

Green & Co. NEW DEA DEFENDS PROFIT Declare War On Militants Deal assail their sacred rights to profit off the sweat and blood

Playing, as usual, squarely into the hands of the vigilantes, citizens' alliances, American Legion thugs, and other avowed enemies of all organized labor, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, announces that he plans a relentless and organized war on the "reds" within the ranks.

The executive council of the Federation met in Atlantic City, ignored the burning issue facing American labor-namely, whether it must submit tamely to the violation of the constituional rights of workers on strike, whether the activities of the strike-breaking organizations are to continue without the resistance of organized labor-but did pass solemn resolutions, and a three-point program, to fight its own left-wing elements.

The Reactionary Program

The three-points of the program are in part:

First: To call upon all subordinate organized units to ferret out the Communists within its ranks and to expel them from membership.

Second: "We shall call upon the proper governmental authorities to protect trade unionists who seek to comply with agreements made with gaining, against the attacks of violence, to become identified with the Communist organization.'

Third: "The Executive Council will call upon the Department of Labor to deport alien Communists ... who are deportable under the immigration statute."

Translate these three points on by the Manchukuoan authorities the anti-Red program, and they who refuse to free them. Their remean, First: that Green will lend lease has been refused despite rehis support to the California and Minneapolis red-baiting program viet Russia, even threatening to of the employers, who also want to temporarily suspend all negotiarid labor of its "Communist" i.e. tions for the sale of the road. Japmilitant, elements. Second, that the cops will be called in to support in their their their their merely continued its incarceration trade-union bureaucrats in their of the Line's officials, thereby hoprevolt of the rank-and-file. Third, agree to their terms. that Green will support the Depart-

ment of Labor's strike-breaking de-

SYSTEM, SAYS SECRETARY For such timid capitalists-if such there be--who were seriously concerned lest the New of the workingman, Secretary of Commerce Roper has issued a soothing reassurance.

"To the business man let me say," he said in a radio address, "that your government and the masses of people resent unthinking statements or subtle suggestions that the profit motive in American life has been or is to be abolished."

With recent disclosures to the effect that milk companies have been enjoying 300 per cent profit while dairy farmers were begging for a government pittance, with textile companies enjoying 370 per cent increase in profits. with General Motors showing a 16 per cent increase in profits, and Dupont a 50 cents extra dividend, the honorable secretary's assurances would seem to

be superfluous. Nor do the starving masses need to be told that the profit motive still rules. How strongly it rules, and how unscrupulously, they will further discover when the prices of food, and other necessities of life, begin to rocket this winter.

employers through collective bar- Japan Prepares fre-fighters, all calculated to damp-Communists who seek to compel them through force, intimidation, Seizure of Chinese tion that might arise in union cir-cles, and to put out all scattered Eastern Railroad In a word, the leaders of the textile union are not only stalling

The Soviet officials of the Chin- parations as they are making are ese Eastern Railway seized last in the direction of strangling the

peated protests on the part of Soindustry.

Following the seizure of Man-

Labor Skates Stall General Local 574 Wins Right to Represent Textile Strike Inside Men; Discrimination Barred

The stirring news of the victory of the Minneapolis strike will give

the United States. It comes as a beacon light on the dark sea of

defeats that have engulfed the labor unions in the second strike move-

ment under the NRA. The thrilling outcome of the battle will give

confidence to the doubting worker that labor need not lose and capital-

ism can be defeated. It will strengthen the conviction in the minds of

every revolutionist that the policies of consistent class struggle are the

only method of crowning the struggles of the working class with success.

battles are ahead. It must forge its weapons and prepare. Let the

workers learn and assimilate the lessons of Minneapolis and they will

have gained an invaluable addition to the arsenal of class weapons

a part of them are digested the proletariat will take a huge stride for-

With hardly an exception practically all of the major problems of

strike strategy were telescoped in the battle of 574. Lack of space does

not permit us to deal with all of them, but to mention them in part:

maintaining a picket line to cope with scabs, feeding five thousand

workers, holding high the morale of the strikers for the long weeks of

the struggle, answering the lies, the calumnies and the slanders of the

These are the customary problems faced by the workers when they

rebel for better conditions. But the Minneapolis strike was complicated

with other and far more perplexing matters. From the very word go,

alive for its entire duration. This was joined in by the International

combatting the police and the city officials.

But the working class has little time to rejoice. Bigger and fiercer

The much heralded textile union general strike threatens to join the much heralded steel strike into a siding.

Already the timorous, the treacherous, textile union leaders are paving the way for the sell-out. The special "strike committee" tile Workers, is hopeful that "Pres-

ident Roosevelt or someone else with real authority" will be able to avert the walkout. The President's sop to the de

mands of the workers, in the form of a reduction of hours from 40 to 36, is hailed by Sidney Hillman president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, as a "living symbol of the NRA" (which it is) and "a new approach to real economic democracy".

Having thus prepared the workers with these fine, militant slogans for a battle to the death, the finishing touches to the strike campaign is supplied by William Green president of the A. F. of L. Green has appointed a committee to cooperate with the general strike

committee. Green's committee cam prises John L. Lewis, Matthew Woll, Frank Morrison, and similar en the most promising conflagraflames of revolt as well.

on the strike issue, but such pre-

week are still being kept in prison strike should it begin. The only hope for the strike, if it is called, is that the workers provisions hereof shall cover Drivthemselves may rebel against such strike committee, responsible nei- ployes of these firms except Driv- ers in the ranks. They carried on their work in the trade union not but representing the needs and de- Office Workers and Salesmen. The

sell-outs of the workers, against the ing to force the Soviet Union to FOOD PRICES RISE 22 PERCENt ing.



(Reprinted below are the terms of the settlement adopted by the membership of 574 and agreed to by the "166" employers. We believe that this is the surest way to answer all lies and put the calumniators in their place. ---Ed.)

1. The strike and all strike activities to be terminated at once. 2. All employes now on strike

shall be reinstated on the basis of seniority, without discrimination. 3. Each employer who does not at once reinstate all his employes strikers and their families, providing relief to the more destitute of the to their former positions, shall within three (3) days after the strike is terminated, prepare and boss press and radio, conducting negotiations with the employers and file with the Minneapolis-St. Paul federal arbitrators, gaining the support of workers in other unions, Regional Labor Board a preferential list. Such employers shall place on the preferential list the names of employes on their payrolls as of July 16th, 1934, and they shall en- the strike was faced with a vehement "red" scare of the bosses, kept gage workers from this list in seniority order, and will not hire or President of the Teamsters, Tobin, who declared the strike illegal at maintain on their payrolls any the very outset. Then, to make confusion worse confounded, a farmer other employes (as defined in para-labor governor, having the confidence of the overwhelming majority of graphs four (4) and five (5) here-the workers, dealt some deadly blows at the strike while pretending

employes eligible to vote.

exhausted.

of) until this preferential list is friendship. A backward rank-and-file, fighting mad, but steeped in all the prejudices that the bosses had inculcated into them for years fin-4. In the twenty-two (22) firms ishes the picture. known as the "market firms," the Any other leadership than the one in Minneapolis would have foundered on the rocks of this stupendous problem. This is not because of ers, Helpers, Platform Workers and the personal qualities or the integrity of the men, although that conobviously lukewarm leadership, and "Inside Workers." The term "In- tributed heavily, but rather because the tactics they pursued were Marxdemand a genuine rank-and-file side Workers" shall mean all em- ian from beginning to end. They were thoroughly fused with the work-

ward.

ther to Bill Green, nor to the NRA, ers, Helpers, Platform Workers, with the purpose of some sensational stunt. Building on organization, leading it to victory and helping the workers learn from their own exmands of the workers in the textile term "Salesman" shall mean any periences in the class struggle-that was their aim. employe who devotes at least sixty Previous issues of the Militant have commented on the militaryper cent (60%) of his time to sell-efficient organization of the strike apparatus. But it does not hurt to

repeat some of them, for it was on this very thing that success was

Coincident with the reports of in-creased corporation profits and in-5. In the one hundred and forty founded. To enumerate: the picket line on wheels ready to move at a drum. "market firms," the provisions ommissary serving five thousand strikers daily on the solid assumption off between June and July of this hereof shall cover only Drivers, that an army travels on its belly-the Ladies Auxiliary giving the year-Francis Perkins) come those Helpers and Platform Workers di- women a direct interest in the struggle, making them an encouragement rectly engaged in loading or un- and an aid instead of a drag on the strikers-the mobilization of the loading trucks. In any plant where unemployed for support-and finally the daily strike bulletin, which we Food prices on July 31 reached there are inside employes handling can safely say is one of the greatest contributions to strike strategy in the highest point in 30 months, ac-cording to the Bureau of Labor strike, they shall be returned to the lies of the boss press day in, day out, fanned their flagging enthusi-the lies of the boss press day in, day out, fanned their flagging enthusi-strike, they shall be returned to the lies of the boss press day in, day out, fanned their flagging enthusi-Statistics. Where a worker paid their former positions, but they asm, warned them of traps set by the bosses and and arbitrators, showed 90 cents for food in April 1933, he shall not be eligible to vote in the the class lines of the struggle and performed a thousand and one other today has to pay \$1.10, an increase election as called for in paragraph services. This was the unshakeable foundation of the strike.

Enforcement heart and hope to every class conscious and union conscious worker in of Settlement

Minneapolis, Aug. 22 .-- Triumphant 574 is celebrating tonight.

The Minneapolis drivers have battled through five weeks of the toughest strike struggle in recent times and have emerged from it with a victory that will warm the hearts of the militants from Maine against capital. And Minneapolis is rich in lessons, so rich that if but to California.

> In the most significant duel in years between reaction, the bosses, the governor, the soldiers, the cops the press, the radio, the church, on the one side and the dauntless militancy of 574 supported by the Minneapolis working class on the other, labor has won.

Defeating a Mighty Foe

The enemy was powerful. It flooded the press with a Nia-

gara of vituperation against the union and its leaders.

It impressed its paid agent, Daniel J. Tobin International Teamsters President into service to denounce the leadership as Communists.

It barked into the radio day after day in a never-ending tirade against the "Communists who wanted to overthrow established law and order.³

It murdered two unarmed workers in cold blood and did not even make the pretense of apprehending their assassins.

It raided the union headquarers.

It imprisoned the leaders and the best militants in a military stockade

It declared martial law, gave free rein to the troops who strangled the picketing that had tied up Minneapolis trucking tight as a

This Citizens Alliance wanted to 574 and organized labor.

portation policy.

The situation becomes particularly ominous when one bears in mind | Workers' Republic, forcibly seized that the next convention of the A. F. of L. will be held shortly-October 3-in San Francisco, and owned jointly by Soviet Russia and that handpicked delegates are more China. Forced by the protestations than likely to railroad through the of the Soviets to relinquish part of anti-red program of the executive the control to the Russian officials, council.

Fascist Bands Will Approve Thus, on the scene where organized labor is most menaced by lawless quasi-Fascist mobs, the instigators of the lawlessness and terror will be able to point to the approval of the American Federation of Labor, of organized labor.

The bosses who broke the San Francisco general strike by the use To the Communist Party of the of armed thugs, aided by police, will be able to say: "We were only making war on the Reds, just as the A. F. of L. was forced to do."

