WAR! The Enemy Is In Our Own Country

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No MATTER how highly de-veloped the armed strength of a nation may be, the coming war, like the last one, will be fought by the masses who are ons of warfare.

But before the workers of all be poisoned with chauvinist gases, the bayonet of lies and misrepresentation must first rip out the bowels of their class solidarity.

were led to fight for Pan-Slavic czarist expansion in the name of the struggle against Japanese autocracy and German Kaiserism; the enemy of the Russian workers was in . . . Tokyo and Berlin. The German worker was called on to defend the Junker's fatherland from Russian barbarism and French "revenge"; his enemy was in ... Moscow and Paris.

In most countries, the official Socialist parties turned recruiting sergeant in behalf of the imperialists. It required the immortal Karl Liebknecht to exclaim: "The enemy is in our own country!" In 1917, the Russian masses learned the meaning of these words. They turned on their real enemy, they took power, they brought | the verdict as an illegal horse-trade. the war to an end in their way.

The working masses are now being mobilized for imperialist war in the same way. Only, today it is not the Kaiser who is "forcing a war upon us"; his place has been taken by Hitler.

Does Fascism mean war? Yes, but only because Fascism means the rule of capitalism organized in the nakedest, most dictatorial and murderous way. It is imperialist *capitalism* that produces war, be it organized Howard S. McIntire. An acountas an autocracy, a constitutional monarchy, a Fascist state, or a "democratic republic"

The social democrats are merely repeating their old role when they shout about the need Mini and Decker in order to get a of the workers defending the "democratic" countries against

nations can be driven to the trenches, their minds must first Juror Hits Verdict in In the last war, the masses ere led to fight for Pan-Slavic

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GoldmanAppeals for New Trial as Deal Is Uncovered

SACRAMENTO, April 4. - Sentence was not passed today upon the eight workers convicted of criminal syndicalism Monday. Judge Dal M. Lemmon's schedule was upset when, on the motion for a new trial, Albert Goldman, attorney for the Non-Partisan Labor Defense, instead of limiting himself to dry technical arguments, exploded a bombshell which forever destroys the validity of the guilty verdict in the minds of all but the frame-up prosecution and the court.

Opening the defense argument for a new trial, Goldman denounced The crowded court was electrified when he read an affidavit by a juror affirming this view. The judge immediately discounted Goldman's argument, but broke off proceedings to seek legal authority not to grant a new trial. Court will reassemble April 10 for further argument, Goldman having left, Sacramento today for his home in Chicago In the meantime, the judge has refused to set bail.

The affidavit impeaching the guilty verdict especially in the cases of Norman Mini of the Workers Party and Caroline Decker of the Communist Party, is signed by ant, he worked 27 years in the State Adjutant-General's office and is a Past Master of the local Masons. who last week presented him with a diamond-studded watch-charm. McIntire held out for 118 ballots before agreeing to a horse-trade on verdict.

Jurors Threatened

McIntire, who is indebted to

ROLL, TIRE, ROLL! S A A ER B B W. ANT. **Toledo Auto Strike Looms**

Continue Fight for Death and Destruction Men Flocking into the Scottsboro Boys Peace' Record of 1934

world 2,400,000 men and women

died of starvation and 1,200,000

men and women committed sui-

cide because they had no further

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doned this state of affairs

evolved as a remedy to alleviate

this misery the peculiar device

267.000 train loads of coffee

516,000,000 pounds of sugar

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go astray, intimidation-open and

concealed lynch threats-will be

-Steel, in The N. Y. Post.

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1,000,000 wagon loads of wheat

At the same time the social

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used against them.

Solidarity Pledged by **Cleveland & Detroit**

Intervention of Perkin Threatens to Continue the 'National Run Around'

LATEST STRIKE ASPECTS AT A GLANCE

The Cleveland Federation of Labor and the Metal Trades Council have formally pledged their support to the Akron rubber workers' union.

F. J. Dillon, A. F. of L. auto head in Detroit, announces that "in the event of a strike in the Akron rubber factories we are prepared to give support".

'Impartial observers," say press reports, "are practically unanimous that the walkout (in Akron) will be under way before the present week is ended.

Secretary of Labor Perkins has stepped into the Akron situation, conferring with company officials, in hope of averting the strike of rubber workers.

By JACK WILSON

AKRON, April 9 .-- Akron's 30,000 rubber workers stand poised and ready to strike against the provocative attacks of the Goodyear, Goodrich and Firestone companies and establish union recognition. Certain outstanding facts this week indi-

cate that the rubber struggle is the Labor Supports most important political event for the working class since the New Deal.

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A. F. of L. compromises, lay-offs, wage cuts and every other means of antagonizing labor have been used by the rubber barons to provoke a strike.

The National Manufacturer's Association, pushed by Dillon, Read and Company, the Wall St. bankers, is directing this offensive. The 3,000 armed guards, the barbed wire fences, the sand-bank entrenchments-these are the forces of repression which the capitalists

Major Battle of 1935

The purpose of the industrialists is plain. They want to smash the union completely and show the last Saturday with the endorsement working class that the dreaded open shop is here to stay. A defeat for Council, bringing the entire organ- the workers in rubber would have nation-wide effects. It would mean the workers was succeeding and the American proletariat was being

The issue of the Akron situation is the right to organize. The cap-

St. Louis Gas WorkersStrike

TrickSettlementRejected -Ladies' Auxiliary Is Organized

ST. LOUIS, April 6.—The strike of gas house workers goes into its second week with ranks firmer are bringing to play. thán ever, with mounting enthusiasm, and with wider and wider support.

The strike received fresh impetus of the St. Louis Central Trades ized labor movement of St. Louis behind the strikers. The decision that the capitalist offensive against came after several prominent officiads of the C.T.C. visited the offices of the Laclede Co. in an attempt defeated in its first major combat to lay the ground for a settlement. with capital in 1935. Gosling, head of the company, refused even to interview them.

the "Fascist aggressor".

The Stalinists are merely lending a helping hand by creating illusions about the League of Nations, about "disarmament" as a cure for war, about the "capitalist powers that do not want war" and the "capitalist powers that do want war".

Does this mean that it is a matter of indifference to the workers whether or not they are ruled by Fascism? Not at make a case, McIntire nevertheless all! Just because we are ready to fight tooth and nail for the ranged. right to organize, to speak, to meet, to publish our press, to voluntarily to the defense in order, strike, to picket, to fight for | as he stated, to get a new trial for improved conditions and for freedom from capitalism-we stand intransigeantly opposed hotel to tell him about the horseto the imperialist war. These | trade. He shed tears of shame and are precisely the rights that regret. Next day he encountered are curtailed or abolished by even the most "democratic" countries the minute war is declared.

Many battles were fought in the class war to win these rights; battles are fought every day to preserve them. We will not surrender them lightly. We will fight to retain them, in the only war the working class can support-the class war-because we need them to defend ourselves better against the daily attacks of capitalism, because we need them for the speediest and most effective overthrow of capitalism!

It is Hitler who crushes the German proletariat. It is and that exploits the American working class and reduces it to gagged and fettered serfs.

The enemy is in our own country!

Ever greater numbers of workers will realize this profound truth.

the poison of chauvinism.

of the local banks back of the pros-

ecution, finally gave in because of threats by other jurors. During In handing down its unanimous the deliberations, Foreman Rackdecision to set aside the verdict in liffe and Mrs. Mary A. Perry, inthe Scottsboro trial, giving a new struments of the prosecution, detrial to Clarence Norris and Heynounced as Reds those jurors who wood Paterson, the United States opposed convicting everybody on Supreme Court performed a polittwo counts. They threatened not ical act of the highest significance. only McIntire, but Juror Mrs. Clara The Supreme Court gave nothing F. Keith, whose son is a traffic cop. from the goodness of its heart or and Juror W. W. Jackson, former from the mere formal excellence railroad worker who lives off a of its juridical brains. Seething Southern Pacific pension. Fully unrest among the Negro masses, conscious of the State's failure to

and, to a degree, its organized expression in the Scottsboro campaign surrendered after a fight lasting 66 has bumped square into the oppreshours, and a horse-trade was arsive exploiters and discriminators

McIntire's affidavit was given innocent people. Immediately after the verdict he sought out Attorney Goldman in the lobby of the latter's on the street Jack Warnick, acquitted defendant, Norman Mini's father, and Herbert Solow of the N. P L.D. to whom he told the same story. On the second day after the verdict, he sought out Solow and Warnick in the former's hotel room,

and there expressed a desire to try to undo his action. As a result be composed a statement, which he then swore to before a notary and (Continued on Page 2)

againt the Negro population. The decision of the Court is a political reverberation of that collision. The victory is only a partial one. The scene shifts back to Alabama where, in a new trial, the ruling class will try another maneuver in

their attempt to railroad the Scottsthe cat in the boot: yet so near boro boys. and yet so far. As a result of the Supreme Court Only a mass movement can save decision Governor Bibb Graves has

the Scottsboro boys! ordered a revision of jury boxes in Alabama. The prosecutor — now The Supreme Court will not and

Lieutenant-Governor Knight — has can not save the boys! promised a new and ironclad case. The I.L.D. alone cannot save the It is obvious the state will now try

boys! Only by building a mass deto avoid all technicalities without fense, with all working class elegiving the boys any better chance. ments represented with rights of Some Negroes may be allowed on criticism, can the Scottsboro boys the jury. They will be drawn from be finally freed.

the thin middleclass stratum of the The Scottsboro boys shall not die!

