall not be considered pothe decision in the trade unions. pressed through its duly elected Socialist Leagues in the unions delegates at National Conventions clude formation of policy but the are not party units but are sub- or through referendum vote be- co-ordination between the work of ordinate to the regular organiza- tween conventions. Such a party individual states and national ortion of the party, having jurisdic-demands a National Executive Com-ganization policy. State Executive tion in the particular case. While mittee or representative party Committees shall at present conthe Socialist Leagues are obligated members who are themselves actinue as the highest political bodies to observe party discipline and to tive participants in party work. It of the states, subject to the pocarry out the decisions of the should be the function of this Com- litical line of the party as laid party, the party organizations on mittee, not merely to handle rou- down by declaration of principles their part must exercise special tine work between conventions but etc., established at National Concare to avoid arbitrary interfer- to translate into activity the de- ventions, and with jurisdiction over ence and bureaucratic direction of cisions and policies laid down by state, not national matters which the Socialist Leagues in the unthe party conventions; to initiate shall be determined by the N. E. C. and co-ordinate party work on a or its central committee. 9. In the struggle for the revo- national scale; to enforce disciplin- c) The secretaries of the Nalutionary development of the un- ed adherence to party decision on tional Executive sub-committees ons, the Socialists co-operate with the part of state and local organic shall continually supervise and all genuine militants and progres- zations. On specific issues which guide socialist work within mass sives and strive to work unitedly arise between conventions upon organizations, in close harmony with them for all measures which which no official position has been with and only after due consultaadvance the interests of the un taken, the NEC must act in the tion with the local organized party ions. Wherever feasible and pos- spirit of the party's general policy bodies working within those mass sible, the Socialists favor the or- until the membership itself can organizations. indicate its position by general gressive trade unionists to advance cussion or by referendum. Howprogressive programs and partici- ever, it should not make the ab-

that issue.

may be freely expressed. To pre- dues payment. vent the abuse of such an organ, dinarily be used for such inner for work in the field. sues. However, such use of the work in the west. official party paper must not interpolicies of the Socialist Party may shall be called whenever necessary.

In the Cleveland Convention of be carried out into more effective training schools for Socialism, May 1936, the membership of the action, the Socialist Party of California recommends the following organizational improvements:

a) The majority of the National Executive Committee members should be composed of active party workers who shall, from their members, appoint a resident policy subsequent desertion of various so- and action committee with full pow-7. Socialist members in the trade cial democratic groups, unwilling ers to guide the work of the Socialist Party between N. E. C. sessions and so situated that it can meet on call. Adequate provision should be made for proportional and thus to demonstrate to the theoretical changes. The Party can- representation on the N. E. C. and the central committee which it ap-Socialists are real defenders of the ciplined instrument while its or points, so that both majority and minority views in the Socialist well as in word. Socialists cannot be that of a loosely organized pro- Party may be represented. The meetings of the full N. E. C. should autonomous groups, each following take place at least every three months. Between sessions of the N. E. C. the central committee shall be the highfest political and ganization has been obvious for executive body of the Party with full power to make decisions in the name of the Party in accordance with the policies laid down

> powered to set up regional divicommittees, for the purpose of coing out party directives in co-operation with the various states in the litical. Their duties shall not in-

b) The N. E. C. shall be em-

(d) Steps shall be taken toward financing the party machinery on Football Headgear the principle of capacity to pay and sence of a specified policy on some not solely on flat rate membership new issue an excuse for evading dues. While the income tax plan of financing is difficult to initiate, It is unfortunate but true that provisions should be made for im- tion from the blows of police clubs the majority of the party members pressing upon the membership the is not reached by the party's theo- necessity of this voluntary obliga- troduced to the picket lines thrown retical literature, official or other-tion their part. Instead of periowise, and frequently votes upon dic appeals for funds for miscel by the Oil Field, Gas Well and Reimportant issues with little or no laneous purposes, the National Orpreparation or understanding. In ganization should lay out an annual ner discussion leaflets, issued by budget covering all estimated re- from their battles at Akron, reinvarious groups, likewise fail to quirements, apportioning and sub forced the strikers, helping them in reach the bulk of the membership. mitting this to the various state or-This is particularly unfortunate in ganizations, which in turn will bud-cessions from the oil bosses. pre-convention periods. For this get their requirements, including reason, it is essential that the the national obligation, and like Houston Grand Jury party itself-provide some organ of wise apportioning and submitting party discussion to be mailed free same to the locals and branches. to all members in which divergent This plan shall be considered suppoints of view of leading issues plementary to the present regular