Bill Green's rule is threatened. Locals are in open rebellion, and the seething discontent is beginning common struggle for certain immeto force its way into the ranks of diate aims. Formally such a prothe top leadership. The war against posal has been made by the Comthis rebellion will be masked as a war against the "Reds" (not even the bosses are more adept than ance. Green at drawing the red-herring across the trail) but all the dissatisfled elements will be smashed be-

fore the war is over-if Green has his way. Minneapolis Shows the Way The answer of the workers who won the glorious battle of Minnea-

polis should be the answer of all trade unionists to Bill Green's lat- | rope and its developing tendencies est pronunciamento. They refused Green's red-herring, and they con- front of common action against the tinued under their own militant class enemy. Our concern can be leadership to win one of the most only that of the needs of our class. significant victories in the history

of labor in the last 15 years. Trade-union membership belongs point of view the realization of the to all workers, regardless of their united front will mean a victory political affiliations and convictions. who are willing to actively fight for improvement of workers' conditions. The most active members have been the leftward moving members, who are in revolt against Bill Green's

policy of betrayal. And they are the ones Bill Green is seeking to expel.

the anti-Red drive gets into full mean first of all that it must in- tion and await your answer. swing, all militant trade-union clude all Communist and Socialist leaders and members will be de- organizations ready to accept a proclared "reds", and all militant gram of common struggle and ready trade-union tactics condemned as to collaborate loyally in carrying it into actual life. It would mean "originating in Moscow".

churia by Japan, the latter's warcreased unemployment (359.000 laid lords, sensing the weakness of the control of the Chinese Eastern of rising food prices. Railway, which had formerly been

Japan has since then been attempt-

(Continued on Page 4) of 22 percent.



the extension of its scope to emtrace every live force in the labor United States To the Socialist Party of the movement, to embrace the trade United States unions and the largest possible Dear Comrades: mass of workers willing to cooper-

You are now considering the es- ate; and it would mean also the tablishment of a united front of engaging in actions of a militant character which will serve in the greatest measure to defend the rights of our class against the vicmunist Party to the Socialist Party, ious attacks of the common enemy. and naturally we urge its accept-In our opinion this cannot be ac-

complished by means of a non-ag-It_is a fact well known to you gression pact which denies the free that we have consistently advocated dom of criticism within the limits the united front of Communist and of loyal collaboration in the united Socialist organizations. When othfront. We hold that the independers rejected this idea we remained ence of organization of the partic-

steadfast in our conviction of its ipants and this freedom of criticism imperative necessity and its feasion a comradely basis is imperative bility. Particularly in face of the to give to the united front that advancing Fascist menace in Eugenuine dynamic character that is so essential for it to record a real also in hte United States did we to be diverted by Tobin's and persist in our demand for a united gain for the working class.

We do not presume to lay down any conditions in advance for the creation of a united front or for our collaboration with the other organ-That is the only point of view which izations in it. The conditions and has any meaning and from that the objectives, we believe, can best

be worked out by common consultation of representatives of the varfor the working class. ious organizations. Therefore, we It is not necessary for us to redeclare ourselves ready to particistate here the pressing needs of the pate in such consultations: we deunited front of Communist and Socialist organizations; they have clare ourselves ready to collaborate been stated often enough. But we loyally with you and the other feel that it is necessary for us to workers' organizations in attaining

emphasize that the united front such aims that may be commonly must be genuine in its substance agreed upon in a genuine united Make no mistake about it, when and in its objectives. This would front. We urge its speedy realiza-

> Fraternally yours, National Committee **Communist League of America** ARNE SWABECK Secretary

seven (7) hereof; unless all "In-Yet all of this would have been wrecked by the "red" scare had the side Workers" in said plant or union leaders not been prepared to meet it. In Frisco the cry of "Communist" tore a deep hole into the strike front. In Minneapolis it was a plants be also entitled to vote. complete dud. The leaders faced the issue squarely. They did not rush 6. No employer shall discriminate against any employe because of into print denying the accusations. Nor did they shout their opinions

to the wide world. They explained to the men that this was part of Union membership. 7. Within ten (10) days after a plot of the bosses to evade the issues, sow confusion and division in

the termination of the strike, an the ranks and thus smash the strike. The results are known. The election shall be held in each of red-scare fell on deaf ears.

Quite as important, if not more so, was the role of Governor Olson. the one hundred and sixty-six (166) firms to determine representation of With a cunning play of demagogy and harmless attacks on the employers he established himself as the "friend" of the strikers. So much so, that the employes in these firms (as defined in paragraphs four (4) and when he called the troops onto the streets and declared martial law five (5) hereof). All employes so opinion was general among the drivers that it was done in their interdefined whose names appear on the est. Pickets began to rely on Olson's soldiers. Knowing the class nature payroll or list of employes as of of the state, the leaders saw how fatal such an attitude would be for the strike. They were quick to act. The Organizer at the risk of in-July 16, 1934, shall be eligible to curring the displeasure of the union men, pointed out the real purpose vote. The election shall be by secret ballot and conducted under the of the troops-to break the strike. But they did not confine themselves to denunciation. Only experience would teach the strikers. A test of supervision of the Minneapolis-St.

the right of picketing was decided upon. And then . . . by raiding the Paul Regional Labor Board. strike headquarters, imprisoning the leaders and the best pickets. Olson Representatives chosen by th taught the strikers more about Olsón than all the editorials in the world majority shall bargain for all said could have done. A different opinion of the Governor of Minnesota and

the purpose of the state now pervades not a few members of 574. Each employer shall deal with The union saw to it that the struggle against Olson be further pushed such person, persons, or organizaby exerting the severest pressure on Olson's men, the conservative tion as the majority of his employleaders of the Central Labor Union. The biggest barrier to Olson's es (as defined in paragraphs four game was the support of the drivers by the entire Minneapolis labor (4) and five (5) hereof) shall semovement. By adroit and skillful tactics the leaders of 574 forced the lect for purposes of collective barheads of the C.L.U. to give their assistance to the drivers and not to

gaining. condemn them. When the union called upon the officials to declare a 8. Each firm agrees to pay for a period of at least one year, not general strike in answer to the raid on the headquarters, they resisted less than fifty (50c) cents per hour but they were on the carpet. They brought pressure to bear on Olson to Truck Drivers, and not less than and he released the strike leaders and restored the hall. While the officials of the C. L. U. and the Minnesota State Federation of Labor forty (40c) cents per hour to Helpwere successful in preventing a general strike, their answer was a ers. Platform Workers and "Inside living demonstration to the workers of Minneapolis of the stuff these Workers" as above defined. These "leaders" are made. A general strike is not an end in itself. It is a hourly rates shall remain in effect means to an end. And the conservatives at the head of the Minneapolis unless changed by agreement or arlabor movement deprived 574 of this powerful means. The rank and bitration. If a dispute arises in any file will draw the proper conclusions! individual firm regarding hourly

In the gratifying conclusion of the battle there lie the features that rates which can not be settled by negotiation, the dispute shall be distinguish the Minneapolis strike from all others in recent times. For submitted to arbitration. The affected employer shall within three an A. F. of L. union; converted it from a craft to an industrial union; felt justified in recommending its (3) days after the request is made built it up patiently and quietly; prepared carefully and struck at the acceptance, and the membership appoint two (2) representatives to proper moment; combined organization with militancy and political wisdom, and emerged from a five week's strike against insuperable odds the Arbitration Board the employ-

with victory in their laps. And on top of all this, what is almost unprees (as defined in paragraphs four cedented in such strikes-not only is the union intact but the leadership (4) and five (5) hereof) by majoris still in the hands of the genuine militants. ity representation, within three

The example of the Minneapolis leadership will be an inspiration against strikers and active pickets days after the request is made, shall vervwhere! (Continued on Page 4)

It can and will be repeated!

But though it was backed by all the gold of Wall Street, it has cracked like an egg shell under the fist of the truckers union.

The settlement, agreed to by the union and proposed by P. A. Donahue, who had been sent here from Washington after the raw frameup by Haas and Dunnigan had been exposed by the rank and file of 574, gives the union the most important of the demands for which they fought.

Win On Major Issue

The paramount demand of the strike—the recognition of the inside men in the market firms—has been granted the union.

All the strikers are to be restored to their jobs without discrimination and on the basis of seniority.

Although certain concessions nave been made, as in the wage scale and on the elections to determine the right of the union to represent the drivers, nevertheless the capitulation of the bosses on the cardinal issues, made the union feel strong enough to yield on these questions.

Statement of Dunne

The statement of Vincent R. Dunne strike leader, summarizes the position of the union on the settlement:

"The action of the membership tonight, in adopting the settlement as recommended by the Strike Committee of 100, gives Local 574 substantially what it has fought and bled for since the beginning of the strike more than five weeks ago. While the Union has accepted certain modifications of its original demands, the settlement establishes the basis for the unconditional return of all strikers without discrimination, and leaves the right of Local 574 to represent the inside men in the market-the basic issue in the strike—unchallenged. The settlement differs in some respects from the Haas-Dunnigan plan whics the union had adopted as a minimum, but it is so close to it in by an almost unanimous vote endorsed this recommendation.

"We consider as fundamental in the settlement the fact that previous attempts to discriminate in re-employment, is entirely eli-(Continued on Page 4)

IN THE TRADE UNIONS **Protest Deporting** Of Bellussi Terming impending deportation Painters Strike Sags

Attention Browder!

Albert Tustar, Holiness preacher of Sylvia N. C., to prove his faith in God, allowed a rattlesnake to bite him. His arm swelled up, his filled his mouth, he screamed with tion, which accompanies a legal marked the beginning of the fourth lating all the militant elements York. tongue became so swollen that it tollowers held a Victory-Halle'aj1 visional Committee for Non-Pertior more they prayed, danced, sang in Pennsylvania in March 1933, orand rolled on the ground led by 20 dered deported to Italy, and kept

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"saints". Looks like a perfect setup for a Stalinist united front. * * *

"National Socialism"

The Nazi under-Secretary of Economics, Posse, is reported by Time, Aug. 6th, as stating that the workers in Germany were caught by the Nazis' "socialism" like "flies on fly paper". An apt comparison. Secof "Tanglefoot"

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The Union Label

Workers are being gassed, shot and bayonetted on picket lines. Strike headquarters and trade union headquarters are occupied by National Guards. Fellow workers Frank Boas, James Rorty and Proin other trades show their solidarity by sympathetic strikes and by support on picket lines with their striking brothers. Fascism threatens to smash the labor movement of the world. Never was there a time when courageous and determined leadership was such a vital matter to the American labor movement as now. And-Green and the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. propose a campaign for—the Union Label!

"Splinters"

Lovestone refers to the "Trotsky ists" as splinters from Communism. If he and Brandler keep on whittling down the "International Com-munist Opposition" he won't have Klan Rears Its Head in enough left to even dignify with the name "splinters".

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"Deuces Wild"

tion" in a truly "brilliant" histor- man model, and all sporting an ical sketch in that penny-ante pot ambitious "Der Fuchrer" or two, which they call Labor Front. Aris- are raising themselves and making totle should leave writing to Git-low and spend his time "with more than that, heavy financial sleeves rolled up" threshing out support from the captains of indusdifferences over the Talmud with try. Harry Waton who according to Gitlow has "a very healthy viewpoint."