Chevrolet Union During 1934 throughout the

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BULLETIN

(By Wire to the New Militant) .TOLEDO, O., April 9.—Despite instructions from the A. F. of L. to the workers not to participate in the election at the Chevrolet plant in Toledo arranged by the Auto Labor Board, 1,326 men voted for the A. F. of L. and only 508 voted for no affiliation. Only a handful failed to vote at all. Organization sentiment is running high, and the workers are flocking into the Federal union. Action talk is heard everywhere and a strike appears likely in the immediate future.

By ART PREIS

TOLEDO, O., April 9.-Organization of the production and skilled

Now, if ever, real victory is not and office workers in the large Tofar off. The I.L.D. has always been ledo plant of the Chevrolet Motor Corp. is proceeding rapidly following two jammed and enthusiastic mass meetings conducted by the Toledo local of the United Automobile Workers Federal Labor Un-

> Over 900 workers have attended the meetings and it is expected that all will be signed up in the union the most successful attempts which has been made to unionize a plant

Labor Movement In Support

The support of the Central Council greatly strengthens the strike, bringing ever wider circles of the labor movement to the aid of the strike.

The Laclede company, frightened by the success of the daily strike bulletin, has begun a campaign of slander against the union in paid advertisements inserted daily in the capitalist press. The bulletin has answered the company lies as frequenly as they appeared, making it embarrassing for the company to continue.

A women's auxiliary, organized last week, which includes the wives, daughters, sweethearts, and sisters of the strikers, is doing fine work in feeding the men, in assuring wider distribution of the bulletin, and in raising money to support the strike.

"Settlement" Rejected

The union unanimously rejected a "settlement" proposed by the Mayor's Committee last week, a settlement which bore all the earmarks of a company lawyer's work. Under its provisions union men could have been fired wholesale for organizing. Not only that but there was no mention of seniority rights, and one of the union's main demands, that the service charge

Throughout, though criticizing

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italists want to drown this fundamental right in workers' blood.

Furthermore, the whole future of the American Federation of Labor is involved. Green, having definitely committed himself to a strike, is playing his last card, being pushed by circumstances to such a position. All the A. F. of L. class-collaboration has failed. The capitalists have insisted on class struggle, feeling sure of themselves. Either outright capitulation and ruin in rubber and elsewhere or a fight faces the A. F. of L. and it seems to have chosen to fight. Of course, one or two more maneuvers can be expected. Probably Green will appeal to Roosevelt directly, but it doesn't seem possible that he can

costrol the rank and file, who want to strike.

Sentiment Militant

The rubber workers are rapidly seeing the entire political aspect of the situation. "This will be a minor revolution", is the sentiment of many rank and filers.

Coleman C. Claherty, A. F. of L. organizer in rubber, has himself declared that the key to the entire labor situation is in Akron. If the rubber workers win, it spells the doom of the open shop in steel, auto and other industries. He says the A. F. of L. is concentrating its entire strength behind the Akron workers,

The working class is showing amazing militancy. Flying squadrons, military squads, outlining of strategic spots in the companies' fortresses-for such the factories are-these and other strike weapons are being utilized and will play a prominent role in the battle. While newspapers and preachers — in particular preachers — cry against the workers, the workers calmly continue to get ready for a stiff battle which can only be de-

scribed as impending civil war. The workers' ranks continue to grow. The strike vote proves that. Scabbing will be done only by few misguided workers, if they can get in. It doesn't seem likely that they will.

Of course, the A. F. of L. has promised nation-wide support. This promise must be made a reality. Otherwise the struggle of the Akron workers against the entire capitalistic structure will be made more difficult.

Nation-wide Strike Against War Stirs Students

sponse on Friday will be an indicament on the part of the student will be American capitalism youth. As a militant anti-war manifestation the strike should receive the support of every student Youth League, realizing this necand worker and their organizations. essity, appealed to the Y.P.S.L. and peace promises and the determina- youth organizations to give leadertion not to be cannon fodder for the ship and support to the strike. To

next imperialist war.

strong expression of student opin- hands of the Socialist S.L.I.D., the ed into channels which will mar the Youth Council.

On April 12, at 11 A.M., thou-success and effectiveness of the sands of students throughout the demonstration. No small measure foothold the S.Y.L., while affirming country will go out on strike of the responsibility for this can be its support of the strike, has atagainst war and fascism. The re- | laid at the door of the Young Peo- | tempted to correct false slogans | attempted to avert a strike by per- | dents to avert the danger. In Penn ples Socialist League and the Young advanced, has analyzed for the tion of the strong anti-war senti- Communist League. Proper guid- students the nature of imperialist ance and leadership can be given war and has pointed out the only only by the working class through method of ending it-revolutionary its organizations. The Spartacus struggle against capitalist war. In many instances the slogans raised are purely pacifist and entirely dis-It will be an indication of the dis- the Y.C.L. for a national united tort the role of the students in the at which they demanded that Prof. illusionment with capitalism's fake front of political working class anti-war fight, helping to spread conduct their struggle entirely indate no answer has been received. It is unfortunate that such a The strike committee is in the Where the slogan "Against War" It will immunize them against | ion should be misguided and divert- | Stalinist N.S.L. and the Methodist | some cases in making "Against Im- | New York members of the S.Y.L. | support of the strike and assisted

In Franklin Lane High School, local strike committee was leading Brooklyn where the administration the strike and calling on the stusuading the students to call it after State College the local S. Y. L. school hours, we were active in branch issued militant leaflets callgetting the students to agree to ing for support of the strike. Linwalk out at 11. In N.Y.U. members | coln High School S.Y.L.ers have of the S.Y.L. in conjunction with issued the first bulletin which anthe Student League for Industrial alyzes the war question and calls Democracy called an anti-war rally for support of the strike. Sidney Hook be allowed to speak wrong policies and slogans and atthe illusion that the students can at the strike mass meeting. This tacking all attempts by the organwas in protest against the National izations in the official united front

dependently of the working class. Student League policy of allowing mechanically to control and domonly people who agreed with their inate the local united front comwas raised, S.Y.L.ers succeeded in line to speak. In City College of mittees, the S.Y.L. has asserted its perialist War" the central issue of fraction issued leaflets exposing in the preparation for it.

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by this Saturday. This is one of

be revoked, was completely neglected

In every school where it has any the strike. the pacifist channels into which the

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Juror's Affidavit Flays Sacramento Verdict

Horse-Trade Uncovered; GoldmanCalls forNewTrial

(Continued from Page 1) gave to Goldman.

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The local population is still divided into those for and those against the verdict, but there are few people left who regard it as anything but a political horse-trade having nothing to do with law or evidence. Infuriated reactionaries. partly deprived of the benefit of judicial covering in the anti-union drive which culminated in the criminal syndicalism indictment. are renewing vigilante activities. They have threatened the lives of several acquitted defendants and have ordered all of them out of town

Stalinist Prisoners Reconsider

McIntire is being subjected to sharp pressure from his bank and other forces to get him to say he gave his statement out of fear of Red terrorism! Prosecutor McAllister, who is filling the local press with stories that he and several jurors have been threatened with death since the verdict; has sent agents to all jurors demanding statements against McIntire.