(c) To overcome in part the t is recommended that representa- present lack of field organizers, tives of leading tendencies be ap steps should be taken to organize pointed to the editorial board. Two the work of those members who pages of Socialist Action could or are willing to volunteer their time

party discussion, with additional (f) One red-special sound truck space added for pre-convention is should be allocated for full-time

(g) To improve and coordinate fere with the right of any group trade union work by the Party, Concession Gained to issue its own discussion organ. trade union conferences of Party In order that the principles and members of particular sections

the trade union movement itself, some guidance is necessary for the conduct of Socialist Party trade unionists in relation to such a move-Trade union members of the Party have a definite function to

its own basic program. The So-

cialist Party will function within

such an organization as it does

within any other form of united

front with working class elements

In the event of a labor party

sentiment arising directly within

which do not accept its full pro-

perform-the winning of the workers in their organization to a revolutionary socialist position. It is not their task to give an impetus to the formation of a labor party. They must, however, maintain a systematic and positive position toward independent political action on the part of the labor movement in order that they may gain a hearing in the councils of such a movement and retain the confidence of the progressive labor elements which may be behind it. They must do everything in their power to prevent such a party from becoming the football of labor politicians or a classless People's Front alignment. They must at tempt through their Socialist Leagues within the Labor movement to orient it toward a positive class-struggle program, while continuing to point out the need

When it becomes apparent to the mass of the workers that a mere labor Party cannot solve their problems, the Socialist Party will stand to gain the support and confidence of the workers only to the extent that is membership, particularly in the trade unions, have taken an active, loyal, but consistently Socialist position both in the unions and in the Labor Party itself.

Garment Workers Strike Sheba Ann

DALLAS, Texas-Charging that they were paid wages as low as \$4 for a 44-hour week and that they were discharged for joining a union, employes of the Sheba Ann dress factory went on their third strike within a month. They demand a 35-hour week, basic minimum wages of \$18.90, and recognition of the International Ladies' Garment Workers as their bargaining agent.

For Ohio Strikers WOOSTER, Ohio-Shoulder pads and football headgear for protec--that was the novel innovation inabout the gas wells and pipe lines finery Workers of America. Militant rubber workers, fresh

their effort to gain maximum con

Whitewashes Police

HOUSTON, Texas-Despite beatng and gassing more than 150 striking seamen in this port last December 24, police forces were cleared by a grand jury which refused to consider charges of aggravated assault filed by attorneys for the strikers against seven of the thugs who led in the armed attack upon pickets peacefully guarding the waterfront.

By Meat Packers

CALGARY, Canada—Demanding number of judges on the Supreme mion recognition and higher wage Court. rates, strikers of the Union Meat, basic demands.

nights' bed and four meals and told to move on.

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Reply to Stalinist Demand To Expel "Trotskyites"

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY As part of its campaign to

disrupt our ranks, the Communist Party has presented the demand that we expel the "Trotskyites" from the Socialist Party. Around this slogan the Stalinites are conducting a furious campaign with the hope that Socialists will adopt their slogan and carry out their demand.

The Socialist Party of California is very well aware that this campaign is designed to weaken the revolutionary character of the Socialist Party with the object of dragging the Party into the support of American Imperialism in the coming war. In reply to the insolent demand

of the "Communist" social-patriots the State Convention of the Socialist Party of California de-

The former members of the Workers' Party who have been accepted into membership in the Socialist Party of California have Seen given full and free opportunity to participate in the work and they have worked loyally and constructively in its ranks. They have made substantial contributions to the Party's activities and are necessary for its future development as a revolutionary

The Socialist Party of California contemptuously rejects the demand of the Communist Party that they be expelled and states, on the contrary, that they are to remain in our ranks with the same rights and duties as other members of the party without discriminations and without special privileges. The Socialist Party of California categorically instructs the California delegates to the National Convention to take a firm and uncompromising stand in the sense of this reso-

Socialism and War

(Passed Unanimously) All the devices of capitalism to maintain peace in the post-war

era have failed. Capitalist peace plans are only covers for new war preparations. The Socialist Party reaffirms its historic stand of opposition to any war in which the government engages. The next war will be one of imperialist interest on both sides.

Once again the workers in the imperialist countries are being misled by the pretext that the next war will be one of democratic versus fascist nations. No capitalist war, no capitalist device, can be a basis for a policy of peace. Only when the workers take political and economic power into their own hands in the great nations of the earth will the world have a sound basis of lasting peace.