* * * Not Entirely

In the thesis presented to and en dorsed by the "National" Plenum we must frankly declare that the lic office.

on September 1 of Antonio Bellus-In New York si, Italian anti-Fascist, a manifest injustice, a group of prominent

liberals today petitioned Secretary vestgate Bellussi's case. Bellussi, according to the peti-

pain but he did no. die any his memorandum prepared by the Pro- week of the general painters strike from the battlefront, who would demonstration. For half an hour san Labor Defense, was arrested of the \$9 wage scale and the seven rupt officialdom. hour work day. Rumors were in circulation be-

order of deportation was modified country other than Italy. No visa

could be obtained from the countries approached, and Bellussi is announcement of the fact. But as The strikers in their part, despite in January 1933, be restored to again in danger of being deported it turned out, the series of confer- their demoralization, are becoming them. ences held during the day with the somewhat incensed at the stalling The union argues that they took to Fascist Italy. His defenders fear that heavy punishment awaits him if he is and every conceivable point was tlement. sent back to his native land, be- discussed, had not led to any agree-

tion 7a of the NRA is another form cause of his known anti-Fascist ment, and the Master Painters As- ceases to be a virtue, and the time rant a restoration of the wage levviews and activities. Among the signers of the petiout for the eight-hour day.

had been prepared and the strikers' getting fed up on Zausner's lies, about 27% since last year while strike committee of 100, the strike tion to Secretary Perkins are: Pro fessor Irwin Edman, Oswald Garrison Villard, Rabbi Israel Goldsentiment aroused to a high pitch, stein, Edmund Wilson, Maxwell S a resolution was read and unani-Stewart, Frieda Kirchwey, Profesmously adopted by a rising vote, sor Mark Van Doren, Professor that the Master Painters Assn. be given a 48-hour ultimatum, to come fessor Karl Llewellyn. to terms or be damned; that in ex-The petition sets forth that Bel piration of 48 hours the negotialussi was arrested when he sought tions will be broken off completely

to heckle a speaker at a meeting and only individual employers of the Fascist Khaki Shirts. His would be dealt with thereafter. home was searched without war-The reading of this seemingly

rant, in violation of his constituradical resolution, which was intional rights. Evidence was protroduced with a real gust of bravcured indicating that he was a member of the Communist Party of ado, was calculated to strike the Molders in Unity ado, was calculated to strike the America, presumably making his gull the gullible and to ennoble the deportation mandatory, when, as a leaders. And this pilloried dema-

matter of fact, he had been expel- gogue Zausner, has not miscalculed from the Communist Party five lated. The meeting thereafter was, though enthusiastic, most orderly vears earlier. On these grounds and others the and quiet: not a single disruption petition seeks to re-open the case



Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 20.—The charter had recently been revoked. tion. This is an important step have not already done so. menace of the American fascist Every man had to show his mem-Aristotle Caldis, Gitlow's third movement is becoming more evi- bership book at the door. The cordeuce, finds that the Communist dent every day. Various varieties rupt Zausner machine, together file of both organizations. League cannot be "divorced from of fascism, all bearing a marked with many invted guest politicians the interests of the counter-revolu- resemblance of the original Ger- and outside labor fakers, had full I.M.U., is reported to have said

control of the gathering. Motley Crowd of Speakers politician who was introduced as

Such a movement is presented in Meany from the Plumbers union,

-J. R.

arm-meni (also called-strike com-mittees, election committees etc.): N.Y. Truckers Strike mercenaries largely recruited from Looms the underworld, are not so much in evidence. This coterie of beasts

The huge mass-meeting at Mecca as devoid of principle as their hirof Labor Frances Perkins to rein- Temple on Monday night, August ers are laying low for lack of the Drivers strike in Minneapolis Hathaway, editor of the Daily

20, called by the Brotherhood of funds and work, since the Stalin- comes the news of an impending Worker. Painters District Council No. 9, ists have scabbed on them by iso- battle in the same industry in New The present agreement of Local 807 expires on September 1. Takin New York for the maintenance have given any trouble to the cor-

While the opportunities for the grievances the truckers' union has sent a letter to the Master Trucksettlement of the strike is propiin jail nine months. Recently the fore the meeting, that this would tious at the present time, the un- men's Bureau (bosses association) be the conclusion of the strike; ion leaders seem to evade the ac-demanding that in drawing up a to allow Bellussi's departure to a that the D. C. had it all fixed up tual step, because a slow, peaceful list of rates now being submitted with the bosses and the occasion and dragged-out strike means a to the NRA, the five dollar reducwould be taken merely as a formal good source of income for them. tion which they voluntarily took lies, provocative slanders.

> employers, in which every angle of their leaders in securing a set- the wage cut "to aid the industry" but they now feel that conditions

sociation were stubbornly holding is approaching in the painters un- el prior to the decrease. They fur- tant a struggle as has ever been in mind the lessons of Germany ion, when the strikers' patience will ther state that Federal reports witnessed in labor history. The ef- and Austria, the masses moved left-

"loyalty".

his petty cheats, his miserable de- the return of the \$5 will only ceptions, his double dealings, and amount to an increase of 13%. everything that goes to constitute a clique that is full of shyster acting for the United States Trucking Corporation, in a letter to the

tricks. But Zausner and his creatures will not cease terrorizing and bulldozing the painters; certainly not forth the traditional fake arguuntil the rank and file wakes up ments of the bosses; competition, and takes matters into its own distorted figures on the rise of the hands.

__MEMBER OF BROTHERHOOD

Move

St. Louis.-- A movement towards a merger between the International Molders Union of North America experience, prior to their walkout, worker stated to the chairman that defended Frossard, who had beand the Brotherhood of Foundry in trying to bring the bosses to be had recently returned from trayed his party in parliament by making. The Stalinists, who had Employees is now on foot and will terms at the round table of discus- Minneapolis, that he had several helping to oust the Daladier govsplit the union by refusing to co- probably go into effect at the sions. 574 found out that they were operate with the D.C. in the strike twenty-eighth convention of the I. strongest in negotiations when the paper, which contained direct rewere kept outside, as were all the M.U. to be held in Chicago on Au- economic might of the workers was Stalinists' local No. 499, whose we have no report of the conven- make the same discovery, if they

forward, one which has been forced on the leadership by the rank and Pocketbook Workers Stevenson, Vice-President of the

that little or no opposition is expected from the delegates on the

merger quetison. The only opposi-Amongst the speakers were a representative of the Regional Labor tion which is anticipated will come Board, Ben Golden, a sly cunning from Dannenberg, head of the B.F. E., who is ready for the amalgama-

an "impartial observer", George tion or anything else so long as he is able to preserve his pie-card. the revival of the Klu Klux Klan who was hailed by Philip Zausner Then there is the old-line leaderin Indiana. This American proto- as the coming State Secretary of ship of the A. F. of L. who of course type of Hitlerism is engaged, like the American Federation of Labor. view any move towards the industhe Silver Shirts, in an acrimonious Next came Louis Waldman of the trial union as a threat to the "esdrive against Jews and radicals in Socialist Party, and last but not tablished order" of hamstringing the best approved Nazi manner. least Joseph B. Ryan, president of the workers in the outworn or ob-

of the Lovestone group, note is tak- Leaflets and literature is issued the International Longshoremen's solete craft union. Bureaucrat Wants Pie-Card en of the "disintegration" of the denouncing "international Jewery" Assn. and of the Central Trades Trotskyists after which Lovestone and warning citizens against vot- and Labor Council. He was introstates in these words: "However, ing for Jewish candidates for pub- duced by the chairman as the "gennenberg revolved around the queseralissimo" of the trade union tion of the number of fat-salaried resignation could not be discussed was read. As a member of the C. and above all it is necessary to acwe must frankly declare that the lic office. ICO has not been immune from the labor move-crisis pervading the labor move-however, is directed against Com-torigon control to of the trade union tion of the fumber of lat-salaried resignation could not be discussed was read. As a member of the C. torigon could not be discussed was read. As a member of the C. by the membership since the resig-nation had been sent to the press torigon could not be discussed was read. As a member of the C. torigon could not be discussed was read. As a member of the c. torigon could not be discussed was read. As a member of the task, through the un-term could not be discussed was read. As a member of the c. torigon could not be discussed was read. As a member of t perg's position, however, is in the main a hopeless struggle and the All these "stars", with a score "international band of red crimin- of lesser lights, sat in a great of him. As for the A. F. of L., als who are trying to Russianize semi-circle on the stage, with Zaus-Stevenson is reported to have said America". "Communism will not ner rattling on most of the time ICO, the C. P. of Alsace, has been be tolerated" declare placards post- with an adroit volubility, saying that if withdrawing from it is the little, but keeping the audience at only way to achieve this unification section of the ICO after the Swed be Hitlers make one mistake: it is their ease, like a country hostess. then withdrawal will take place. ish party which was similarly ex- fascism, not communism, that will He talked interminably but failed Stevenson, who was on a nationnot be tolerated by the working to touch the sore spots of the unal tour, told of shop conditions around the country and especially ion-the excessive dues and taxes, the terror and intimidations, the those in the south as being so terfavoritism and gangsterism. He ad- rible as to defy description. In the and the valuable, concrete work of dressed the painters in the audience south, the Negro workers are very enthusiastic about the organizaas "my boys".. Whenever he accidentally came close to a tender tion. Hopes aroused by the organ-Friends of the Militant of Chicago subject, he dexterously fled under ization have already inspired the terribly exploited workers, mostly a cloud of words. The other high priests were ap- Negro, of one of the large southern parently invited on the scene to shops to go on a courageous and A meeting was called last week entertain the strikers; entertain militant strike for the betterment and upon the suggestion of one of them and keep them in good spir- of their conditions. Negroes, in our members, comrade Rose Casits with gross demagogy, rosy other parts of the country particupromises and prophesies, funny an- larly around East St. Louis are ecdotes, bombastic recitations, stuff also flocking to the banner of the full of rhetoric and wind. Louis union. Waldman, who was promised as The NRA code, setting a flat rate the spice, the delicacy of the pro- for sections of the foundry indusgram, lived up to this promise, by try, making no discrimination bedelectably introducing the "class tween skilled, semi-skilled and unnature" of the strike into the con- skilled workers has led to ridiculous wage scales. In many shops servative chorus, much to the elaskilled and unskilled are paid the tion of the audience. Gradually, as the speeches dragsame wage and in one plant it is reported that where laborers reged on, the congregation became ceive 32 cents an hour the molders more and more restless and tired receive only 30 cents an hour. from the hot air delivered for them In addition to this, machinery from the platform. The applause diminished. The leaders, sensing has to a large extent obliterated that they had sowed wind, and if the difference between skilled and they did not want to reap whirl- unskilled labor. On one type of must answer the challenge by comwind, they might as well end it mold five workers are employed, ing to the aid of the pocketbook supopsedly one "molder" and five right there. At ten o'clock the melange of painters were on the "laborers". The most experienced eye watching the operation would



On the heels of the settlement of through the medium of Clarence

Model Strike

Having failed to learn anything from the Minneapolis strike himself, Hathaway was therefore unable to impart anything of imporing this occasion to present their tance to the workers. It is true on the "sell-out", the "wrong pol-

Trotskyists with Olson", etc., etc., tortions, misstatements, outright

as a model for the working class. There are times when patience have improved sufficiently to war-

be exhausted. The painters are show a rise in the cost of living of ficiency of the strike apparatus, the wards, turning their backs on those

The Master Truckmen's Bureau,

cipline and fighting courage of the union flatly refuses to grant this workers, the solidarity of workers demand. In doing so they bring with the leaders-these are some of the facts of the Minneapolis strike which are unique in American labor history and will serve as lescost of living, a boast of the "ex-

cellent" wages now paid, a threat struggles. But Hathaway could not find one that the granting of the demand would mean loss of customers and word of praise or make one constructive criticism for this magnitherefor of jobs, and a plea for ficent battle.

To this stubborn, profit-mad at Only written questions were pertitude of the bosses the union has mitted and the chairman was free

but one possible reply-strike. The to choose those to be answered. A Minneapolis workers had a trying protest from the floor arose. One S.P., its titular leader Blum still

ouse the workers to a pitch of vio-

The long over-due resignation of Garden). Said Hathaway: "The Trotskyists organized squads to Ossip (Wolinsky was finally acceptbeat up the Communists who distried at a packed membership meeting of 1,300 Pocketbook Workers buted leaflets." Unable to restrain himself the worker who had preheld at Stuyvesant Casino on Aug-

viously attempted to get the floor ust 16. The resignation of the notorious should: "That's a lie! I was there 'legal adviser", Wolinsky had been and you weren't." A cry of "throw accepted by the Joint Council of him out" arose from many throats Pocketbook workers a few weeks A contingent of strong arm guys ago. On July 21 Wolinsky's gang started to converge on the worker the working class is concerned. The broke up a meeting not permitting and there would have been violence | bureaucracies of both parties are but for the order from Hathaway a vote on the resignation.

After the recording secretary had that he would handle the question.

Then came a shock. read the report of the Joint Coun-A written challenge for a debate cil, one of Wolinsky's lickspittles, All the negotiations with Dan- the anarchist Wisotsky, appealed to the chair saying that Wolinsky's

stands ready to meet yours and

THE MILITANT

Arne Swabeck

75e for six months.

make arangements.