The 8 convicted defendants are back in the County Jail, where 40 prisoners are sick from poisonous food. All eight express the hope that there will be a united appeal struggle The Stalinists among Pittsburgh Branch of the W. P., them look sheepish at any mention located at 564 Sixth Ave, at cor. of their endorsement of the C. P.'s attacks on Norman Mini who is once again in jail with them. All said a friendly good-by to Goldman and to Solow, who has served as California representative of the N.P. L.D. since December, when they left today for the East. Caroline Decker has asked that if and wren bail is set pending appeal, the N.P. L.D. use its bail funds for her again.

The latest Western Worker, however, denounces Mini, class war prisoner now facing sentence of 1-14 years in San Quentin. It states that the jury recommended probation for him because he "conciliated" the prosecution. Obligated to explain how come the jury also recommended probation for Lorine

Editor of New Militant:

Furrier Says CP's Dizzy Turn

rag says that the jury (which it has repeatedly called a "Fascist jury") had consideration for her health!

Norman, 100 percent Stalinist, this

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N.U.L. Pickets White House



Boston Conference Prepares Joint May Day Celebration

By L. SCHLOSBERG . BOSTON, April 7 .- A provisional but we want to have a bona fide First of May Committee was or-

ganized here composed of the Socialist Party, joint board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, joint board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, joint board of the Cloak Makers Union, joint board of the Cap Makers Un-

ion, and the Workmen's Circle. A conference was held Sunday, March 31, where the following organizations were represented: seven unions, seven S. P. branches, and six Workmen's Circle branches. The delegates of the Left Wing organizations who sent delegates to ers Party, the Spartacus Youth, Students of Harvard University and also a representative of the Communist Party, who came and

of all labor organizations, were not seated. However, four members of the Workers Party were seated

At the beginning of the conference 27 delegates supported the extreme reactionary attitude of the Right wingers of the Socialist Party and 15 were with the progressive elements, but after a dem-

(trade union center), and the Tenget prestige for the Workers Party, ants League of Panama. The appeal ends with the following "cateunited front May 1st demonstration gorical declaration" representing all political views.") The amendment was carried by a 21 to 18 vote. A committee of eight

was elected, including three members of the Workers Party, comrades William Konikow, L. Schlosberg, and Chiplovitz.

S. Blumfield, district organizer of the C. P. and Weber, secretary of the C. P. came to the first conference and displayed their typical attitude. After a three hours "conference" with them, the representatives of the Communist Party stated: "Speakers of the Workers Party the conference, such as the Work- and the Communist Party Opposition should be excluded.

SUBSCRIBE TO NEW MILITANT | of the present crisis !"

S.Y.L. North-Eastern Regional **Confab to Map Future Course**

By SOL STEVENS

war struggle and the R.O.T.C., the On April 13 and 14 the New question of a national uniform for the organization, are some of the York-New England section of the Spartacus Youth League will meet problems to be taken up.

which stays at home.

Government!

"Against the imperialist war!

We are coming to this conference conference is of great importance with the report that the S.Y.L. has to the S.Y.L. and the W.P. A thor- doubled its membership nationally ough analysis of the activity of the since its first national convention last December. Based upon the

IN THE UNIONS

By KARL LORE

charwomen, has culminated in a employees of the National Screw Company. The fight has been car- gas workers. ried on with the usual aggressive I.W.W. tactics. There have been continuous arrests, a bomb scare

The Talamanca zone is in dispute. was cooked up, more than a dozen of the organizers and active com-With the exception of a strip onemitteemen have been clapped in the mile wide bordering the coast, jug, held for 48 hours or more and which according to Costa Rican then released without any charge law must remain national property, being made against them. The unthe disputed zone of Talamanca is totally in the hands of the United ion charges that the company vio-Fruit Company. The causes of the lated an agreement for a ten percent raise when the Associated Inconflict therefore can be traced to dustries. an employers' organizaimperialist interests which in Cention, promised to help in breaking tral America more than almost anywhere else will tolerate no restricup the organization.

COME-BACK? otic hysteria is now being fanned

Does it mean that the Industrial Workers of the World are due for a comeback? Will the traditions of Lawrence, McKees Rocks and Mesaba Range come to life again in a revived Wobbly offensive? The eviing for a conference of all antidense is against it.

Many of their best elements have gone elsewhere. The hard facts of the present day scene in the labor movement are against them. The fundamental confusion in regard to the function of political action which cracked up the old movement. works with even sharper emphasis today. Outside of the Cleveland situation, the I.W.W. has played a prominent part in only one other place. In the early stages of organization in the Detroit auto plants,

they tied up the Murray Body Co. by an effective strike. But the I. Whatever may be the outcome W.W. is out of the Detroit picture today and its place has been taken of the proposed border settlement, we workers of Costa Rica and by the Federal locals of the Ameri-Panama will not follow our recan Federation of Labor. In Cleveland itself, as a matter of fact, they spective capitalist classes if the conflict should lead to a war. In form but a tiny part of the entire such a case, the proletariat of body of organized labor. It was each country will regard it, its estimated some six months ago that inescapable duty to fire not a over 100,000 workers were organized into A. F. of L. unions in that single shot at the class brothers city. The figure has no doubt falon the other side, but to turn its arms against its own ruling class len since, but not enough to affect the picture to any considerable extent. . . . * * *

RAT AGENCY

"For a Workers and Peasants A .A. Ahner is coming up in the world. At one time he had a hard "For the revolutionary way out job keeping his head above water. Labor had exposed him in Milwaukee, in Dubuque, Iowa and in other cities where he had carried on his rotten trade as head of an industrial spy agency which furnished breaking purposes. The union orand the Ahner Detective Engineer-Detective Engineering Agency began to lap up the gravy. When the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the International Ladies Gar-

The old Wobbly spirit seems to | clothing industry of the city he be alive again in Cleveland these supplied strong-arm men to mandays. A string of strikes in small handle the girls who walked out. stove, metal barrel and machinery His agency has been in the thick of plants, of foundry workers and every important labor struggle since. His latest employer is the really important walkout of 1,200 Laclede Gas Company which has hired him to smash the strike of

Such scab-herding agencies are common enough. There is an angle to the case of A. A. Ahner, however, which lifts it out of the ordinary run. Late in 1933 it was whispered in the inner circles of the trade union movement of St. Louis that a prominent union official, czar of one of the most powerful building trades organization in the city, owned a one-third interest in Ahner's little business venture. It is a line of inquiry which it might be well worth while to follow up. . . .

NECKTIES MERGE

Since 1906 the organized neckwear makers have been organized into a Federal Local of the A. F. of L. At present there are about 3.000 organized, all of them in the New York market. Efforts to spread the union to Chicago, Philadelphia and other centers have not been successful. The Federal local form cramped their style. No sizeable war chest could be Sccumulated with which to do the job. In recent years the industry has shown an ever increasing tendency to leave New York and it is now estimated that about 7,000 more workers are unorganized, chiefly in these outside centers.

Last year the local applied to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers for affiliation. In February the executive council of the American Federation of Labor approved the transference of the charter to the A.C.W. and by the end of 'April it is expected that the local will be a functioning branch of the Amalgamated.

A strong progressive group has been functioning for some time in the local union. In the Amalgamated Clothing Workers the fight for union democracy and militancy must be kept up. The Progressive Unionists of America, to which the neckwear workers' progressive group is affiliated, has a real job 10 do. . . .

BRIEFS

Okey O'dell, leader of last summer's militant onion strike at Mc-Guffey, Ohio has kept up the work. thugs and stool pigeons for union He now reports widespread organization of agricultural workers in ganization campaign hit St. Louis Northwest Ohio, Southern Michigan and Eastern Indiana. Headquarters have been established at McGuffey. . . .

April 20, Saturday — Party and ment Workers Union struck the Social. Bronx Branch, W. P.

Threatens Existence of Union by ve sacrificed so much for the At the present the chief task of building of the Industrial Union, the "leaders" of both unions in the they must realize one thing-we fur trade is to pass the blame for must face the truth that maintain-

ers on to someone else. It is par- the American Federation of Labor ticularly difficult for Ben Gold and can lead only to the elimination of the other leaders of the Fur Work- the Left wing in the trade. There

comrades were committees of the conference. the situation facing the fur work- ing the Industrial Union outside

as delegates from the Workmen's Circle and the Ladies Garment Workers Union. Three of these in the leading

acted as an angel for a united front



in its first regional conference. This

ers Industrial Union to "explain"	
their new and sudden passion for	f
unity. Leaflets are issued which	8
explain nothing. Speeches are made	
by past masters in the art of speak-	
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their own past zigzag course they	1
attack those who for years had a	0
attack those who for years had a correct position on the question of	1
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I have been charged with advising the liquidation of the F.W.I.U. That this statement is untrue is known to all, including Gold and Winagradsky. That the sudden spin around which they were given by their party has made them dizzy, and they might be exthe very existence of a union in the fur market is endangered by the F.W.I.U. their nonsense. Let us look over the record.