The dangers of war and fascism must be fought simultaneously as the products of capitalist nationalism. Uncompromising struggle against all capitalist states, both before and after war is declared is the only method of fighting imperialism and the threat of fascism here and abroad. Just as fascism intensifies the danger of war, so the coming of war hastens the coming of fascism. Dictatorial military rule is the normal attendant of all capitalist wars, and this is necessarily exaggerated in the present era of capitalist decay and fascist reaction.

The Soviet Union, surrounded by capitalist enemies, is in constant danger of imperialist attack and all class-conscious workers must be prepared to defend the Soviet Union against such at-

tacks. Such defense, however, mus be a proletarian defense, independent of capitalist governments and their policies and independent of the diplomacy of the Soviet Union and carried out with the instrumentality of organized labor. Should the American government or any other capitalist government, for reasons of its own, enter into an alliance with the Soviet Union, defense of the Soviet Union does not include support for capitalist allies of the Soviet Union in a war. The Soviet Union can best be defended by vigorously carrying on the class war in all count

The S. P. vigorously supports the wars of colonial people against their oppressors and the revolutionary wars of workers against the capitalists.

American Socialists will refuse to support any war the capitalist government of America might undertake. Should a war break out in any part of the world, Socialists will fight against participation of the capitalist government of the United States in that war and will seek to mass class resistance to this.

Only a real Socialist govern ment, however, will be in a posttion to insure lasting peace. The struggle against war is therefore bound up with the struggle against capitalism and for Socialism. This struggle cannot be conducted unless there is a working class party, clear in policy constant and vigorous in action, which never compromises the class struggle, and through all trials leads the working class to the final goal.

"Non-Partisan" League Again Pledges Capitalist Solidarity

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Under the slogan, "PRE-VENT ANOTHER DEPRESSION," Labor's Non-Partisan League plunged into the Roosevelt campaign to "Get the Nine Old Men," circularizing its entire membership and bombarding the nation's labor

press with propaganda lauding sumption of campaigning on a na-Roosevelt, the Constitution, and tional scale, additional State branches are perfecting plans for the preservation of capitalist democracy through increasing the permanent organization. DENVER SCHOOL

"The purpose of the program," Packing Company refused to return said a formal statement by the to work until a conciliation board League's national officers, discloswas appointed to consider their ing the real motivation for its par- State Headquarters room Monday grievances. When the board had ticipation, "will be to show the night, February 1, under auspices been appointed, they agreed to re-nation that labor is behind the of the Educational Committee of turn, pending consideration of their President today, as it was during Local Denver. Comrade Harley his election campaign."

Coincident with the League's re- L. Glantz.

The first of a regular series of "School for Socialists" opened in

Murray is instructor and it is "Labor's Non-Partisan League expected attendance at the classes WINNIPEG, Canada - The first stands solidly behind the Presi- will grow as his ability as an sitdown strike to make its appear-dent," states the organization, instructor becomes known ance in Winnipeg ended victorious- levelling its heaviest artillery 100 throughout Socialist and liberal y for 30 unemployed men who re- per cent for capitalist democracy circles of the city. The Educafused to leave a soup kitchen until in the first major campaign since tional Committee of Local Denver they were provided with permanent the election designed to demon- is composed of Comrades I. W. elief. They had been given two strate its true reason for existence. Holland, John O. Moore and H.

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Resolutions on Labor and Farmer Labor Parties

MAJORITY RESOLUTION WHEREAS, Only a revolutionary Socialist Party can successfully lead and organize the working class for the successful resistance to the onslaught of fascism and reaction; and,

WHEREAS, Only a revolutionary Socialist Party can mobilize and lead the working class towards the establishment of a workers state; and,

WHEREAS, A Labor Party or Farmer-Labor Party can by its nature and every practical consideration of American politics be nothing more than a reformist party and is therefore incapable of solving the fundamental problems facing the working class today; therefore be it RESOLVED, That the Socialist Party, as a party cannot take the

bor or Farmer-Labor party, and further be it RESOLVED, That whether the Socialist Party, as a party is to join the Labor Party once it is formed or not to join such a party is purely a practical consid-

responsibility of launching a La-

tually formed. The main energy must be shifted towards the building of a strong revolutionary party which working within the structure of a Labor Party or outside of it, will retain its independence, its program and fight unyieldingly and unceasingly for its revolutionary ideas and program.