Hathaway Slurs MARCH OF Mpls. Strike **EVENTS**

Plaza. They were there to learn The Pre-Revolutionary Situation

With unprecedented speed the crisis in France has sharpened the class struggle to the point where a growing and unbridgeable rift is clearly visible between the bourgeoisie and the working class. The coup d'etat by which the reactionary pre-fascist government of Douhe spoke for one and one half hours mergue achieved power in February was so evidently a blow at icy", the "collaboration of the bourgeois parliamentary democracy and so clearly the planned work of ad nauseum-a long series of dis- fascist forces, that it set in motion

a molecular process of change among the masses. The workers and toilers realized that the Doumergue Bonapartist regime, a po-Here is a strike that stands out lice-military regime, was merely a Fighting against great odds, all of bridge to aid the fascist forces of the state forces lined up against extreme reaction to come to power. it, Local 574 is putting up as mili- Under this frightful threat, having forms of class collaboration and exerting tremendous pressure on relief, the strike hospital, the daily the bureaucracies of the working strike newspaper, the loud speaker class parties and organizations for bulletins over Station 574, the disunity. The result was the splitting of every party without exception, from the outright bourgeois democratic radical socialists, and the social democrats to the centrist Stalinist party, the C. P. Despite sons to the working class in future the desires of the bureaucracies of the two centrist parties, the S. D. and the C. P., the workers in these parties forced the acceptance of the united front to defend the proletariat against the fascist menace.

Socialists and the United Front

At the Toulouse congress of the copies of the Organizer, the strike ernment in favor of the Doumergue government of "national concenfutation of statements made by tration", and attacked the "left" wing, Pivert and Zyromski, advocates of the united front. So swiftly have events moved since Toulouse that only recently the delegates at the meeting of the National Council of the S. P. voted 3,471 against 366 in favor of the united front with the C. P. Blum was ence (shades of Madison Square now forced to attack Frossard who attempted to scare the bureaucracy with the dire consequence of los-

ing their parliamentary posts in the coming October elections.

Significance of the United Front The united front thus achieved is only a beginning so far as a real defense against fascist attack on essary action of the masses, to confine the united front to "agreements" at the top. But it is necon the lessons of the Minneapolis essary to broaden this unity to instrike by the Communist League clude all workers' organizations,



600 rank and file members of the gust 13. At the time of writing solidly behind them. Local 807 will Hathaway and requested the floor to read them. The request was refused.



Not quite, as the letter of ment." write this after hearing the report of our international representative that the Alsatian section of the pelled some months ago. The expulsion of the Alsatian section class. marks one of the major steps in the disintegration of the ICO. . . The ICO as an international factor no longer exists." Lovestone's admission that they have not entirely escaped the crisis must be accept-

munists. All sorts of blood-curling York City. H. Zam shows. Writes Zam: "I charges are brought against the expelled. This was the strongest ed by the K.K.K. But these would-

Stirred by the wave of strikes the Communist League of America, particularly in Minneapolis, the ed as another example of that decided to raise additional funds "frankness" for which he and the to its previous contributions.

C. P. O. have long been famous. * * *

Silence on Union Square

We recently commented on the ano a decision was made to have ukase issued by the Stalinists here an outing and to charge \$1.00 per that picnicing and talking must person, which price should include cease on Union Square August 1st. transportation by automobile, two One of the "proletarian guards" complete meals, entertainment, etc. elected to enforce the decision With the whole-hearted coopera-writes to the "D.W." "Although it tion of all members, some contribwas in the Daily Worker on the uting machines, others helping in first page, August 1st urging the preparing and serving the food, the comrades to pay attention to the picnic was held last Sunday, Augspeakers, they were doing other- ust 5th at one of the Forest Prewise. The separate meetings and serves, and the net result was a the conversations were worse than complete success, both in a materbefore." We would suggest that a ial and ideological sense. Twentyjoint statement signed by Browder five dollars were netted, several and Father Divine be issued for new contacts were made and in the next meeting and printed "in general, the interest in the viewthe Daily Worker first page." If points of the movement stimulated. that doesn't silence the masses then The success of this out of door the only thing to do is to expel them affair was due not only to the acfrom Union Square as counter-rev- tivities of our own members, but olutionary social-fascists. We must also to the splendid help we rehave silence while the Tallentyres ceived from outsiders who attended

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streets. be unable to say which was the The strike is going on as usual "molder" and which the "laborer". Very little picketing is being done. Many of the painters who had worked before the strike are back under such conditions is foolish and

at the jobs, as more than 200 in- suicidal.

dependent bosses have signed up. The strikers are becoming more defor the most part old and conserva-

moralized and tired of registering tive. The amalgamation will fuse into the new union new and young cuting this program. The season twice a day at their local unions. Those who work are scheming for blood, younger in years as well as is rapidly approaching its end. ways and means to shirk the 50 organization. The militants in the Without an agreement and with an cent a day work tax imposed on I.M.U. will receive from the new internal fight in its ranks the danthem by Zausner. The member- membership the support they need ger is great that the union will ship does not seem to care what to go ahead with a program that receive a smashing blow if prompt front. The Stalinists will yet have ready the two irreconcilable forces the outcome of the strike will be. will make the foundry bosses sit action is not taken.

Many of the painters are clinging up and take notice. The brutally Present Leaders Not Trustworthy to the union simply to see what exploited foundry workers will have in their hands a weapon for Wolinsky have no confidence in the the hell is coming next. obtaining lower hours, better con- present administration, Stein, Gold-The terrorism and sluggings, so familiar in the early days of the ditions and a higher standard of man, Lubliner, Wise and others. It

strike, have considerably abated. living. That weapon is the indus- would be fatal to entrust the nego- ORDER A BUNDLE OF MILL-The disciplinary force, or strong-| trial union.

and not to the members. bate be held first in Minneapolis. This was a maneuver and a test Mr. Hathaway, we will debate convention will make short shrift to feel out the sentiment of the you in Minneapolis, New York, anywhere. We call your bluff. Put membership.

Demonstration Against Wolinsky The chairman, a former Wolinsky supporter, ruled against the

appeal and put the question to a vote. He was sustained and the announcement of the results 626 as against 534 brought a stormy dem-Post Office at New York, N. Y. Unonstration from the workers which der the act of March 8, 1879. lasted more than ten minutes.

Published Weekly by the Com-Two speakers for and two against munist League of America the resignation were then given 144 Second Ave., New York, N. Y the floor by the chairman. The Phone: Gramercy 5-9524 Wolinsky supporters made no at-EDITORIAL BOARD tempt to speak but rather to shout

and yell so as to break up the meet-Vol. 7, No. 34, (Whole No. 238 ing before a vote could be taken. SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 1934 Their trick failed. A thunder of "yeas" arose from

Mar Shachtman Maurice Spector the great mass of the workers in the viva voce vote on the question. The chairman announced the re-Bundle rates one cent per copy. signation accepted and adjourned Subscription rate: \$1.00 per year

the meeting. The Wolinsky patriots, however, remained in the hall continuing the

slugging.

meeting. Wolinsky himself took the floor, calling on his lieutenants sible for Wolinsky's return to the to refuse to pay dues and to in- union. Moreover, they have worked stitute a regime of expulsions and hand in glove with the employers for years, double-crossing the work Wolinsky wants to force himself ers whenever it was necessary to

on the workers, in a reign of ter- gain their own ends.

ror, as the Hitler of the pocketbook A few weeks ago this same makers union. The militants in "Anti-Woinsky" committee called the entire trade union movement a meeting in the Rand School where the speakers were the very men, Kleinman, Lubliner, Wise, workers in the present crisis.

A Program of Action What is to be done?

First, a new agreement should ers left the meeting in disgust. immediately be negotiated and the To continue to maintain craft lines workers mobilized for a battle. Is it any wonder that the Wol Second, shop meetings should be the union meeting? held at once and all chairmen and

The membership of the I.M.U. is committee men supporting Wolfnsky removed. There must be no delay in exeifying the situation and their posi-

inist "rank and file committee"

-G. M. | tiations to them ... They are respon- TANTS-ONE CENT PRE COPY.

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mune.

French proletariat will have to

ers to meet the drilled and armed forces of the fascists. There is also the task of beating back fasup or shut up! Our committee cism by wresting state power from its aid, the Doumergue government, which can only be done by preparing now for a general strike. Despite the meagre achievement

thus far, we welcome the united front even in its limited prelimin-Entered as a second class mail ary form, particularly because of the mood of the French masses for unity is reflected through it. Each step correctly taken for the defense of the workers means also the quickening of the tempo of the struggle and the speeding up of the efforts of reaction. There is ample evidence for this in the reception by the French bourgeois press of Martin Abern James P. Cannon the news of the united front. Thus the vote of the S. P. leads the organ of big industry, La Journee Industrielle, to say, "The Sunday event leads us but to one simple conclusion: the necessity to reor-\$0.50 per half year - Canada ganize more and more actively the and Foreign: \$1.50 per year forces resisting the social revolution." Le Temps, that semi-official organ which Jaures called "the bourgeoisie turned newspaper", writes: "The hour is aproaching when there will be in France but two opposed political conceptions: the national and democratic (read fascist!) conception and the international and dictatorial conception. What is at stake in this conflict is nothing less than the nation and liberty. We will have to decide definitely and forever between the etc., who engineered Wolinsky's re- idealism of the French Revolution turn. Just as at union meetings and the Revolution (read proletarthey refused to give the floor to ian revolution) pure and simple. rank-and-file workers. The work- Marxism on one side, Anti-Marxism on the other. It is no longer a question of a dilemma involving a insky gang received 534 votes at theoretical and ideological opposition (read the puerile parliamen-This "Anti-Wolinsky" committee tary opposition of social democraissued not a single statement clar- cy), but a real opposition which corresponds to the antagonism of tion. The same goes for the Stal- irreconcilable conceptions, partly organized (read armed) and ready which made no fight against the for action." Thus the bourgeoisie, "Fraternal Club" administration having taken alarm, gives us warnwith whom they are in a united ing that the time is short, that alto give an accounting of themselves in capitalist society have crystaland an explanation of all their lized out, that the dual power will monstrous blunders in the Wolin- have to be resolved by the test of armed action. It is now that the

QUESTION BOX

GERALD DAVIS, Philadelphia-(Continued from last week)-Point 3. The Stalinist argument that they formed the T.U.U.L. in order to organize the unorganized runs about as follows: There are about turn them over to the A. F. of L. reactionaries?

This reasoning, at first sight unassailable, is false. class struggle, and so fail to see As Lozovsky's quotation, given last week shows, it the other factors of our civilization, is precisely upon the basis of this revolutionary equally, if not more important, than mass, over whom the revolutionaries will have the the class struggle. In contrast, ganized them, that the Communists can capture the take into consideration all the comtrade unions. Furthermore the Stalinists admit by plex factors of our civilization and this contention that they lack confidence in their point out the "good" features as ability to combat the reactionary union bureaucracy, well as the "bad" ones. that they are afraid of them. How can such people weaker adversary

Point 4. If the T.U.U.L. was formed primarily to organize the unorganized, one would have to assume that, prior to the inception of this trade union center, it either within the framework of the existing organ-files for a subject, which was suiton this point alone.

For proof we will dig up the ghost of Wm. Z. Foster, the most authoritative of the C. P. leaders on the trade union question:

"A most important question for T.U.E.L. militants to understand in order to carry through successfully our work of organizing the unorganized is our rela- moved from the class struggle, so tionship to the A. F. of L. and Independent Unions. as to guarantee the proper histori-Our goal must be to build mass labor organizations cal perspective and to guarantee its scientific validity. of the workers, and to bring or maintain these unions in affiliation with the general labor movement, the American Federation of Labor. . . The two evils we researches in deadly earnest, be have to guard against are on the one side, the devil ginning with the study of Suicide of dual unionism, and on the other, the dogma of by Ruth Shohle Cavan. Here is a unity with the old trade unions 'at any price'.

"In the industries where there are no A. F. of L. unions our course is clear. We must form new unions and bring them into affiliation with the broad labor movement as quickly as practicability permits. Or if there be independent unions in such industries sired. we must give them our active support and work for their affiliation to the A. F. of L.

"In industries where there are A F. of L. unions but where these unions are so weak and decrepit, with corrupt leadership, hidebound agreements, etc., that it is impossible to stimulate them into the necessary activity to mobilize the mass militant organ- cago since the war. Chicago has a ization campaigns or to defend their interests in strikes arising therefrom, our problem is more complicated. There the advantage of affiliation may easily be outweighed by the disadvantages. Such etc., all of which makes it an ideal situations raise the question of independent unionism city for our purposes, as it is "norin its most intricate form. In spite of our most ur- mal" in every sense of the word, gent desire for unity with the general labor movement, we will often, under these circumstances, be learned that Chicago has four suicompelled to form independent unions.