Is it necessary to quote material to show where Gold and the Communist Party stood? Every fur worker knows that for years they denounced not only the International Furriers Union but the whole A. F. of L. as "Fascist", "social Fascist", "scab agencies", "company unions", etc. Anyone who spoke against this view was a target for the famous "spitting squad". From this position, from "bloody criminal battle", from denunciation, the leadership of our union turned overnight into advocates of unity with our brothers in the A. F. of L. Did they really expect that anvone would take their sudden change seriously? It will take months of work, months of friendly collaboration with the furriers in the International, to break down the impression which years of Stalinist misleadership has given in the fur market. The fur workers within and outside the F.W.I.U. must be reeducated.

An editorial in the Militant, March 24, 1934, put forward the position of the Communist League of America (which later fused with the American Workers Party to form the Workers Party of the United States). This editorial advised the Industrial Union to immediately put forward proposals for unity similar to the proposals District Office (60c to \$1.65). put forward now. In a letter published in the Jewish Day, Nov. 13, 1933. I stated:

"No matter how painful it may floor. Everyone invited. Paid "Red"

is only one way open to us therefore, to enter the A. F. of L. as an autonomous local, and thereby maintain our unity.'

These two paragraphs represented my views then. They still do and they also point the correct course for the union to follow. The leadership of the F.W.I.U. has wasted years. They have put obstacles in the way of unity. Their methods of struggle have played into the hands of the reactionary leaders of the International This must be clearly understood. The greatest obstacles to unity of the furriers today are, on the one hand, the bureaucratic clique in the Incused if it weren't for the fact that ternational and, on the other, the zig-zag Communist Party leaders of initiating a national tour. The rep-

Who are the liquidators? The road I proposed was the road of cover every city where we have unity, the road of merger. This S.Y.L. and W.P. branches in a road was denounced by the C. P last year as "social fascist". Recently the Communist Party has announced to the world that they are for the merger of independent untional office. ions with the A. F. of L. unions wherever possible; failing that they are for joining the A. F. of L. as tour: individuals. Their past policy made APRIL: unity impossible. Their present policy leads to liquidation. I opference) pose both. I am for fraternal co-Newark, N. J.-15, 16 operation with the members of the Dickson City, Pa.-19. International Union now and for Philadelphia-20, 21, 22. continuing our campaign for unity. State College-23 A little truth-telling and self-criti-Pittsburgh-24, 25 cism by Gold would be his best contribution to that campaign. His failure makes it necessary for the rank and file to speak up all the J. RABINOWITZ. louder. -

WHAT TOATTEND

April 13, 8 P.M .- Spartacus Jamboree at 2 W. 15th St. Dancing, entertainment, refreshment. Entrance by hat check, 15 cents.

April 19, Friday evening-Theater Party, Workers Party benefit, "Waiting for Lefty" and "Til the Day I Die". Tickets on sale at

April 20, Saturday eve.--Spring Frolic and Chess Contest. N. Y. District membership, 2 W, 15th St., 3rd

be for the furrier masses who Cabaret tickets honored at door. | whom the U.S.S.R. owes a great | weeks ago announced that Victor |

stration of the practical attitude orths, the gains and the four m of the comrades of the Workers mistakes, will characterize the con- discussion of past achievements Party, an amendment was made by ference. Delegates from about 15 plans will be laid here for future our comrades that the conference branches, comrades from the field work.

should confer with all radical oras well as those engaged in local ganizations and organize a bona fide united front for a May 1 dem- problems facing the League.

onstration. (It should be mentioned that the S.Y.L. is politically subordinate, | ference will be the first step to releaders of the Right wing told us will send delegates to the conferthat if we did not fight to have the ence, to assist the comrades in Communist Party recognized, our their discussions and plans. The delegates would be seated. Our | recent American Youth Congress, answer was: "We did not come to | the coming Student Strike, the anti-

Spartacus Starts National Tour

(Regional Conference 27, 28). The Spartacus Youth League is | Cleveland-30, May 1. resentative of its National Commit-MAY: tee, comrade Nathan Gould, will Columbus-2, 3, 4. Toledo-6. Detroit, Mich.-7, 8. coast-to-coast tour across the coun-Chicago, Ill.-10, 11, 12, 13 (Regtry. Branches are urged to make ional Conference 11, 12). immediate preparations for meet-Gillespie-15, 16. ings, affairs, etc. as outlined in the St. Louis, Mo.-17. circular letters sent out by the na-Kansas City-18, 19. Phoenix, Ariz.—22, 23 Los Angeles, Calif.-24, 25, 26, 27 The following is the route of the (Regional Conference 25, 26). Fresno, Cal.-28 San Francisco-29, 30, 31, June 1 New York-13, 14 (Regional Con-

JUNE Salt Lake City, Utah-3. Minneapolis, Minn.-7, 8, 9. Chicago, Ill.-11, 12, 13. Detroit, Mich.-29, 30. JULY : Toronto, Canada-2, 3, 4. Youngstown, Ohio-26, 27, 28, 29 Buffalo, N. Y.-5.

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Central American republics of

Costa Rica and Panama, both com-

pletely dominated by American im-

perialism, is threatening to lead to

an armed struggle in that region

tions on their domination. A patri-

by the professional scribblers and

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issued by the working class organ-

izations of the two countries. call-

imperialist organizations of Pana-

ma and Costa Rica. The appeal is

signed by the Workers Party

(Marxist-Leninist) of Panama

(standing for the Fourth Interna-

tional), the Communist Party of

Panama (Third International), the

Communist Party of Costa Rica

(Third International), the Marx-

ian Socialist Party of Panama (Re-

formist), the U.G.T. of Costa Rica

other "patriots" of both countries.

The Spartacus Youth League is work, will meet to deal with the on the march-on the road towards building a mass revolutionary youth The Workers Party, to which the organization. The Regional Concord our gains and plan our work. Then we march on! All eyes now on the Regional Conference.

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An Appeal for Victor Serge

Our Spanish comrades have just deal. Richard Bloch and Andre Serge himself was taken to bed called our attention to the case of | Malraux, who were asked to inter- | with a high fever.

Victor Serge, because of his decided Trotskyist leanings.

thor of "The Year One of the Russian Revolution", "The Conquered prolong his exile? City", and many other revolutionary works, was arrested and with-

out the slightest trial was exiled Serge. In 1927 they even went to

brought to justify this sentence. and his son, who was to join him At the so-called Congress of Sov- | at Orenburg, is equally ill from

raised for one of its best writers to

The Barbusses, the Gides and vene, failed to do so. They also were silenced. Why was Serge sent | other such "Friends" of the Soviet Two years ago Victor Serge, au- to Siberia? Now that the two years Union, have not said a word. It is have passed are they intending to rather to the workers of the various countries we must appeal to For seven years the Stalinist bu- prevent the death in exile of such reaucracy has been tormenting a man as Victor Serge.

Those who knew Victor Serge, as for two years to Orenburg in the the lengths of imprisoning him. a militant revolutionist in Catalonmiddle of the Central Asian Step- Since that time his wife has fallen ia and in Russia before Lenin's pes. No clear indictment was ever prey to a very grave mental illness, death, those who know the revolutionary works of the author of "Men in Prison" know that Victor Serge could never be an enemy of the Russian Revolution.

Victor Serge Must Be Freed!

PIONEER BOOK NOTES

We have just unearthed 100 copies of THE PERMANENT REV-OLUTION (75c) and THE STRATEGY OF WORLD REVOLU-TION (25c). Both have been out of print for quite some time. If your library doesn't contain a copy of these books-now is the time to get it.