MINORITY RESOLUTION It is the object of the Socialist Party to organize the working class of the United States into a class conscious, revolutionary political party for the overthrow of the present social and economical order, the taking of power by the working class and the establishment of a classless society. The primary object of every Socialist must be to build the Socialist Party for the fulfillment of this func-

If, however, the organized workers, independent of our desires, should form a bona fide working class party, independent of the parties of capitalism, the S. P. will co-operate with such an organization or enter it as an organized Socialist unit, without surrender of

Stop This Sit-Down Strike!

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The Supreme Court

We have nothing against any plan to "liberalize" the United States Supreme Court. But we are one hundred per cent against the ridiculous illusion that the addition of a half dozen more exponents of the capitalist system to that judicial body will do away with the class struggle or materially affect the relationship between the workers and their exploiters in any way what-

The Supreme Court, like all other political and judicial institutions in modern society, is a class instrument, pure and simple. The conservative attitude of the court is not derived fundamentally from its composition, nor from the age of its incumbents, but from the nature of its essential function as a protecting barrier of the system of private property and private profit. Roosevelt, the "reformer," avowedly stands for the maintenance of that system just as ardently as do the nine old men on the Supreme Court bench. The quarrel between them is merely this: What is the best, most effective and economical way to protect the system of private property in the impending social storms?

The whole dispute is essentially the affair of the rulers of America and their political representatives. To us it appears that Roosevelt, with his liberal demagogy and his policy of minor concessions to take the edge off the harsh collisions of the classes. is a more effective champion of the capitalist cause than the nine old fossils muttering into their beards. The most wide-awake and far-sighted elements of the money crowd think so too. That is why they supported him in the last election—along with the labor leaders, the old guard Socialists, the Communists and the great mass of duped workers.

But our concern, the concern of the working class, is not at all with oiling the machinery of exploitation in order to make it function more smoothly and effectively. Theory and experience alike teach us that not even the meanest, most miserly concessions are to be wrested from the exploiters without the most determined struggle. And a genuine rectification of the gross inequalities and injustices of capitalism is to be attained only by the development of these struggles to their logical and inevitable climax—the revolutionary overthrow of cap-

A "liberal" Supreme Court can't and won't aid these struggles. And a "reactionary" Supreme Court can't stop them. The question is solely a question of power. The development of the workers' power to attain their historic aims—the abolition of capitalism and all its institutions, including the Supreme Court—that is the real business of the intelligent workers.

Let the bosses and their dupes argue the fine points of judicial reform. What the American workers need is a revolution.

"July Days" in Spain

The Spanish Revolution has entered its "July Days." That is the entire meaning of the attempt to suppress the Workers' Party of Marxist Unity (POUM) and the Syndicalist Labor Federation (CNT).

The campaign of vilification and slander against all those in Spain who stand for the workers' rule as the goal of the struggle had its counterpart in Russia in July, 1917. The parallel is striking. The situation and | the economic cycle has brought them.

the methods are duplicated. Even the slander-"German agents"-is repeated ver-

In July, 1917, the Russian edition of the Peoples Front government, headed by Kerensky, was in power. They seized the first opportunity, when the workers' movement showed weakness to pen up a slanderous attack on the Bolsheviks. They also had "facts" (the "sealed train") just as the Stalinists today have "facts" (The Moscow Trial Confessions). They "proved" that Lenin was a German agent by the fact that he came to Russia thru Germany in a sealed train. Tens of hundreds of newspaper articles and speeches were delivered in a frenzied attempt to bury the workers revolution vanguard under a landslide of slander. In those days the slander factory was operated by the Mensheviks. Today it is operated by the former Bolsheviks-the Stalinists. Everything else is the same.

In the month of July, "the month of the great slander," the capitalists of Russia and their lackeys, succeeded in driving the Bolsheviks underground. Lenin went into hiding. Trotsky was put in jail. The workers' cause hung in the balance. But the revolution triumphed over the slanderers. July was followed by October and the workers'

These are crucial days in Spain. Simultaneously with the campaign to exterminate the revolutionists, the move to dissolve the workers' militia and disarm the workers organizations is taking place. Instead of the revolutionary task of building the workers militia and arming the people the Stalinists have substituted for themselves the task of disarming the militia and building a centralized army which can become the instrument of the Spanish bourgeoisie against the workers.

Every class conscious worker must raise his voice in protest against the attack on the POUM and the CNT. That is an attack on the Spanish and the world revolution. Every other explanation is a fraud and a

The Spanish workers' revolution must not Bill Green be buried by the treachery of the Stalinists. The fascist beasts must be driven back by a united working class. The vicious plan to dismember Spain must be defeated. The Spanish revolutionists must be protected and defended.