"But wherever we form such new unions, whether periphery of cheap hotels for men because there are no A. F. of L. unions in the field and sooty flats over stores, 2) the or because those that may exist are absolutely de- Lower North Side, . . . which has crepit, we must from the outset follow a program for a shifting population of unattached the affiliation of these unions to the A. F. of L. We men and an equally shifting popumust be keenly on our guard not to get into a dual lation of young men and women in union position, by declaring against the A. F. of L. the rooming house area, 3) the in principle or by permitting an open warfare to North Side linking the loop on the develop against it. Experience teaches us that dual North . . . and the West Madison unionism means sectarianism, isolation from the area, with its womanless street of broad labor movement, and eventually disintegration. flophouses, missions, cheap restau-One of the outstanding contributions of the Commu- rants and hundreds of men who nist International and the Red International of Labor drift in aimless, cleary-eyed aban-Unions to the American labor movement is their catdon." egoric condemnation of dual unionism." (Wm. Z Foster, "Organize the Unorganized", pp. 13 and 14, published in 1926.)

You will find the same position advanced in Foster's "Strike Strategy" and in his "Misleaders of sions . . . these were the very things circumstances beyond their con-Labor".

A Capitalist Institution **Suicide**

Our great liberal press never plowing through the verbiage tires of rebuking us Communists the facts bare a startling resemfor our "narrow-mindedness" and blance to those in Cavan's book. "unscientific" spirit. We present, "The hardships of the depression 40 million workers in the U.S. of whom only about in their opinion a one sided picture have driven fathers and mothers to and South America live approxi-4 million are in the A. F. of L. Do you think that of the complex organism of modern suicide." "The suicide rate in New mately ninety million people, divid- ed States cannot emancipate themwe are going to organize the other 36 million and society. We are too much involved, York has risen since 1929. ... We ed by the boundaries of close to selves without at the same time they state, in the "dogmas" of the read of Jimmie Capasso, one of twenty countries, by racial differ- striking the chains of wage slavery find a job; his morale was shatdecisive influence because the left wing will have or- their own writings, dispassionately tered. One day, he went down the cellar of his house, and shot himself in the heart with his father's pistol.

This time we were genuinely We too are anxious to be scientifrightened. Maybe Williams was have confidence in their ability to fight the powerful fic and broad-minded. Learning in one of those professors on the Brain American imperialists if they are stopped by a much their press, that by concerning our- Trust. Hastily we turned to the beselves with the class struggle, we ginning of the book and found to have grown provincial and have our great chagrin the opening sent-

lost touch with the mysteries of ence a quotation of the Greek philmodern life, we determined to con- osopher, Plato, "Any city, however the C. P. either did not stand for the organization of tinue our "interrupted" scientific small, is in fact divided into two, the unorganized or had no policy for accomplishing studies. We hunted through our one of the city of the poor, the other of the rich." These two cities izations. Neither is the case and the contention falls able for scientific analysis and are "at war with one another". which presented at the same time That was all we wanted. That

an essential feature of modern life. will be a lesson for us, anyhow, to At last we found an absolutely start reading books from the begin ideal subject: Suicide. Suicide! ning in the future and not some-What study could be more dispaswhere in the middle or the end. sionate, more objective, more re-For all we know to the contrary, Williams may be a radical. Imagine writing a "scientific" work, with the aid of a man like that.

Looking for "Solid" Stuff

We embarked on our scientific Our notes were all in the waste basket and a good day wasted. What to do now? Give it up? We decided we would make one more book which is modern, has been stab at it, but we washed our hands highly praised by the experts, and clean of all professors and educais published by a great cultural intional institutions. Now we were stitution, the University of Chicago going to pursue with the realists, Press. Nothing more could be dethe business men, the people who don't let their feelings run away

Chicago: A "Normal" City with them. We began by reading through ac-

We took up the annual studies of counts of suicide in Rome and suicide, covering the country as a Greece and the South Sea Islands whole, in the Spectator-a business etc., suddenly we came upon an acpaper of insurance. The studies count of the suicide record of Chiare written by Frederick L. Hoffman, one of the world's most fa-"medium" rate of suicide, it is a mous statisticians and, to further large urban center, has a mixture guarantee the "objectivity", conof all sorts of nationalities, races, sulting statistician of the Prudential Insurance Company. Writing in the early part of 1929, Mr. Hoffman finds the suicide rate for 100 so far as suicide is concerned. We cities to be 12.3 per 100,000 in 1920 and a leap way up to 17.0 per 100,cide areas: "the 'Loop' . . . and its 000 in 1928. Here we had eight solid years of prosperity and suicide was increasing at an enormous rate. What could be the meaning of this?

> "The increase in rate is difficult to understand in view of the generally favorable industrial and business conditions . . " states Mr. Hoffman. Maybe love-affairs had something to do with the rise? No! Mr. Hoffman warns us "It is easy to draw false conclusions from the prevailing prosperity, which after all may be much more apparent

Having progressed this far with than real in countless individual our investigations, we don't mind cases where the struggle for existconfessing we were becoming ence falls with crushing weight slightly annoyed. Flophouses, Mis- upon persons unable to cope with

we were attempting to escape, the trol.' ' erv things against w h our



The American Imperialist Colos-The question of the Latin Amerisus looks southward on a domain can revolution is therefore one of several times the size of its own the major and fundamental probsoil. In the Carribean, in Central lems of the American proletarian revolution. The workers of the Unitthe best pupils of his class, was ences which reach back, in some and feudalism from their Latin forced to leave school at 15, out for cases, to an undeterminable anti- Amercan brothers. On the other months looking for work, couldn't quity, upon which have been im- hand the Latin American workers, posed the feudal and capitalist na- as the Cuban revolution has demtional, cultural and religious mores onstrated, in striking at their Amand Japan. In their vast majority they have enemy of the American workers.

come within the orbit and under the heel of imperialist capitalism: American, British, German, French, millions to unimaginable poverty, revolution and the relation of the

The problem of their emancipation is an extremely, complicated in theory and action. one. Once the beacon light of the Communist International under the by two situations; the Cuban revoleadership of Lenin and Trotsky lution and the war in the Gran could have pointed the road to Chaco. ed in the decisive cities and sinking letarian revolution. roots in the proletariat. The vast

ialist and native capitalist oppressors **Stake of American Imperialism** The penetration of imperialism,

expense of the native population, a possible change of masters. Both have combined to produce a situa- belligerent countries are approach-

billions. It will fight tooth and maximum sharpness and demand nail to preserve these investments unequivocal answers from those and the condition on which they who are and profess to be revolucan be profitable, the ousting of its tionists.

-JOHN COATES. imperialist rivals and the poverty San Luis Potosi, Mexico, Aug. 15. of the people.



To date the question of the nec- later the Y.C.I. is well known. And 10,000 votes and the Left 4,000. Several days after essity for a new communist interna- in later World Congresses of the this congress the Executive Committee of the S. P. tional has been recognized and C.I. there was hardly a commission dissolved the Socialist Youth Conference and asked openly voiced at two international of importance to which a represent for and obtained, in part, the expulsion of the left conferences. Four groups, the In- tative of the Y.C.I. was not dele- socialist leaders. dependent Socialist Party of Holl- gated.

and (O.S.P.), the Socialist Work- Deep Ferment in Youth Movement tige, succeeded in deriving some gain from the situ-

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SPAIN

In answer to a C. P. Youth call for a united front, the S. P. youth replied that the Alianza Obrera, or united front committees now operating in a large part of the country, was a true united front and

asked the C. P. youth why they did not join them? Subsequently Largo Caballero, left-centrist Socialist leader and at present president of the party, made a speech in which he said that a united front as proposed by the C. P., without a concrete basis or given aims, and postulating a kind of vague fusion, was bound to fail; whereas the proper alternative was the Alianza Obrera. This was the first speech made of Spain, Portugal, Germany, erican imperialist oppressors to by Largo Caballero for some months. When last France and now the United States emancipate themselves from the heard from he was agitating for an immediate revoyoke of slavery, are striking at the lutionary stand, but has since been silenced by the reformists, who are engaging in under-cover deals with the republicans. Rank-and-file pressure for

Clear Answer Needed Revolutionary working class or-

some open stand on the united front issue provided ganizations and organizations a good "out" for Largo Caballero, in this case; but Japanese, Portugese. The process which claim to be revolutionary actually the S. P. has been accepting the Alianza of extracting profit from the limit- must work out and give clear theor-Obrera in word, but doing nothing much about it in less resources and natural wealth etical answers to the complicated deed, and wherever possible, quietly sabotaging it of this great area has condemned problems of the Latin American by inaction.

The significance of the S. P. youth answer is this, disease, peonage, serfdom, physical American to the Latin American that our comrades have maintained and are mainand spiritual deformation and to revolution. Certainly the parties taining close contact with S. P. youth members and suffering which they bear like the of the Fourth International will not leaders, many of whom are deeply influenced by the omnipresent and indispensable bur- be able to lead the workers to vic-League position. The S. P. Youth is the most active tory unless they can pose and solve section of the S. P., and is at present wholly comthese problems in Marxian terms, mitted to a Communist position on every point, but wavers on the question of which International.

Today the problem is concretized CHINA

The government terror has dealt some heavy blows to the Chinese Bolshevik-Leninists. After the freedom, from degradation and ab-ysmal poverty, to a better life, ing the questions of the fight unification conference of the four left opposition groups in July 1931, seven members of the Executive fruitful and rich like the lands against imperialism and the entire Committee were arrested and imprisoned. It will they inhabit. But that light has system of capitalist exploitation also be recalled that in September 1932 Chen Diu been put out by the treacherous with great strikes and demonstra- Hsui and ten members of the Shanghai District Comwreckers of the revolutionary move- tions that have thus far, because mittee were condemned to long terms. Chen is still ment, the Stalinists. Of the Fourth of the absence of a revolutionary alive but in poor health. Thanks to his prestige and International only a mere handful proletarian party standing on the to the intervention of several bourgeois admirers he know anything although their num- ground of Marxism and rooted in is not subjected to the same treatment as the other ber is growing and they are situat- the masses, fallen short of the pro- political prisoners. His release, however, depends entirely upon international action.

In the Gran Chaco British and The present organization is composed of 5 sections: majority of this tremendous popu- American imperialism through the Shanghai (60 members), Honkong-Canton (100), lation knows, as yet, only its own bodies of the Paraguayan and Bol- Pekin (40), Tsingtao-Tsinan (70), Foochow in Fusuffering and hatred for its imper- ivian soldiers have come to grips kien province (20) and several other scattered over oil wells and fields and outlets groups. This makes a total of 300 members, 90% of to the sea. So intense is the greed whom are active. With the exception of Pekin,

of these blood-sucking giants that which is composed of intellectuals, the majority are proletarians. In Tsingtao there is a strong percenpopulations of two and four milthe merciless work of the crisis lions have been forced to put armtage of soldiers and several peasants. Two illegal which imperialism unloads on the ies of thirty, forty, fifty, sixty thouorgans are published. The Spark in Pekin and the people's backs and the ever sharp- sand men and more in the field to Vanguard in Shanghai. A translation of "The Soviet ening competition for the Latin fight a battle out of which, as it is Union and the Fourth International" by | comrade American market, always at the conducted, they stand to win only Trotsky was recently made.

ARGENTINA

tion in Latin America which is full ing a state of exhaustion and social The following note was received from one of our of explosive possibilities. The stake explosions are indicated. Once groups in Argentina, the "Tribune Leninista" and of American imperialism is im- again war and, possibly revolution, transmitted to us by the International Secretartiat of mense. Its investments run into will pose all questions with the the League of International Communists.

"The Congress of he Young Socialists was held in May and although confused, took a definite stand against the nationalist attitude of the social-democracy and adopted resolutions which indicate that

the socialist youth are evolving towards Communism. The Federation of Young Socialists has 140 groups and a total of 7,000 members. Several days later. on the 26th, the regular biennial congress of the Socialist Party was held at Santa Fe where two currents clashed, a Marxist and an avowedly nationalist wing. In one of the contests, the right received

tions in 1926.