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iet Writers not one single voice was | malnutrition and hardship. A telegram received several

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PAGES



"My doctors say I react favorably to the excitement of roulette," says Charles Schwab as he sails for the French Riviera. There he meets in secret session with representatives of Krupp, Vickers, Schneider-Crusot, Skoda and other munition makers. "We have renewed the agreement of the International Railmakers' Association," they tell curious reporters. . . . Two days later Hitler scraps the Verlabor party. sailles Treaty, increases the German Army, orders huge supplies of munitions and starts the nations of the world on an armament race. . . * * *

MERRY ENGLAND: One half the people jailed in England are incarcerated for non-payment of debts reports Home Secretary, Sir John Gilmour. . . A restaurant exclusively for dogs has been opened in London by Lady Herbert Scott who already has a dogs' beauty parlor nearby. Soup, fish, upon meat and cereals is served to dogs | (Marxian analysis of the war mongin the restaurant or food may be sent out to them. . . . bread," is the cry of 70,000 unemployed as they tramp to Glasgow from from all parts of the British Isles. . . . All first class sleeping passengers on London - Glasgow trains receive hot-water bottles to keep their feet warm.

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ECONOMICS: Since 1932 the RFC has spent \$9,000,000,000. Of this \$7,300,000,000 went to the Bankers, Railroads and Industrialists; \$1,300,000,000 for relief. . . "I left my Pullman drawing room and spent three hours talking with the day coach passengers. People are fast losing faith in capitalism," sighs Robert Babson, big business prophet. . . . In a 68 page report the Research and Planning division of the NIRA reaches this conclusion: "Although payrolls in December 1934 were only 60% of the total of 1926, dividends and interest were 150% of the total for that year. In short, the income enjoyed by those who received dividends and interest was 50% higher than in 1926, even though the national income has declined nearly 40% since that date and the volume of production has declined by one third." . . . "The depression will end in two months and the nation will realize it not later than July," predicts Charles (Hell and Maria) Dawes (former Vice President, in case you've forgotten) . . .

* * * LABOR: Thirty-six of the last

thirty-seven decisions of the Wolman Auto Board have gone against the workers. . . . Discussing collective bargaining, Frances Perkins says, "We must continue to have faith in our basic conceptions." . . . this policy?

Troyanovsky Poses as **Doctor for Capitalism**

pacifist policy. Pacifism has ever It was pointed out in a recent proved and will again prove the issue of the New Militant that the road to war, to the ruin of the masses. The Stalinist policy is not Communist Party in following out internationalist, but nationalist. It its new "labor party" line was is not progressive, it is reactionary.

flirting with left liberal congressmen. In California Utopians and If the workers of the Soviet Unlegislators who stand for Upton ion, those who made the revolution, Sinclair's Epic plan for the aboliknew what was happening they tion of poverty within the borders would overthrow this regime. But of one state (deduction from the they do not know. They cannot "theory of Socialism in one counknow. The arguments Stalin uses abolition of poverty in the tenth ward perhaps?) seem to be regarded as "comrades to be" in the new

This is, however, mild stuff compared to the line which Ambassador Troyanovsky gave the Bond Club of New York in his speech on March 22.

By A. J. MUSTE

The ambassador of the Workers' State was addressing the gentlemen of the Bond Club on the peace policy of the Soviet Union. He suggested that the United States might agree to refrain from helping an "aggressor" in the next war. This would exercise a restraining effect "hot-headed adventurers He went on to give the ers!). "We want Soviet diplomat's definition of "aggression"

He expressed encouragement over the prospect of "general acceptance" of this definition "among countries interested in the observance of peace" (and which imperialist nations may they be?)

Physician for Capitalism

But "this would be merely a first step on the road to maintaining peace". At last we are to get the Bolshevik doctrine, one opines, especially as the ambassador goes on to assert: "We have to dig to the bottom of contemporary troubles." Breathless the workers hang on his words. What is the true road to peace, according to the oracles of Moscow? Here it goes: "It is necessary to work out practical plans for the economic rehabilitation of the world and especially for Europe." Can it be that Troyanovsky actually means that not workers' revolution but the economic rehabilitation of capitalist countries is the road to peace? In order to dispel all doubt he went on to say: "Probably the advice of broadminded business men would be available and useful in this connection.'

When British or German Social | Occasionally they make their ap-Democrats collaborated with 'broad-minded business men" for the economic rehabilitation of capi- Divine. talism in one country instead of using the crisis for the overthrow of capitalism, what did the C. I say that was? And when the ambassador of the Soviet Union offers collaboration with "broad-minded business men" for the rehabilitation of world capitalism as the road to world peace, what shall we call

ers' democracy depend therefore As C.P. Veers to Lab upon the building of new revolutionary parties in the capitalist countries and a new revolutionary international." The Labor Party announcement

ation of the masses in capitalist countries from unemployment, poverty, Fascism and war. To this task the Workers Party dedicates itself.

based on the principles of revolutionary internationalism and work-

C. P. daily subjects the Workers Party to bitter and slanderous attack. That does not disturb us. It furnishes daily confirmation of the fact that the C. P. has no real answer to the issues that we raise. try" and leading eventually to the against party opponents is exile or that it is well aware that the W.P. a bullet in the head. Those who do and the other parties throughout understand what is happening are the world, striving for the Fourth nary rank and filer, the phenomenal well nigh powerless to do anything International, are its real and desabout it. Well may we reiterate, tined to be victorious, foes.

therefore, the statement of the Dec-By that same token we are the laration of Principles of the Work- | heralds to the workers of the world ers Party: "The effective defense of of the new revolutionary movement. the Soviet Union today and the sup- | In place of the party and the interport of those revolutionists in the national which have organized de-S. U. who fight for the reform of | feats we shall organize victories.

the Soviet State and the revival of For the Workers Party! For the the Bolshevik Party of Lenin's time | Fourth International!

Upon this depends also the liberof Earl Browder's at the Washington Congress for Unemployment Insurance, followed two weeks later

by the resolution of the central committee which was merely a re-It is no wonder to us that the echoing of Browder's speech, caused some surprise. Particularly so, since for at least five years it had been regarded as the height of renegacy and social-fascism to advocate such a policy. Nevertheless, from the topmost strata of the Stalinist regime down to the ordimonolithism of the Communist Party is manifesting itself by the

clamation before the non-party

unanimous acquiescence of the party membership in this new policy. This despite the fact that no discussion was held within the C.P. itself previous to Browder's pro-

gathering at Washington. What was unprincipled, incorrect and

By AL DASCH

a servile and docile following in fallibility and omniscience. The perversions of Leninism, has long since lost the faculty for independent thought. All that is left is to and religious theatrical performan- | cial equality. This is his only proagree.

Confusion Reigns in Ranks

A Bewildered Membership the Communist Party is going his The truth of the matter is that way-but cannot reach its objective is far as the majority of the party without his assistance. The Comconcerned the latest turn, folmunist Party is cognizant of this lowing upon the new line on socialfact, and James W. Ford seems to them bewildered. While not disagreeing with it (and how can securing temporary concessions. Divine's Kingdoms are composed of Black and White male and fethey?) they are confused by it.

male angels, but they never in-Neither the lectures by Browder or dulge in sex life, since in Heaven Hathaway upon the subject, nor they have no use for marriage or the resolution of the Central Comdivorce. In the Kingdoms men and mittee of the Communist Party issued two weeks after Browder's Washington speech, has cleared up matters. Some regard it as a new tactic to be used in winning the masses to Communism. Others see in it merely the same C.P. with the name changed to that of the Labor Party and that the backward American masses, who are not receptive to the ideology of Communism, will be fooled into it. Still others think it will be a coalition of all working class groups plus the trade unions dedicated to a policy of class struggle with the members of

the C. P. playing the driving force within it. In all seriousness, from what can be gleaned from the resolution of the Central Committee, the idea of the change of name to sneak one over on the masses seems to be the one in favor.

The Basis of Reformism

ist class, due to its unlimited op-

Germany and the Labor Party in

England are examples of such or

Today, American finance capital

is in the stifling embrace of the

same chronic crisis that paralyzes

the rest of the capitalist world.

Capitalism is in its decay stage

the curve it is describing is down-

In some vague and ambiguous anner the impression has been spread that by combining the political forces of the working class with the economic organizations a labor party can be forced which will combat the dictates of the capof Tours (at this convention, held italist class. This is a profound

Question Box

A. W., BRONX-The theoretical backwardness of

Party

class-collaborationist has become

overnight the quintessence of "rev-

Perversion of Theory

the members of the Communist

Party is well known. Outside of

some general knowledge of Marxian

fundamentals and Leninist teach-

ings (which for the greater part

have been either diluted or per-

verted in accordance with the need

of the Stalinist bureaucracy) their

political knowledge is confined to

nkase and pronunciamento that is

years the bulk of the membership

of the C.P. hardly thought of any

arguments in favor of a Labor

Party. Yet, after Browder's speech

appeared in the Daily Worker ev-

ervbody was for it, even if no one

could advance more than a few

feeble arguments for it. This stul-

tification of the membership has

taken place under the aegis of the

olutionary" strategy.