Sit Down Strikes

The surging wave of strikes which followed the successful conclusion of the conflict with General Motors can be ascribed basically to rise in the rate of profit due to the upswing in the economic cycle. But its generation at this particular time with its utilization of the particular technique of utilization of the particular technique of President of the A. F. of L., culthe sit down tactic, can be ascribed to the minated in a move for his expulsion heartening example of the French sit down from the ranks of the United Mine strikes of last summer and their successful Workers. duplication in the United States, principally by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of Green "did everything in his power workers in their ment issued to all affiliated bodies."

Such a poncy, according to the president would contribute to the security of business and improve imperialist conflict wile away their workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are matter of ly by the rubber workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are large workers are large workers. As a matter of ly by the rubber workers are large technique was primarily developed in efforts to divide, destroy, and ren-France or at Akron, Ohio, but its first large der impotent the United Automobile dent of the A. F. of L. Metal Trades scale use came in the titanic strikes of the French workers when the Blum govern- collective bargaining and economic mass industry and are leaders in ment took over the task of preserving class justice in that industry," and called the fight against the CIO. When, harmony.

The success of the strike comes from two factors, the quickness with which it may be called in a particular section of a line and the difficulty to displace the strikers with scabs. If discrimination occurs against a immediately, paralyzing a whole factory. The suddenness prevents the boss from preworker, one small unit of a line sits down paring for it. The costliness of the shut down over a minor issue brings him quickly to terms. If the boss attempts wholesale discrimination, or if a major issue such as wages, hours, or union recognition demands ing agricultural unions instead of bosses requires a single Statestrike action, then the workers simply stay a State-wide industrial union. The wide organization. at their posts, guarding their jobs and the machines, practising that rigid self-discipline which amazes only the owners and the decadent circles clinging to them.

The effectiveness of the sit down strike But it is perfectly clear to every- Associated Farmers bring pressure. the report of President Roosevelt's technique is graphically established by the flood of editorial demands that the sit down technique be declared illegal.

The workers will know how to answer this threat from their exploiters with the same militancy which has wrung from boss expose the reactionary role they after boss across the nation a grudging share of the inflated profits an upswing in

PEARLS FROM THE PRESS

out poverty around to remind them of their duties to the poor, but they are on the other hand an incentive to the poor to better their conditions."-Yes, if it weren't for the rich pots hanging around. I'd never think of eating or wearing clothes or sleeping in houses. And \$8.90 a week." — Every W.P.A. we sure don't want the rich to get smug about life, do we, boys?

Jay C. Hormel, in the American Legion Monthly: "Whoever originated the idea the employees and Republic: "Aside from all arguand and Bolivia and Paraguay mopping employers have their interests ne- ment, it may be assumed from the cessarily opposed has a lot to an successes which Mr. Green and swer for when he comes to judg- his lieutenants had in controlling ment."-Hormel's got us. For in- the Tampa convention and by their stance, the more money that a re-elections to carry on, that organcompany pays out in dividends, the ized labor as a whole is inclined Christian Science Monitor: "But, more there is left over for wages. to favor craft unionism."—That though bombing planes roar over-The longer and faster the assembly may be true, aside from all arguline runs, the happier the boss is, ments. the more the workers like it. The rich and the poor beneat alike

A southern clergyman says from imperialist war. The police "We must remember that many

Business: "Every executive, interested in the welfare of his employees, will want to know how, for instance, a family can eat well for worker, interested in the welfare of his family, will want to know that too.

Daily Doubt from the National

(quoted from New Republic): "The take the side of strikers quite as Communists vote for 'liberal' candirich would become too smug with- often as they protect scabs, etc., dates on other party tickets, believing that by so doing they can disrupt the legislatures."-At that, An advertisement in Nation's it's a sounder theory than Popular Frontism.

> Washington headline: "F. R CITES HARMONIOUS RELA TIONS IN SOUTH AMERICA AS WORLD EXAMPLE." - That cannon you hear booming in the background is the American marines landing in Nicaragua, the Ameriup on one another for the greater glory of dear old Standard Oil.

Soothing Thought from the

Meet In Conference | solution for the unending misery of the Southern sharecroppers over whom he sheds his fatherly tears.

(Continued from Page 1) only pretext for such an organizaprecisely what is needed.