"The Stalinists, despite an enormous loss of pres-

COSTA RICAN BANANA WÒRKERS STAIKE

The workers on the extensive plantations of the

United Fruit Company are striking against semi-

slavery conditions and starvation wages. This prom-

ises to be the greatest labor struggle in Costa Rica

tion strike in the same company's Colombian planta-

All evidences point to the probability of violent

clashes between the strikers and the armed forces.

especially if reports of the existence of an armed

workers "militia" of 400 men in the plantation area.

are true. August 17th (Friday) and the days im-

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the material which presented that all the reasons which the Stalinists erals had warned us. We decided on Suicide Problems he reproduces give for having formed the T.U.U.L. are merely apologies for an untenable position.

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TEXTILE WORKER, Fall River .-- Since you are your boss is "losing" money despite the fact that he has increased speed and cut your wages. The following may help you determine what has taken place. It is to be understood that, for simplicity, abstraction is made from all those factors which enter into the capitalist mode of production, but which would only complicate but not change anything which follows.

In computing profits the capitalists deduct from the selling price of their product, in addition to the amount advanced for wages, raw and auxiliary materials and overhead a value for wear, tear, and depreciation of his fixed capital (machinery, buildings. etc.). How much should this latter be? In the final analysis the market itself over a period of time determines how much of the fixed capital is socially necessary and therefore how much is really transferred to the value of the commodities produced. The capitalist, however, deducts from his selling price an amount estimated on what he thinks is the value of his TOTAL fixed capital, regardless of whether his plant is operating at full capacity, or during a crisis, at partial capacity.

Let us suppose a corporation with two plants of equal size operating at full capacity and making a profit of \$1,000,000 on each plant. Assume further 000.000 a year. With one plant completely shut Chicago. down, and assuming for the moment no change in operated is still a million dollars, but, since the etc. on the idle plant of a million dollars, the capiyear. Where there is only one plant operating at part capacity the case is similar to this.

The capitalist might just as well have lost the million in a gambling house and then entered it in his books, which would then show the same results. In addition to the above there are cases where despite this method of bookkeeping, a profit is shown. but the particular owner or owners of the plant take an immediate financial loss. Suppose a capitalist starts a plant with \$500,000 of his own and \$500,000 pay, 5% or \$25,000 a year. If, with a meduced capa-

city there is shown only a profit of \$20,000, he must Sea Islands. We also learned that dig up \$5,000 from his own capital in order to pay Mr. Williams is a Ph.D. and that the interest. The same might apply if he had a high his book is published by another If the number on your wrapper is

fixed rent to pay which at times was larger than the great educational institution, this profit shown. In these cases of the interest and the time of the South, the University rent, however, what is the loss of one capitalist is of South Carolina. Without furthe gain of another. A case in point is the railroads ther ado, we looked up the pages or smaller, your subscription to The

which in 1933 earned about \$385,000,000 but paid out in the index, dealing with Suicide. Militant expired. Do not delay. in interest on bonds \$525,000,000.

In actuality one does not find examples as simple as are used here; a combination of all these factors those "on the one hand we must expense. If you cannot renew at The assistance given to the build- tained from Pioneer Publishers at collection lists for this campaign should make special plus changes in prices, wages, rate of exploitation, admit, on the other hand we must this time let us know how soon you ing of the C. I. by the international \$1.50 post-paid. This holds for efforts to have them fill out and sent in to the Naetc. intermingling simultaneously. confess" variety of writers. Still, can.

we had better skip all about cona chart published by Bradstreets. ditions in the urban centers and We are not going to quote it here. tackle the "case histories" After suicide is a "psychological" probshows with a mathematical reguunable to supply details it is impossible to state why lem and therefore it is perfectly larity, that the years when business proper to study the individual cases bankruptcies increase and business involved. Most of these case histories are taken from the Coroner to find a job and make a living; of Cook County or from the United in these years suicides increase Charity Records. (We just mention rapidly and in the years when this to assure our readers of the bankruptcies decrease, and business "objectivity" of the documents conditions ease up, the suicide requoted.) cord decreases. That is why in A Typical "Case History" 1929 and '30, '31, '32, '33, taking

First, we learned that one George the country as a whole, the suicide Rowsk, a Pole born in Austria, record has been increasing steadily killed himself at the age of 45. He every year, because the struggle was a carpenter who came to Chi- for existence has become so bitter cago in 1905 and continued working and so hard that life becomes too in his trade until about 1911 at unbearable for many unemployed its "creation" and "crystallization" which time he lost his job. Since workers, professionals, etc. Writing accepted. While few organizationthen he continually was forced to in 1932, Mr. Hoffman says: "A reappeal to the charities. At this view of our homicide and suicide time, he was perfectly normal and records leads to no other conclusane. After he and his wife and sion than that the cheapest comchildren "lived" on charity for modity in the United States at the about ten years, he began develop- present time is human life." Mr.

ing melancholia, manic depressive Hoffman realizes it is an important insanity, dementia praecox and a problem because "even the life in-"fixation"; and so overburdened surance companies are becoming with all these riches, on June 1924, alarmed at the losses sustained in computing this profit the capitalist has correctly Mr. Rowsk decided to call it a day through voluntary self-destruction, estimated the wear and tear etc. on his plant as \$1, and hanged himself in the city of which now cut quite a figure in their annual claim payments."

After finishing taking notes of We are not particularly conprices or wages, the profit from the plant which is this and other case histories, we cerned about the Life Insurance grew very, very worried. If to Companies, but we realize by this books will probably show a loss due to wear and tear forget the class struggle was our time that suicide is no more "dispurpose, we might just as well not tinct" from the system of capitaltalist's records will show that he made no profit that have wasted our time on this book ism than the class struggle itself at all. Slightly discouraged, we and that the decrease in the suicimake a fresh start. This time we by "scientific reforms" but only by weren't taking any chances. We eliminating the miseries of modern consulted a prominent social work- life to thousands of unemployed er, who advised us to read a book men and women. This will only by J. M. Williams entitled "The be accomplished by destroying the Paris has to date not led to any Should it fail to do so it will be Human Aspects of Unemployment robber system of capitalism and published in 1933 and so we at farmers government, which will International Bureau of Revolution- progressive and history-making facof borrowed money for which he has guaranteed to least felt safe we wouldn't come create real equality of opportunity ary Youth Organizations will fulfill tor. across Rome or Greece or the South of life by building Socialism.

-BURKT COCHRANE.



Send your renewal in at once and The Class Struggle Again

ers Party of Germany (S.A.P.), the Revolutionary Socialist Party of olutionary Youth Organizations has results to date. Our comrades of the **Tribuna Len**-Holland (which shortly after joined no grounds-on the excuse of the inista have attempted to give an orientation to the the I.C.L.) and the League of In- ideological backwardness of the in- young socialists towards our organization as is dem-all, our psychologists assure us, you are interested. But this chart a common declaration, the "Neces- shrink from such a step. A deep-They state that in a meeting called for the purpose sity and Principles of a New In- going oppositional current in sever- of pressing the Left leaders to a clear position our ternational". At the same confer- al important national organizations comrades were invited for the express purpose of ence another group, namely the S. of the Socialist Youth Internation offering their contribution to the discussion.

indices fall, when it becomes hard A.P., the O.S.P. the British I.L.P. al is noticeable even today. In

and the Norwegian Labor Party Spain a large section of the Soand several other less important orcialist Youth League has already ganizations adopted a joint resolusplit and united with the Bolshevik tion on "the necessity of the regen-Leninist Youth of Spain. At the eration of the international work-National Congress of the Socialist ing class movement". Youth of Spain the question of in- for many years and recalls to mind the great planta-

At the youth conference held in ternational affiliation was placed Lille in February 1932 a resolution before the entire organization and

was adopted on the necessity for a only 103 representatives out of a new international youth organiza- possible 779 pronounced themselves tion as well as a new international for remaining any longer in the organization and responsibility for Socialist Youth International and the 2nd International. 76 voted for the creation of a Fourth Internaal consequences flowed from the tional and 600 abstained from vot-"declaration of the Four" in Au- ing. gust 1933, the "Bureau of Revolu-French Youth for New International

tionary Youth Organizations" with a permanent International Secretariat resulted from the Youth Conference. It was no accident that the youth organizations of both parties, the I.L.P. and the N.L.P. which subscribed only to the unanimously adopted resolution at the Paris conference and opposed the creation of a new international, did not take part in the work of the International Bureau of the Revolutionary Youth Organizations.

A Progressive Mission

Revolutionary Youth Organizations The Costa Rican labor movement ns now in line The Plenary session of the Buris not to be left straggling behind eau to be held in August must draw the march of events but on the for its first great test. Upon the success of the Costa contrary will play the role it should Rican banana workers, depends in great part, the the consequences of the Lille resotore up our notes and decided to dal rate will never be accomplished lution on "The work for the crys- play, that of pointing out the road future of the whole labor movement in Central America for many years to come. tallization of a new international to the vanguard of the internation-

organization". There is one way al proletarian youth, then it must to realize these tasks. The declar- adopt as its own the declaration of

ation of the four organizations at the four accepted in August 1933. have been on strike since August 10th and workers extension of common activity be- in danger of becoming an obstacle of other government departments are preparing to and Relief." The book has been replacing it with a workers and tween the four organizations. The in the path of history instead of a join the movement. This together with the sharp

> a great progressive mission if it subscribes to the Declaration on the "Necessity and the Principles of a new International", and calls upon the organizations which have already signed the declaration, to organize common activity on the basis of this declaration and is itself drawn into this work.

-WALTER HELD (Member of the International Revolutionary Youth Organizations)

BOUND VOLUMES OF THE MILITANT

There are only a limited number betrayal. It is our duty to aid our Cuban section, There is nothing unusual and of Bound Volumes for the year the Bolshevik Leninist Party in this, in its period Dr. Williams seems to be one of so save us unnecessary labor and nothing especially new in this step. 1933 on hand. They can be ob- of financial crisis. Branches and comrades holding revolutionary youth in the war, any part of the United States. I tional Office as soon as possible.

The Post Office and Telegraph workers of Havana

conflict between Batista and the ABC, is creating a new political crisis in the Cuban capital. True to its idiotic antics, the Cuban Stalinists issued a man-

ifesto calling on the workers to support an insurrec-Secretariat of the Bureau of tion for the establishment of Soviet rule on August 14th. The Stalinist bombast fell flat and nothing serious occurred. Once more, the need for the building a real revolutionary party of the Cuban prole-

tariat is made apparent, as the Stalinists repeat their demonstrations of bankruptcy, stupidity and

In the recent elections, two Communist deputies were Belgium and in the United States. elected out of a Chamber of thirty, in addition to If the International Bureau of several aldermen in the capital and other towns.

NEW STRIKE WAVE RISING IN CUBA

mediately following will witness the first real test of strength when the company attempts to cut the The plantation workers' strike is led by the Com-

fruit for loading on ships due then. Many of the strikers are foreign born workers, from other Caribean counties-both Spanish and English speaking.

Even deeper is the Terment in the Socialist youth organization in France where the lefts, who advo- munist Party, which, although of recent formation, is very influential, publishes a regular weekly paper, cate the creation of a new Communist international and a new and functions legally, enjoying considerable prestige youth international, have won an in the labor unions of the whole country. It is inoverwhelming majority in certain teresting to note that the C. P. of Costa Rica has

the unique distinction of having increased in memdistricts (e.g. the Seine district) bership and influence, while most of the other secand have temporarily come into tions of the C. I. are more or less definitely on the open conflict with the bureaucracy. downgrade, organizationally as well as politically. There are similar developments in

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Profits of Large 20MillionLive onCrumbs Corporations Rise; On Government Relief Greed Unsatiated Approximately five million fami- On this basis, it is doubtful whe

The reports of industrial corporation profits for the first six months creases, in some cases of gigantic Nation. importance, have taken place despite the fact that the accompanying figures of unemployment in the manufacturing industries have shown only slight improvement.