Question: Define the following: Imperialism, chauvinism, opportunism.

By A. WEAVER

Answer: "IMPERIALISM is capitalism at that phase of its development in which the domination of monopolies and finance-capital has established itself; in which the export of capital has acquired very great importance; in which the diparroting each and every official vision of the world among the big international trusts has begun; in issued. It is safe to say that for which the partition of all the territories of the earth amongst the great capitalist powers has been completed." (Lenin, "Imperialism")

CHAUVINISM is extreme nationalism or patriotism, and is usually spoken of by Marxists in contradistinction, implied at least, to the internationalism of the working class and its political movement. Stalinist bureaucracy which needs The word, itself, had its origin in a certain individual, Nicholas Chauorder to bolster up the myth of in- vin, and ardent admirer of Napolcon Bonaparte, who acquired notormembership, fed for years on the jety through his exaggerated and demonstrative devotion to the emperor and the imperial cause.

OPPORTUNISM, in a general sense, is the attempt to make immediate partial gains, of one form or another, at the expense of the historical interests of the class. The theory of "The partnership of capital and labor" is opportunistic fascism and the trade unions, has since it tries to reconcile the workers to capitalism in the hope of

Question: What have Marx or Engels to say on the theory of "permanent revolution" as against the theory of "socialism in one country"?

Answer: Marx and Engels did not have occasion to counterpose their INTERNATIONALIST position against any nationalist conceptions in quite this manner, since the theory of "socialism in one country" did not acquire the force in the labor movement it now has, since its introduction by Stalin in 1924. The founders of the revolutionary proletarian movement, however, literally color their writings with the red of internationalism, whenever they speak of the "permanent revolution".

As an example, in the "Address of the Central Authority to the Communist League", made as early as April, 1850, speaking of the relations of the party of the proletariat to that of the democratic petty bourgeois, they had this to say:

"The democratic petty bourgeois, far from desiring to overturn the whole of society for the revolutionary proletarian, strives for a change in social conditions which will make the existing society as endurable and comfortable as possible for him. . . . But these demands can in no way satisfy the party of the proletariat. While the democratic netty hourgeois wants to bring the revolution to an end as quickly as possible, and with the settlement at most of the above claims, it is our interest and our task TO MAKE THE REVOLUTION PERMA-NENT, until the proletariat has conquered the state power, and the association of proletarians, NOT ONLY IN ONE COUNTRY BUT IN ALL THE DOMINANT COUN-TRIES OF THE WORLD, has advanced so far that the competition with the proletariat in these countries has ceased, and at least the decisive productive forces are concentrated in the hands of the proletarians." (Emphasis ours.)

The "Gods" Clash in Harlem

By SIMON WILLIAMSON

For some time, Father Divine, who is believed by many to be "God," has been meeting up with stiff competition in Harlem. In fact, a three-cornered battle has been going on between him, Mother Horn and the well known Elder Michaux. Just as to which of these gods will be victorious, we are unable to predict at this stage of the

Mother Horn and the Elder

Divine has the advantage of his wo competitors in that it is believed by many that he is "God" and is the creator of both Horn and Michaux. He can remove them from the carnal world whenever he sees fit. However, Father Divine is said to be a generous, or should I say, a "God", man, and resorts to revenge as little as possible. Mother Horn, the goddess of Black Harlem and Melody Queen of Radio City, once offended Divine. Her popularity affected the growth of his Kingdoms. He thereupon swore vengeance, Hell Fire and the like against her. Mother Horn was to be struck dead and made an example of; but the magic curse had no effct upon the Goddess. She

still lives and her followers still shout and dance at West 135th St. pearance in Radio City. She seems to have as much power as Father

The Elder is Popular

his start in Canada, but ended up known hunger or cold. in New York City. His sermons Divine, moreover, believes in so-| for them to do so.

ces have attracted quite a follow- gressive idea. He often states that ing in Black Harlem. He is somewhat handsome and very popular among the women. Father Divine, who is void of personality, cannot stand for this. But what can he do about it? The Elder has Jesus on his side and Divine dare not put him out of commission. And what makes it worse, Michaux is not in the Kingdom, and cannot be cast

Father Divine in a Jam

out

Why should Father Divine worry about his competitors? He is "God" and can remove any obstacle that gets in his way by the "mere waving of his hand". He, no doubt, looks upon the whole affair as a farce, because he finds time to descend from his luxuriant Kingdoms among the beautiful daughters of men. He looks them overand is alleged to have had an affair. The earthly Husband came in and inspected the scene, and laid four inches of steel between Father's "godly" ribs. He was bewildered at the behavior of the 'God" and did not strike his wife. Father Divine loves his children, ind, to avoid a celestial scandal, and to have a little personal comto stop the flow of his "holy blood". Father is somewhat a better ousiness man than Michaux. Besides being in the Kingdom busi-

ness, he owns grocery stores and The second competitor of Divine | meat markets. No wonder none of s Elder Michaux. Michaux got his faithful servants have ever

women may sleep together, because Father has taken away their earthly desires. And, perhaps, if they did have an affair Father Divine would make them unconscious of the act. "God" in Contempt of Court A short time ago Father Divine ook the wrong mau's wife into his Kingdoms. The husband was not

follow Divine's dictates.

afraid of divine power. He saw the police and the affair ended up in the court of Judge Panken. Judge Panken must have felt somewhat chagrined to have the "Creator of Heaven and Earth" standing before him for trial. But the Judge is a skeptic Socialist, and he asked Father if he was "God". Divine edy, he wandered into the Hospital was hesitant about answering at first, but Panken pushed the matter and said he would fine "God' for contempt of court if he remained mute. Thereupon Father consulted his earthly attorney, and finally told the Judge that he was not "God", but that the people liked to call him that, and he liked

Left Wing Group Scores Gains in 1920, the majority of the Social-ist workers went over to Commun-Under certain circumstances and at a given period in the develop-

ism). He condemned the resolu-

Bill Green spent seven weeks try ing to get an interview with Fanny. . . .

Since 1920 dictatorships have been set up in 15 major nations involving over 250,000,000 people. ... "Contrary to many views." says Pat Hurley, former Secretary of War, "the World War actually t'e Soviet Union should help rehamade the world safe for Democracy." . . . Hitler has taken 500.000 men from the relief rolls and placed them in the army . . . * * *

CRIME: Al Capone, by dickering with the Government, has succeeded in reducing his income tax \$101.862: from \$322.842 to \$220.980 The national anti-crime drive of the Department of Justice, up to March 15, had netted 2,389 smugglers, dope peddlers, bootleggers and counterfeiters . . . Statistics show that 90% of the banks that closed since 1929 did so not because of the depression but because of criminal acts on the part of the bankers . . . So far les that 2% of bank presidents indicted for crime have been convicted . . .

SOCIETY NOTES: At least 500 families live in coke ovens near Connelsville, Pa. . . . Andy Mellon recently passed \$68,000,000 in gifts to his son and daughter to avoid income and inheritance taxes. . Mrs. Irene Davis, of Greenville, Ala., 2 widow with three children, was awarded a silver loving cup as one of Alabama's greatest women. She borrowed a mule from a neighbor and for every day the mule worked she hoed corn for the mule's owner, thus enabling her to keep off the rolls. . . Before going deep sea fishing on Vincent Astor's yacht, Nourmahal, President Roosevelt took time off to visit with the a lot," says Henry A. Wallace, Sechoneymooning Duke and Dutchess of Kent. . . . In spite of repeated | age American family is compelled requests, the President has never to spend \$3.31 more a week for seen fit to grant an audience to a on relief. . . . Mr. and Mrs. O'Piper. ed triplets, increasing their family give them, we'll see fit to provide," ger's birth control bill was defeated

them. . .

representative of the 22,000,000 "Fish and potatoes are cheap," on relief in East St. Louis, welcom- announces that meat prices are Trotskyists occupy responsible to nine. "If the Lord sees fit to products 6% in the next six months | tical work. They are the prime

in the House Judiciary Committee | bus. "No attempt was made to | development of physical defense by a vote of 15 to 8. The 15 voting distribute the spoiled meat to the corps and military committees, the against have 8 children between

Don't Rock the Boat! Socialism can be built in one

country, the Soviet Union, according to Stalinist theory, even though the rest of the world remains capitalist. From this nationalist standpoint it appears quite logical that ists: bilitate capitalist countries in order let us say, that it may obtain credits from them. Since the Communist parties presumably cannot fol low a line in contradiction to that of the present rulers of the Soviet Union but rather exist primarily or well nigh exclusively for "the defense of the Soviet Union," the Communist parties also must not "rock the boat" in capitalist countries, must maintain the status-quo of the Flandin government in France, must actively or passively, openly or tacitly, help in the economic rehabilitation of these countries.