By their position the Stalinists ment to unite forces. They are playing in the labor movement. They have lined themselves up with all the anti-labor forces in the State in opposing the formation of State-wide industrial union in California basic industry.

In the Western Worker article they attempt to give the impression that the set-up proposed by the State Federaion of Labor would be bureaucratic and controlled from the top, while they stand for "democracy" and the rank and file. They make the charge that the formation of one big industrial union would result in

the "liquidation" of all the existing

We warn the delegates and agricultural workers generally against that can be done when field and such dishonest arguments and such underhand methods. Informed white and Filipino workers are unionists know that the industrial union program of the conference does not mean liquidation but instrengthening of the entire moveunions. The charge of the Stalinists is as dishonest as their policy is

reactionary. It is true that a hodge-podge of isolated local and independent unions offers a better field for the head, in much of Spain the cows factional manipulation of the Comstill go to pasture, the peasants munist Party. That is what mostill pray, the fires of home still tivates their demand for "decentralthe Mational Republica draw the circle closer at eventide," ization" and "local autonomy," But forming

the concerted struggle against the

The employers in agriculture are dependent unions into the set-up. tion work is making progress the out the State of California. Unless act as disorganizers of the move parallelled by the workers they hands of the bosses as they have

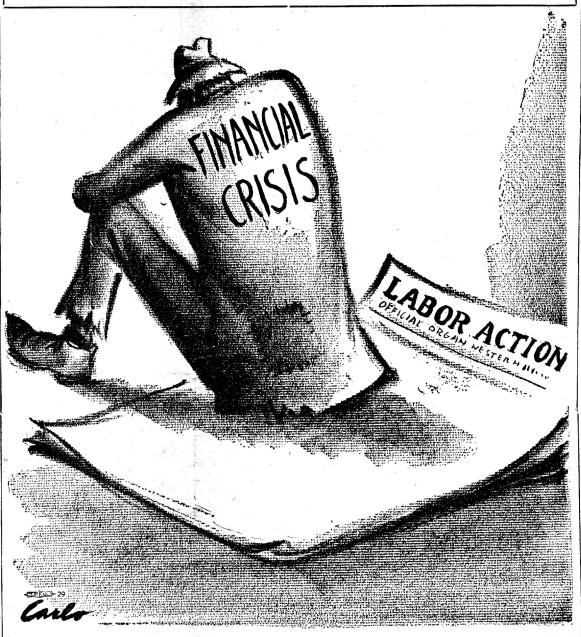
been heretofore.

The appeal of the Communist Party to sectional feelings which may exist among some workers only plays right into the hands of the Associated Farmers. Autonomy for the already existing locals would keep them as isolated from the main current of organized labor as they are at present. It would smash any attempts at mass organization of migratory workers who would be required to belong to unions in every section of the

State in which he works. The only solution to the probem of organization in California agriculture is the State-wide industrial union. The Salinas fiasco s a striking example of the harm shed workers are separated, when kept apart.

Labor Action greets the dele

gates at the conference and exstead means the consolidation and presses the desire to see successful organization work carried on in ment by merging the isolated agriculture. The Socialist Party hope the assembled representatives against the entrenched organized forces of the land barons of CaliBy Carlo



James V. Murphy, his wife, and

children were arrested and

charged with burglary, disorder-

ly conduct, and maintaining a

nuisance. His children were

taken away and consigned to a

welfare agency while he and his

wife face, without money, the

His crime: shoving open the

door of a janitor's supply room

in the Olmstead courthouse and

starting a sit-down strike with

his family to enforce his demand

charges filed against them.

Family Faces Denounced Prison Term By Miners ROCHESTER, Minn .- Without work, without relief, starving,

Arch Labor Faker Attacked Auto Settlement

The storm of protest rising from

Workers and those associated with Department, have constantly opthem in their effort to inaugurate posed industrial organization of for his immediate expulsion from despite their efforts, the first great the union.

Green charged the committee and automobile industry was achieved with "Hitlerism" and promised to they publicly declared the settle fight the expulsion. The executive ment a "surrender."