Corporation profits for the first six months of this year show a total increase of 220 percent over the same six month period of 1933. This brought the annual rate of return (on the basis of all stock issued-water, hide, and hair) up from 1.7 percent profit for 1933 to 5.7 percent for 1934. These figures are derived from a study of the report of 250 leading industrial corporations representing a capital worth of almost 10 billion dollars. police guns and flames to get to a Were public utility companies and olazing pyre of tainted prunes; the railroads included the results would undoubtedly show even more profits for the bosses.

Low Textile Wages Make Enormous Profits

This enormous spurt was aided the number on relief increases "nine dollar and eleven dollar a week" textile industry that showed a 370 percent increase in profit over that made during the first six months last year. A direct link can be drawn between this enormous increase in profit, the speed-up and stretch-out systems, and the present talk of a general strike in the industry.

The General Motors Company, another company which was threatened with a strike and with which the NRA board was so liberal. shows an increase of 44.8 percent in profits. General Motors, although not showing so large an increase in profit, continued to head the list in annual rate of return. This, close to a billion dollar combine, showed a return on its stock of 16 percent as compared to only a paltry 11.2 percent profit last year. To celebrate this in the good old-fashioned way, the company recently declared an extra dividend of 50 cents a share for common stock

Interesting too, in view of the recent militant strike at the Toledo plant of the Electric-Auto-Lite Company, are the reported returns for the automobile accessory industries As compared to a deficit of 7.4 percent in 1933, they now show a profit of 15.2 percent. This profit would have been much higher, the Arbitration Board, and these but the companies were required to | four (4) shall select a fifth memcontribute more to the tax fundfor the purchase of tear and vomit

gas Gunpowder Turns to Profits The E. I. du Pont de Nemours

Company, makers of gunpowder, tear gas, and dynamite, profited by the war scare and strike wave to the tune of 12 million dollars in pared to 9 million for the second man, the Minneapolis-St. Paul Repared to 9 million for the second quarter of 1933, showing earnings person to serve in this capacity. even surpassing those of the U.

ies, or some 20,000,000 people, are ther \$1 a month per person, or \$5 receiving relief through the Feder- a month per family, is available al government's various relief ag- through the combined agencies of increase over the returns for the same period of 1933. These in- quoted in a recent editorial in the Some on relief get more, of course; others get much less.

These people on relief are of no This does not include, the Nation points out the millions receiving use to the capitalist rulers of the local relief, the flophouse refugees, United States, to the real rulers, the poorhouse inmates, the recipithe industrial and banking magnates, who pull the strings of the ents of chicory, cornmeal and rotten potatoes, distributed by the puppets nominally in charge. These people on relief can buy nothing, county and community guardians of the poor. It does not include the nor are they needed for profit-makchousands upon thousands depend- ing production. They stand, an unassimilable ent upon private charity, or the wearied pity of friends and relaand ever increasing portion of the

population, outside of the social cives. At the Bottom of the Heap structure as at present constitued. Nor does it include, one might What to do with them is admittedly a problem too great for any capadd, the thousands upon thousands who need aid, but get none, the italist regime to meet. Bourgeois Philadelphia "squatters" braving statesmen and economists divide into two classes on the subjectthose who would starve them to suicides that mount daily, the "maldeath slowly, and others, more merciful, who want them to die in nutrition" cases, the thousands who are permitted to die literally of a hurry. The Tories Protest at the Pittance

starvation. Moreover, the Nation points out,

The latter class, the Tory class, is beginning to grumble about the considerably by the results of the daily, and the number needing re- high cost of relief, and the conselief increases still more. In New quent mounting of taxes. York City, there were 77,000 more They resent the fact that these millions of useless poor continue to of its best fighters. families on relief in June, 1934, than in June of the previous year. burden the political and economic

system, that outcries of the starv-At the same time, the sums available for relief are dwindling. These ing continue to intrude upon their sums were at all times pitifully inprofit-making plans. The Tory chieftain, Attorney Genadequate. About \$60,000,000 is spent each month by the combined federal, state and county agencies. Divided among 20,000,000 people, they make themselves heard at the

this would make available the averpolls. All are agreed on shooting them age of \$3 a month per person. down when they become too voci-But this figure is misleading. Actually the government is not nearly | ferous, in public demonstrations, on

so generous. One must deduct from the picket lines. For all in the bourgeois camp are the \$60,000,000 available the cost of administration, and of dirty graft joined in one great fear-that the pauperized millions may propose and politics. One will have to deduct further the needs of the 2,000,their own solution, that they may 000 farm families to be added to refuse to starve at the behest of relief rolls as the result of the their rulers, that they may organize to take matters in their own include only those on federal relief rolls. drought. And one must further re-

The Terms of the Union Acts in Enforcement Settlement (Continued from Page 1) (Continued from Page 1)

appoint two (2) representatives to minated. The basic principles of trade unionism have been maintained and vindicated.

ber to act as Impartial Chairman. "Local 574 has been through a The hours and overtime rates heavy battle. We have made sacprovided by the respective codes shall apply. In figuring overtime, it shall be based on rate of wage covered by this agreement. If within five (5) days the two parties cannot agree upon a mutually acceptable Impartial Chair-

were carrying the banner of trade unionism and fighting not for ourselves alone but for the whole trade



On August 22, 1927, seven years ago, Sacco and Vanzetti, the shoe worker and the humble fish peddler, were murdered in cold blood by the State of Massachusetts.

Since then the working class of mourn many, many such victims, perished in fascist internment camps, tortured to death by sadistic executioners. Sacco and Vanzetti, at least died to better purpose. Their death was an inspiration o the workers all over the world.

They died as symbols of the class struggle, with a united working class battling vigorously, if in vain,

on their behalf. Their death was the occasion for great rallying demonstrations in every corner of the globe. The great, tearing cry that arose when the news was flashed of their execution, caused the most powerful established rulers to trem-

An Irresistible Tide

ist Leage, Spartacus Youth League, For a while it seemed, indeed, as if governments would topple and National Student League and the tyrannies be overthrown forever, Student League for Industrial Dethrough the impetus given by the mocracy.

executioner's electric switch. So All talk about this being a Conaroused was the whole working gress representative of the Amerclass, so infuriated by the murder ican youth is nonsense. Delegates from the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts

Yes, it seemed at the time that and Young Men's Christian Associtheir deaths would be dearly puration did not represent the views chased. They became the accepted of the masses of youth in their orsymbols of the class struggle ac- ganizations. American youth to- "Defense of the Soviet Union" was with immediate expulsion. There cepted by both sides. Capitalism, day are without doubt, unfortunate unacceptable to a majority of the can be no hope for an organization eral Wickersham, wants to deprive through the State of Massachusetts, as it is, enthusiastic supporters delegates this should not force up which treats with its critics in this them of their right to vote, lest and its brutal agents, held firm of Roosevelt. Yet when a spokesagainst the protests of millions in man of the Civil Conservation youth organizations the the pacitits demand for the blood of the Camps at the concluding session of fist slogan of disarmament. The two heroes. A great issue was at the Congress praised Roosevelt and Stalinists thought otherwise; the

stake. The execution was a prelude, a rehearsal of fascist terror. And to its eternal credit, militant labor, too, refused to allow the is- Hardly! It was a radical youth sue to be obscured. It presented a

united front to the murderers. liberals. There were huge demonstrations and riots in every capital of any importance anywhere in the world. The workers lost their battle. reaction were thoughtful. It had not been easy to kill the two simple workingmen. Almost they were cheated of their prey. The working class forces had revealed unexpected strength, surprising solidarity.

With much greater ease, the German Nazis, years later, were able to torture to death thousands upon thousands of workers. The work-

ing class of Germany, split by Stalinist tactics and Social Democratic treachery, surrendered its victims rifices and given martyrs to the without a struggle. World protest cause of labor. Creat forces were was confused and weakened by disbrought to bear against us. We felt throughout the fight that we warfare in working class ranks. So easily were the German exe-

cutions accomplished, with so little

Let Sacco and Vanzeti be again

to be claimed by no party, repre-

As they were defended, so must

held by the Nazi Inquisition, An-

gelo Herndon and the Scottsboro

A united defense, a true united

Fascism and capitalist oppression!

New Haven Meeting

On Minneapolis

In the name of Sacco and Van-

boys, Leon Trotsky, hounded by

Young Spartacans Fight Stalinists Expel Pacifism at Congress

The "First American Youth Con-| imperialist country where the Sogress" closed its three days ses- cialsts are strong. But did the the

sions last Friday under the leader- young Socialist understand the imship of the Stalinist Young Commu- | port of his remarks? He did not nist League. With the withdrawal say a word in reply to the objecof the sponsoring group, the Cen- tions to the slogan of disarmament. tral Bureau for Young America and Gil Green of the Young Commuits 50 delegates, the elected creden- nist League defended the original the world has had sad occasion to tials committee reported that the resolution. The proposal of the Congress represented 76 organiza- Spartacus Clubs is a provocation tions, among them 31 national ones, intended to break up (!) the Conand 1,700,955 (!) youth. The com- gress. It was explained at the conmittee recommended the seating of ference (of the progressive bloc) the delegates of the Spartacus that some delegates could not ac-Youth League and other organiza- | cept the slogan "Defense of the Sotions, mostly Stalinist, which arbi- viet Union". We support the Sovtrarily had been barred from the let Union's proposal for disarmament, but this does not mean that Congress.

The Congress can record two we call upon the Roosevelt governachievements: the defeat of the ment to disarm! Such was Green's Roosevelt program and leadership contribution. Everybody, but Green, of the Central Bureau (which the had thought that the disputed sec-Stalinists mistakenly call "Fas- tion was a demand that the Americist"), and the presence of repre- can government disarm! sentatives of the major radical

youth organizations in the country, particularly the Young Communist League, the Young Peoples Socialplain" what Green meant! When the floor to answer Green and his

declared out of order. and control" group obviously did not mean complete democracy! The S. Y. L. had explained at

on the militant and revolutionary

his program the delegates laughed. section had been taken from the Does this express the sentiments of the great mass of American youth? Against War and Fascism".

assemblage with a sprinkling of its way. The confusion of the Yip-Despite this fact the Congress war shows the immaturity of the found today; for declaring that the had a pacifist color. The united militant trend in their ranks and majority of organized workers and front took the form of Yipsel and their centrist character. The ori-Y.C.L. delegates not only from ginal resolution, with minor am-In such an atmosphere the charof the Stalinist youth delegation, acter of the continuations commitits concessions to pacifism, the tee was determined. A Yipsel prolack of organization among the posed a committee of fifteen which Yipsels, and their submissiveness to included the outstanding liberal, both the Y.C.L. and pacifism re- Socialist and Stalinist organizasulted in Stalinist leadership of the tions. The Spartacus Youth League was the only national radical youth Congress.

organization omitted. The same No attempt was made on the Yipsel explained that the continu-Congress floor by either the Y.C.L. or the Yipsels to state their full ations committee should have the program on the youth problems. power to solicit affiliations of new They supported two resolutions in organizations.

The motion of the S.Y.L. that all the resolutions committee which contained pacifist conceptions. In national organizations be reprethe resolution on education, they sented on the continuation commitsupported the conception that the tee, despite its support by several R.O.T.C. should be abolished "Since Stalinists and Socialists, was dewe believe that war holds nothing feated by the Stalinists and liberfor the youth but destruction-phy- ais. They did not want the S.Y.L. sical, economic and moral". The on the committee, it would disturb Spartacus Youth League delegates the "peace"!

on the floor of the congress at- The Sparacus Youth League will union movement. That other trade opposition, that for a while the ex-union movement. That other trade opposition, that for a while the ex-tacked this section as pacifist since make further efforts to affiliate to and a new revolutionary Internaunion movement. That other trade unionists felt the same way about ample of Germany threatened to it rejected all wars. He stated that the Congress committee. However, tional. They know full well that sweep the capitalist world. The the R.O.T.C. should be abolished a far more effective united front a party which is blind to all its

6 Youth; JoinS.Y.L and League

The Stailnists have added six more to their list of "renegade counter-revolutionaries" when they recently expelled six Y.C.L. members for contacting that dangerous disease Trotskyism. Fred Mauer, at one time agit-prop director of his section in New York City, and Al Garber, Lil Thompson, John Ristea, Sid Scott and Art Dolinsky, all active and leading members in Chicago, were expelled in the preconvention discussion period of the Y.C.L. for daring to express their doubts as to the correctness of the line of the Communist Party.