Thus the Soviet Union through munist (Stalinist) International is used not for the overthrow but for the rehabilitation of capitalism, not to build but to emasculate the revolutionary movements in capitalist countries. These nations get a chance to organize their forces for the eventual attack upon the Soviet | many." Union. The one real defense of the Soviet Union, the revolutionary movements in cupitalist countries, is destroyed. The destruction of the workers' state is prepared.

Pacifism with a Red Color

The policy of the Soviet Union is not a proletarian peace policy-the is a propagandist for their ideas. only true peace policy is that of Their platform is advanced in working class revolution - but a

"One way out of the depression is for the American people to eat retary of Agriculture. . . The averfood than it spent two years ago. . comforts Secretary Wallace as he of the Seine District of the S. P. scheduled to rise 22% and dairy posts and are at the head of prac-. . Almost a million pounds of resay the parents. . . Margaret San- lief meat were allowed to spoil in ship campaigns. They have taken warehouses in Toledo and Colum- a leading part in the creation and unemployed." declares the relief embryos of workers militia. director. . .

In[©]French Socialist Ranks

From the New Leader, organ of slogans (program of action, milithe American Socialist Party we tia, armament, general strike, etc.) copy the following tribute to the at numerous public meetings. On activities of the French Trotsky- occasions they even speak in the

etc

"The Communists having declined Drancy recently at a meeting of to conclude a united front with the about one thousand militant work-Trotskyists (!), the latter have ers called by Doriot, a Trotskyist joined the Socialist Party (of presented the platform of the fac-France: S.F.I.O.) where they func- tion by invitation of the local S.P. tion as a separate group and are conducting energetic propaganda. orator spoke for the official S.P.) It is interesting to note that they Socialist Party.'

"At a meeting of the Central (leader of the "Left wing") demanded, quite in the spirit of

Trotskyism, the creation of an break with the social-pacifist con- energies toward influencing the ceptions of legality,' i. e. abandonment of political action and em bracing of armed insurrection. "In putting forward this demand the Left elements referred to the defeat of the 'Reformists' in Ger-

Influence Rapidly Growing From other sources we have reactivities of the Trotskvists. Their influence in the S.P. has grown rapidly, until almost every militant, in the Seine district at least, every internal discussion in the party. Their press, La Verite, and their pamphlets have a wide circulation not only inside the party but outside as well (at public meetings, on the streets, at demonstrations. At a demonstration on Nov. 10. 800 copies of a special number of La Verite were sold in a few hours). In the principal sections movers in propaganda and member-

name of the Trotskyist faction. (At

section, at the same time another An indication of the influence of his office to deliver speeches in publish a paper, Verite, with the the Trotskyists is the attendance which he warns the socialists that following trade mark: 'Organ of at their forums. The last meeting "the Trotskyists who mean noththe Bolshevik Leninists Within the of the Friends of La Verite was ing" "wish to destroy the Socialist attended by over 400 militants Party".

while the Friends of Bataille Sogroup) drew only 80.

Resolution Adopted in Paris pathizer, applied for admission to In addition to direct mass work the present leadership of the Com- armed workers militia, 'And a the Trotskyists have directed their "Since the last National Council," left elements in the S. P. At the ing more can be done with all last Federal Council of the Seine that." "All that" being the apparin February a resolution contain- atus of the S. P., Paul Faure and ing the principle Trotskyist slogans | Co. It is significant that he came was adopted by a majority. The to the Trotskyists not when he left Socialists voted separately, a wished to reform the S. P., but part voting with the Trotskyists.

> Trotskyist analysis of the present ceived further information on the situation in France, called for the tionary party. 'United Front Toward Power''

condemned "Parliamentary Cretin-PHILADELPHIA. -- More than three fourths of what was once a ism", called for armament, militia, propaganda for the general strike, strong National Student League branch at Temple University has

Marceau Pivert, one of the left | come out in support of the Workers Socialist leaders, defended the Party and the Fourth International. Two have become members of above resolution of the Seine Dis-Spartacus Youth League and two trict before the National Council of the party in an extremely hostile others are members of the Workers atmosphere (the N. C. was elected | Party. Half a dozen more are on the base of 1932 and does not | heartily in sympathy with the proreflect the real sentiment of the gram of the Workers Party. They Party (today), and raised goose have co-operated to a great extent with the Workers Party movement flesh on the old hobby horse S. P. in Philadelphia by helping to sell politicians when he spoke of militia, arms, and insurrection. Since that time Pivert has moved

further to the left, until he now Party in the city. advances the Trotskyist slogans openly in public meetings and in tionals have triumphantly supplanthe S. P. paper Populaire. ed Daily Workers and New Masses.

Naturally these Trotskyist activ-In the last two weeks over twentyities have raised a furore in the five New Militants have been sold old guard of the S. P. Paul Faure, to the student body. The entire the National Secretary, expressed radical and progressive student or- ist Institute, 3322 Douglas Blvd. Trotskyist orators advance their | fear of a repetition of the Congress | ganizations such as Modern Prob- Auspices: W. P., West Side Branch.

tion of the Seine District, warning ment of capitalism, labor parties the party against Trotskyist "Insur- could wrest concessions from the rectionalism". He said he could ruling class who, at that stage, hardly recognize his own party any were able to grant them. During longer, so changed had its political the period of the upward curve of capitalist development, the capitalface become

Stalinists Furious

portunities and the enormous prof-The Stalinists are in a regular its it was extracting from indusfrenzy. No longer able to crush try and from imperialist exploite-Trotskyists by bureaucratic terror, tion could afford to grant reforms: they now devote scare heads and a reformist party was the medium long articles to "The Trotskyists through which this was obtained. Who Mean Nothing." The Social Democratic Party of

Maurice Thorez himself, the chief of the Stalinist Party, stirs out of

Recently a young militant, a fol-Committee of the S.F.I.O. Pivert cialiste (Left Socialist Pivert lower of Pivert, who for a long time had remained merely a sym-

ward, not upward. In order to continue making profits with the the Trotskyist group. His motive: open market closed and the colonial world divided among the various he said, "I have known that nothto unleash a campaign of wage cuts against the working class. Capitalism in this period will not grant reforms unless forced to do so by a militant proletariat. No reformwhen he had lost all hope in the The resolution contained the party and wished to go along todecline capitalism turns towards ward the building of a new revolu-

fascism the proletariat needs a revolutionary party and not a reformist one. Only a party with a revolution-

ganizations.

ary program can fulfill the historic can proletariat. No reformist party can lead the struggle to overthrow American capitalism. To spread workers not for victory but for defeat. Against the agitation for a Labor Party the revolutionary minded elements will counterpose the revolutionary Workers Party of the United States.

ening the influence of the Workers away from the Stalinist orbit and turned toward the Fourth Interna-New Militants and New International.

> CHICAGO MEETING April 19, Friday, 8 P.M .-- "Do we Manager: Need a Labor Party?". Speaker: Albert Glotzer. At National Social-

AllentownGains In Sub Drive

Allentown last week had a score of 5%. This week the score stands imperialist powers it is necessary at 38% and they are still going strong. This shows what can be done in the drive. Salt Lake City has forged ahead to 30 percent during the week. Cranford has entered the field with 2 subs, a worist party can organize the prole- thy showing for the efforts of one tariat for that struggle. In its individual.

Minneapolis has piled up a still fascism. For the struggle against larger score and promises further increased efforts in the next weeks. Davenport has made another ' increase in bundle orders.

The big three-New York, Chicago and Philadelphia are still far and necessary tasks of the Ameri- behind. Chicago has promised a better showing in the near future We are waiting to see it. Bu there is no excuse for such poor such a doctrine is to prepare the showing on the part of industrial centers of this type. They should be leading the way, since the opportunities for easy distribution are present in such places. We ask the comrades and friends in these sections to get busy at once. Get the subs and send them in-we will

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Spotlight on Akron

WILL the rubber workers strike? American labor everywhere awaits that decision. Feverish preparations are reported from Akron-the elements of a small-scale civil war are present. The situation is loaded with dynamite not only for Akron-but for the entire country.