Roosevelt Composes Crop Plan

Solution To Rural Unemployment

WASHINGTON, D. C .- The terrible misery in rural areas arising from the complete inability of land owners to provide even a minimum share of the food crops for their wage-slaves, was reflected in the proposal of President Roosevelt to Congress last week that crops be insured and reserves stored, beginning with wheat in 1938.

president would contribute to the his buddies of the first world-wide STATUS QUO and to guard the

The policy, said President Roosevelt. "must include the conservation of soil and water, better land there to preserve democracy are PEACE LOVING NATIONS who use, increased farm income, and allevation of distress.' Nothing was embodied in the

step towards organization of the proposal concerning the distress the union's leader, John L. Lewis, and an agreement with GM secured, agricultural workers have suffered from tear gas and clubs of thugs under Roosevelt's dictatorship, or the distress of agricultural strikers who have been herded like Nazi political dissenters into the jails existing under Roosevelt's famous New Deal. Roosevelt indicated no solution for the unending misery

'PIOUS CONCERN'

WASHINGTON, D. C. - "Little more than a pious expression of sand bags. Their minds are as CAPITALISM. Their name is SOtional setup that the Stalinists can well organized all over California. concern over the plight of between dulled as the blood-rusted bayonets CIALIST. offer is that it would result in Wherever an agricultural strike 25,000,000 and 30,000,000 of this drawing the already existing in breaks out, or wherever organiza country's agricultural population,' was the characterization applied to body that this concentration of The name of Chet Moore is well farm tenancy committee by Gardforces into one organization is known in this connection through | ner Jackson, chairman of the National Committee on Rural Social this form of organization is Planning. Jackson held the report was a cause for hope only if it were tion sympathetic from "top to bot-

Furniture Workers Win At Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS—Winning a 7-day strike against the Grain King Company, mmbers of the Furniture Workers Union, Local 1859, returned to work with a signed contract guaranteeing strict seniority, a minimum wage of 45 cents an hour, a 44-hour week, and time and a half for overtime.

The wage question will be re opened in July when the union expects to secure a further increase

Illinois Technicians Gain Pay Increases

\$10 to \$70 a month, pay for overrecognition of the office committee will be at all times at the call of of the Federation of Architects, En- Unionism in the automobile indus- also provides for a five cent hourthe workers in every struggle. We gineers, Chemists and Technicians try. It was responsible for the ly increase in all day rates and of the agricultural workers will Products Company when the union in Detroit during the NRA period, rates. grasp the opportunity to set up an proved through a labor board sur- which paved the way for the presindustrial union on a State-wide vey that the organization repre- ent organization in the automobile of the Eaton Detroit Metal Co., the basis and march forward to victory sented nearly 100 per cent of the industry. But the day for small Columbia Metal Stamping Co., the company's employes.

Sit-down Strikes Challenge Owners

(Continued from Page 1) Timken Axle plant in Detroit. scene of sit down action.

FLOCK TO UNIONS In Detroit, Flint, Lansing, Pontiac, and every other auto center, workers are flocking into the union ranks as a result of the GM strike. A demonstration of victorious strik- they are unaccustomed to perform-

ers in Flint was the biggest celebration in the city's history. In a frantic scurry to stave off tions, etc., that have been granted," President Homer Martin estimated.

Briggs Manufacturing Co., one of the most notorious anti-union com- shown the way to organized fter the GM settlement. A series or Briggs plant led to an influx of Briggs' workers into the union and the company was forced to negotiate an agreement boosting of the American working class has vages and recognizing the union's shop steward plan. Meanwhile, workers returning to

the Chevrolet plants are finding strike action throughout the nathat agreements signed in the conerence room must be enforced in traveled.

the plants. In the No. 4 plant in Detroit and the surrounding cities. Flint, key to all Chevrolet produc-Several plants manufacturing auto tion, since all engines are made parts are closed, and the giant there, the company has hired many non-union men as thugs. These which supplies axles to Ford, Gen- men are armed with clubs and eral Motors and Chrysler, is the paid extra cash. Top men of the company say the thugs are armed to prevent riots.

SLANDER UNIONISTS In other plants hostile foremen attempt to prove union men to be inefficient by putting them on work

ing. Already GM is trying to foist an anti-union seniority plan on the action of their employees, now workers, judging seniority by the mbued with the union spirit, Pack- position of the worker in the plant ard, Chrysler, Hudson, Budd Wheel and by the number of dependents, and other plants boosted their wage | fictitious or otherwise, that each scales. "The UAWA has already) man claims. In negotiations, the been worth many millions of dol- GM officials refuse to discuss conlars to the automobile workers of ditions in any plants besides the this country in these bonuses, wage 17 recognized, and denies the right increases, better working condi- of the UAW to press forward demands for the other 52 plants.

But the hard-won strike of the last two months has conclusively panies in the auto industry, signed strength, and the new upsurge of n agreement with the UAW soon union consciousness throughout the nation will sweep away the chiselof spontaneous sit-downs in the ma- ing machinations of the corporation bosses.