Fred Mauer, whose membership in the Y.C.L. exceeded that of any member in his section, found himself outside its ranks for carrying out an appeal to the N.E.C. of the Y.C.L. calling upon the membership The accusation of split was chal- to send in articles to the Young lenged by the delegate from the Worker dealing with the various Communist Party (Opposition). He problems confronting the organizawas quickly howled down and ruled tion. Comrade Mauer sent in his out of order. Then a Stalinist del- contribution which was never egate was given the floor to "ex- printed because in it he pointed out the causes for the defeat of the the delegate of the S.Y.L. asked for $\frac{1}{r}$ German working class, that the errors made in Germany were not due interpretor he was shouted down to isolated individuals, but rather to a false conception of the united The victory of the "democratic front, a false appreciation of the actual situation. Instead of opening a discussion on these most vital problems of the revolutionary

the conference that if the slogan movement the bureaucracy replied manner Similarly in Chicago, where five

were expelled for Trotskyism. There, the five sought to participate in the pre-convention discussion by program of the "American League bringing up the trade union question. For stating the revolution-But the Stalinist pacifist bloc had ary axioms, that the place of Communists is in the trades unions sels on the paramount problems of where masses of workers are to be

those who are just coming to the union movement are in the A. F. of L.; that the Stalinists today are isolated from the masses of organized workers and incapable of influencing them with a militant, leftwing program; these comrades were summarily expelled from their organization. In addition, the have been attacked as stool-

pigeons, spies, counter-revolutionaries and all the other choice words out of the Stalinist dictionary. These six comrades have now found their place with the Communist League of America and the Spartacus Youth League. They conclude from their experiences in the Y.C.L. that it is not by accident that the Stalinist organizations lead only to defeats for the working class, that the fundamental course of the Stalinists is false to revolutionary principles, and that it is now necessary to create a new Communist party in this country

Steel Corporation, which makes the steel jackets surrounding the du Pont gunpowder in the cartridge shells used against the workers.

defined in paragraphs four (4) and The profit shown is one that has five (5) hereof), or their duly acbeen sustained ever since the incredited representatives cannot troduction of the "new deal" and agree on minimum hourly rates; certainly indicates a new deal for and in that event, the results of the bosses, although one could hardsuch arbitration shall be retroacly say the same for the workers. tive to the date that arbitration is Separate reports by quarter years

requested. are available for 201 of the com-The award of the Arbitration forts to make Minneapolis a union symbols, belonging to no faction, panies in the tabulation and show Board shall be final and binding town." combined net profits of 98 million and shall remain in full force and dollars in the first quarter of this

effect until August 22, 1935. year and 144 million dollars in the It is understood that the minisecond quarter. Last year, the same companies had a net deficit of 19 mum wages herein specified do not apply to boys temporarily employed million dollars in the first quarter, and a net profit of 85 million dolon small package delivery trucks, and they shall not be submitted to lars in the second. Despite this sharp upturn, and arbitration.

despite the return of 5.7 percent on It is further understood that no the watered stock, and in the face wage rates in excess of the miniof the continued unemployment, | mums above specified, will be remass misery and starvation, the duced.

9. A consent decree covering the strike. National City Bank complains: "that the rate of return on invested foregoing provisions and binding capital is still relatively low" (as upon employers and their employes compared to the 18 percent profit (as defined in paragraphs four (4) for the 1919-1929 period) and calls and five (5) hereof) or their repfor increased wage cuts to "take resentatives, shall be made and enindustry out of the red". ered by the Minneapolis-St. Paul

OPEN FORUM "How Should Communists Work In A. F. of L. Unions?" Speaker: SYLVIA BLEECKER Friday, Aug. 31, 8 P.M. at 144 Second Avenue, N.Y.C. Auspices: Downtown Branch **Communist League of America**

CELEBRATE 19th ANNIVERSARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY with the Spartacus Youth League. Come to the SOCIAL AND DANCE Saturday, Sept. 1, at 8 P.M. 144 Second Ave., N.Y.C. ADMISSION 15c And to the MASS MEETING

> Speakers: **JOSEPH CARTER** SAM GORDON

and Comrades from Newark, New Haven and Phiadelphia Chairman: M. Garrett Sunday, Sept. 2, at 8 P.M. 144 Second Ave., N.Y.C. ADMISSION FREE.

, is evidenced by the generous sup-Arbitration shall commence withport they gave us. in two (2) days after the appoint "We feel we were true to the reaction. Mass demand for unity ment of the Impartial Chairman when any firm and its employes (as

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cause of labor in everything we in working class ranks threatens did in the strike. We consider the now to break the barriers erected settlement a victory for unionism. (in place of barricades) by bureau-"We are calling a mass meeting cratic Stalinist or Social Democratof Minneapolis workers at the Par- ic leadership. The workers are ade ground Friday night. There prepared again to march in selfwe will celebrate the victory of un- defense, in defense of their own. ionism in this fight and call on all the workers to redouble their ef- the rallying cry. They are clear

But though it has fought its way

all the world. through to the granting of the cardinal demands of the strike 574 is all victims of reaction be defended: not resting on its laurels. Mooney rotting in San Quentin pen-Eternal vigilance remains the itentiary, Thaelmann and Torgler

motto of the union in the elections scheduled to take place ten days after the conclusion of the strike. The union is prepared to spike any trick of the bosses and to come out the French police agents.

of the elections with the same flying colors as they did from the

The Organizer is to remain daily until after the elections. 574 will pursue every detail of the settlement and see to it that they are carried out to the hilt.

Any discrimination, in violation of the agreement, will be met with Board on May 31, 1934, and shall by the same solid resistance that have the approval and consent of

the strike committee. the National Labor Relations Board and of the United States Depart-Minneapolis labor is burning up special meeting of the city committhe town in jubilation, the Citizens 10. Wherever the Minneapolis-St. Paul Regional Labor Board is a pack of beaten wolves. referred to herein, it is understood

and agreed that the terms hereof shall apply with equal force and effect to any board succeeding the said Minneapolis-St. Paul Re-

11. Any dispute arising out of shall be referred to the Minneapo-574 has not stopped fighting. Says Minneapolis strike was favorably lis-St. Paul Regional Labor Board the victory issue of the Organizer: | received by the crowd of fifty, as for decision. If either party ob-"We warn all enemies of labor: | was proven by the collection taken jects to this decision, it shall be referred to the National Labor Local 574 is going to take a hand up at the close of the meeting. The against this kind of frame-up. donations and the final amount Those who start this sort of busi- were larger than ever before col-

ness will be responsible for all the lected, even from larger audiences, DANCE AND ENTERTAINMENT consequences.'

We have on hand a lengthy state- er explained in detail the roles ment by Herbert Zam in which he played by the League and the Stalresigns from the Lovestone group. inists. For an hour and a half we Comrade Max Shachtman will received a first hand account of the write an analysis of this document struggle waged by the workers of in the next issue of the Militant. Minneapolis for the right to live.

heroic resistance of the Austrian because it trains the youth in the can be established by direct nego- mistakes, that refuses to discuss patriotism of American imperial- tiations of the outstanding radical and correct them, but demnads workers gave a second halt to the ism and prepares them for capitalist war service. An N.S.L. delegate Socialist League, Spartacus Youth introduced an amendment which League Student L.I.D. and N.S.L. called for the abolition of the R.O. T.C. because it was a training A militant program of action could be worked out on the basis of the place for American imperialist needs of the young workers and chauvinism. The amendment was students. Then local conferences carried unanimously.

could be held throughout the coun-In the discussion on the resolutry leading up to a national contion on war and fascism, the Spargress representative of local and tacus Youth League delegate resenting the fighting proletariat of peated the objections he had prenational radical and liberal youth sentiment.

To delude oneself that even such ference. He amended the section a conference can possibly represent reading: "For the support of the peace proposals of the Soviet Union the majority of the American youth for complete disarmament" to "De- is to be blind to the views of the fense of the Soviet Union against mass of young workers and stuimperialist attacks." After three dents. It is precisely the united minutes objections were raised to front which can set in motion not the "lengthy" speech. Other dele- | only the present organized youth gates had spoken more than five but substantial sections of the more ing to force the Soviet Union to sell

minutes and several times on minor backward young workers. Particufront, in behalf of all victims of organizational questions, but for larly in the field of unionizing the discussion on a fundamental ques- youth is this possible. Here also tion, the degelates for the first time many obstacles will have to be ov- chukuo have been attempting ever established a time limit of . . . two ercome; in the first instance the since to force down the price of minutes!

And here again the Yipsels and ist Young Communist League. A step forward has been made the Y.C.L. formed a united front. First in refusing to give adequate at the American Youth Congress. time to the representative of the But only greater clarity on the S.Y.L. and second in opposing the role and mechanics of the united

amendment. A young Socialist front, keener understanding of the stated that he opposed the slogan danger of pacifism for the mass of have it on reliable authority that "Defense of the Soviet Union" for youth, and finally greater participa-But if the strikers and all of the Stalinists soon after called a the united front; that he "was of tion in the united front movements course in favor of the Soviet Un- by the small but only consistent revtee to consider the "Trotskyist ion", but why not include those olutionary youth organization in countries of Europe where the So- the United States, the Spartacus cialists play an important role, he Youth League, can bring about an yen).

stated! Politically this means effective all-inclusive united front

FALL TERM OF INTERNATIONAL WORKERS SCHOOL TO OPEN OCTOBER 1st

The International Workers School will open at its new headquarters, 144 Second Avenue, on October 1st, with the following courses :

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	3. History and Principles of the International CommunistsMax Shachtman
ļ	4. State and RevolutionJack Weber
	5. American HistoryFelix Morrow
	6. Elementary Marxian EconomicsAlfred Weaver
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	teested in. Registrations are accepted daily at the office of the
ļ	school. Each course is \$1.50 for the complete term. Further inform- ation may be obtained by telephoning Gramercy 5-5924.

youth organizations, the Young blind and religious obedience in-Communist League, Young Peoples stead of revolutionary disciplinesuch an organization is hopeless.

We welcome these comrades to our ranks. They are not the first nor the last. The Stalinists are losing their best material to the Fourh International. These comrades are now where they belong, in the ranks of the internationalist revolutionists, building and creating that party which will lead the working class to Soviet America.

Japan Prepares Seizure OF C. E. R.

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its share of the road

Unable to bluff Russia to give up the road back in 1933, Japan-Mandual unionist policy of the Stalin- the Soviet's share. A campaign of banditry, of blowing up of bridges of stealing movable property be longing to the Chinese Eastern, and of harassing the Russian officials in every conceivable manner has been going on throughout the entire period of negotiations. These acts on the part of the Japanese authorities have undoubtedly had their share in reducing the figure originally asked for by the Soviets to that asked for today (190 million

The latter figure is only 40 milion (12 million dollars) above that ocered by Japan. It was for these 12 million dollars that Japan was bidding when she arrested the Soviet railway officials.

This time the Soviet Union called her bluff. The complete negotiations had been laid bare and the enormous concessions already made by Russia. Japan's hand was staved and, although still keeping the men in prison, she has taken no further acts against them.

The danger that Japan may attempt to forcibly seize complete control of the railroad has already been pointed out by the Soviet Union.

Where the present action will lead to, one cannot say. Any spark today may start the world aflame again. It was the Balkans in 1914; will it be Manchuria in 1934?

by the League. Starting with a chronological account of the events In the Next Issue leading up to the strike, the speak-

New Haven, Aug. 8.- Comrade Kotz's meeting was a success. We

Alliance is lurking in its dens like menace". About half-way through the evening a couple of the Y.C.L.-

zetti!

Seeking some manner of revenge ers dropped in. They were told, they have issued a statement quietly but determinedly by a six support of a "democratic" war of of action. through the mouth of their hireling, foot two comrade, that there was Mayor Bainbridge, which indicates to be no heckling or interrupting that a frame-up is being prepared. of the speaker. They left soon af-All this under the customary talk ter. Evidently serious, democratic the interpretation of this order of driving the Communists out of discussion was too much of a strain. the city. But let them beware! Comrade Kotz's account of the