The first big battle in the campaign to organize the broad layers been won. The road is clear. It is the road of militant industrial unionism. The mounting wave of tion proves that the road will be

PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS Citizens of the Hospitals Lie in State

And still the veterans of the World War continue their sacrifices to make the world safe for democracy. In government hospitals they regularly reappear for further am-

or for the regulation gray pine box fellow workers when they went (properly morticed according to over the top to make democracy government specifications) which safe from the attack of imperialist Tells Congress Insurance Is the democracy covers with a free aggressor nations. They gave their flag for its deceased warriors. At military funerals the govern- the nations who are lovers of peace

putation of a gangrenous leg, for

who will blow taps in regulation to preserve peace. manner across the open grave of the man who died to make the fresh, eager, virile. They face the world safe for democracy and the same issues these war-torn citizens folded flag that covered the gray make them as confusing as the

describes his fifth visit to a Can- must plunge the bayonet into a adian hospital for treatment where worker's throat to maintain the

cratic Huns. Here in the hospital are the PERITY, AND THE PURSUIT OF otting dregs of all those propa- HAPPINESS. ganda-poisoned men who fought with the anti-autocratic forces in would turn the imperialist conflict the war to end all wars and who into civil war and level their guns were not lucky enough to make at the capitalist executive committheir sacrifice for capitalist profits cleanly with a bullet between the be, they are to be driven from the

from their sacrifices. They are They are worse than SLACKERS, finished. They are burned out as for SLACKERS only refused to completely as the grenades they fight. These infantile leftists are threw at fellow workers across the dangerous. They would destroy

fresh re-opening of a belly wound, they plunged into the bodies of lives for the democratic nations. ment provides a free bugler too, and who slaughter their workers

Now there is a new generation, veteran's family sob as the corpo- of hospitals faced. But the slogans ral presents them with the neatly have been altered just enough to slogans of 1918. Now they must In a grim article published in do more than sacrifice their lives February, Ex. Sgt. G. G. Lawson to PRESERVE PEACE. Now they

Nurses are not so fresh and sweet | make the world safe for democracy. as they appeared on the posters of The issue is crystal clear. But 1917. The warriors who went over they must prepare to join the not so clean cut and charged with are preparing at an ever-acceleratthe virility of those youths pic- ed rate to DEFEND THEMSELVES tured on army placards as fixing AGAINST FASCIST AGGRESSOR bayonets to save all that is decent NATIONS. Above all they must from the menace of the un-demo-prepare to give their lives to make the world safe for PEACE, PROS-

As for those infantile leftists who tee no matter what its mask might ranks of humanity. They are the These men draw no conclusion most horrible Judases in history.

400 Hosiery Workers Win Sitdown For Union Wages

PHILADELPHIA, Penn.-Four hundred employes of will be just as helpless in the implemented by effective legislathe Brownhill and Kramer hosiery mill returned to work with a union wage and hour scale after a 37-day sit-down strike. Future differences will be taken up by a shop committee of plant.

the union or possibly referred to Wilson's labor board.

tempt to avoid unionization of its York.

At the Arlington mills, 150 Judge Lewis, chairman of Mayor hosiery workers struck for union wages while at the Windsor mill The strike began when the employes struck in an effort to company attempted to move its ma- prevent the company from moving chinery to New Jersey in an at- its machines to Governor, New

Mechanics Local Joins Auto Workers; Secures Agreement

CLEVELAND, Ohio-Upon receiving its charter as Local No. 217 of the United Automobile Workers of America, former Local No. 5 of the Mechanics Educational Society f America succeeded immediately. in securing an agreement from the The agreement drawn up with

Eaton Detroit Metal Company, ac-Bert Cochran, formerly general or-CHICAGO, Ill.—Pay increases of ganizer of the MESA.

mobile Workers and the C.I.Q."

the Eaton Detroit Metal Company cording to an announcement from provides for union recognition, seniority, time and a half for all overtime above eight hours a day and "The Mechanics Educational So- forty hours a week, time and a half time, dismissal notice with pay and ciety of America," Cochran said, for Saturday work and double time "was the pioneer in establishing for Sunday work. The agreement was gained from the Universal Oil brilliant tool and die makers strike progressive increases on all piece

The new local includes workers independent unions is over. The Globe Stamping Co., Modern Tool, future lies with the United Auto- Paramount Tool Co., Progressive Tool Hecker Min Co.