If the 30,000 rubber mill slaves break the chains then the first major strike battle of the year will shatter the illusory peace of 1935. Next to the textile strike it will be the biggest single struggle under the New Deal. The first strike in a basic industry, Akron will give the signal and point the way to the workers in automobile and possibly steel. Courage and audacity in rubber and the million-headed labor movement will follow the lead in a movement which will spread like wild-fire-against the NRA.

The Akron workers are long suffering, patient until they can no longer endure it. Labor boards, regional and national decisions and counter-decisions-if the workers anywhere know that NRA means National Run Around, they are in Akron. An ominous sign for the strike is the activity of Mrs. Francis Perkins. The rubber trust means to smash unionism in the worst way. Arbitration under these circumstances, under the same set-up that has so long held the workers at bay, can yield nothing but more promises and a crushing blow to labor.

It becomes increasingly clear as the days go by that the danger to the rubber workers comes from an enemy within the ranks of labor itself. That enemy is the bureaucracy at the head of the A. F. of L. and of the rubber union itself. Against it the workers must be vigilant to the last. The treacherous silence of Pres. William Green in the face of a situation that cries out for the maximum support, is characteristic. If allowed his way this Baptist gentleman would be conent to leave the Akron strike still-born. In the automobile and the coal situations labor was left high and dry by the course pursued by Green and Co. Strike and the struggle that goes with strike is as foreign to them as it is to capitalist government officials. They fear it even more.

Either the strike comes now or the new union will take the sad consequences, as it did in the automobile industry. There is no other road. For months on end the rubber workers have

a complete victory. The social democrats and the so-called communists merely echo the dissatisfaction of the conquerors when they hail this incomplete victory as a defeat. This attitude betrays the miserable slavishness and helpless prostitution of their position. They exult in the fact that the victors haven't gobbled them up altogether.

And how did they fare in the elections? The reports say: the social democrats held their own and the communists lost. That is far more indicative for the international working class than the camouflage of a Nazi defeat with which these two miserable bankrupts try to cover up the fact.

Coming after the show of abject impotence they displayed in the Saar, the revolutionary workers can only be strengthened in their determination to rid themselves of these two parties of illusion and betrayal. Without falling prey to despair they will unfailingly draw the only conclusion left for fighters: To prepare for real struggle against Fascism and the war that is brewing, by building anew, by straining every force toward the speedy creation of the Fourth International.

Reversion to Type

66 COMING events cast their shadow be-fore."

Those who lived through the pre-war days and today watch the witches' cauldron of war being stirred again well know how true this aphorism is.

With equal force these words apply to the social democracy. The betrayal of 1914 is is a hypocrite. The Catholic Church being prepared again and the official apology, now, unlike the pre-1914 days, is ready long in advance of the outbreak of war.

The latest issue of the New Leader carries a scare-headline saying: "No Peace with Hitler." This caption is a direct quotation from an appeal issued by the Executive Committee of the German Social Democratic Party from the Year One the Catholic Church Prague. It is addressed not to the working has moved heaven and earth to class but to the "world", presumably on the occasion of the initiation of the international diplomatic parleys.

"The road to peace," continues this manifesto which the New Leader says "may well prove historic", "lies over the destruction of the existing despotism. There is no other." Superficially considered this is indeed a very radical declaration, especially as it comes from those whose capitulation made this "despotism" possible.

What is significant here is the fact that this plea is addressed to the world, a euphemistic way of saying the international capitalist class. The appeal is "No peace" or in simple English: "War". The motive: "despotism".

Thus when the imperialists of the entire world have drawn swords, the social democracy urges them, with France at their head, to hasten the day of the conflict. It does not call on the working class to war on its own capitalism but in the spirit for which it is so noted, it exhorts one capitalism to make war on another.

As if the capitalist class of any other country is interested fundamentally in "despotism" or freedom! Profits, the maintenance and extension of profits, is their one criterion. Germany today threatens to upset the division of spoils demanding a greater share for itself. | made this move. The workers con-Capitalist interests that dominate the French and Italian nations are ready to embroil the world in a bloody conflagration so that this shall not happen. Should such a war break out it is as certain as tomorrow that they (Mussolini too!) will speak of "Hitlerite tyranny", "despotism". etc. The very same shibboleths employed once before, only now Der Fuchrer substitutes for Der Kaiser. The social democracy were loyal flunkeys then. They are preparing for the same role again, in other cabinets but for the same rulers. "But," says the German social democracyand this "but" is the necessary face-saver-"it is false and unjust to hold the whole German people responsible for a criminal regime under which the best portion of the people suffer most." A significant parallel may be drawn here between the social democrats and their war idol-Woodrow Wilson. Did he not proclaim in his war message to Congress that the U.S. had no grievance with the German people, but rather with the irresponsible despotism that ruled over them? The declarations are the same, the results are the same and even the actors are the same. Philip Scheidemann, traducer of the German proletariat and butcher of the Spartacans is the true inspiration of this manifesto. On July 9, 1933 he declared in the New York Times: "It must be the task of the entire world to paralyze these adventurers [Hitler, Goering and Co.]. That this may not exclude a bloody civil war is self-evident.'

15 Points of Father Coughlin Analysis of Program of Detroit Priest Reveals Fascist

Trend in Fundamental Aims and Method

By DAN EASTMAN

The platform of Father Coughlin's League For Social Justice: 1. Liberty of conscience and ed ucation.

2. A living annual wage. 3. Nationalization of banking currency, and natural resources. 4. Private ownership of all other property.

5. Control of private property for public good.

6. Government banking. Congressional control of coin age.

Cost of production plus fair profit for agriculture. 9. Labor unions under govern ment protection. 10. Recall of non-productive

onds. 11. Abolition of tax free bonds Social taxation. 12. Simplification of government 13. Conscription of wealth in 14

15. Human rights preferred to property rights.

Consummate Hypocrisy .Point No. 1.-Liberty of con science and education: A catholic who stands for liberty of conscience is unalterably and everlastingly opposed to liberty of conscience, as the Spanish Inquisition, which tore, racked and tortured men for their beliefs, bears witness.

As for liberty of education: this is indeed consummate hypocrisy from a Catholic and a close friend of William Randolph Hearst. Since maintain a monopoly on education, so that Catholicism might be indelibly stamped on the impressionable

mind of youth. Liberty of education is hypocrisy from a Catholic, but when that Catholic contemplates with friendship and approval the attacks of William Randolph Hearst on every sort of lukewarm liberal teacher, that Catholic is simply insulting his audience when he pretends to support liberty of edu cation

The Wages of Slavery

Point No. 2 - A living annual wage: What is a living annual wage? Many workers "live" four hundred dollars a year. On February 5, 1934, Father

Coughlin "called for a change in the provisions of the NRA which would fix minimum wages at 80c and maximum hours at 30. '40c

an hour,' he said, 'is slavory!'" At this time his Shrine of the Little Flower was being constructed by scab labor.

He announced that "he would on the church Shrine of the Little Flower, by 10% effective the next day, thus setting the minimum wage at 55c an hour." The Shrine wages, shorter hours and strikes, program, and the Catholic Church sued a report of thousands of was about half finished when he tinued on the forty and forty eight hour week.

remedy indeed. As for nationaliza- | boards to supplant unionism ention of natural resources: what tirely. That is what he calls proare natural resources? In an intertection. view Father Coughlin admitted

that he did not include mines in natural resources. By natural resources, it seems Father Coughlin means those natural resources which are already in public hands: water works, generating stations,

No Offense Intended Point No. 4-Private ownership

of all other property: Father Coughlin hastens to re assure the capitalists that he has no intention of appropriating their

factories, mines or forests unde the head of nationalization. Poinnt No. 5-Control of private property for public good: Father Coughlin runs back to reassure the workers that the private property he has just granted to the capital ists will be controlled for public good. (By a new NRA perhaps?) Point No. 6-Government bank ink: This is just repetition of point No. 3, for what reason we

don't know, unless Father Coughlin | social taxation he hopes capitalists ran out of harmless planks and had to pad out his platform with repetitions

Point No. 7-Congressional control of coinage: Repetition of point When Father Cough-No. 3 again. lin gets hold of an idea he uses it for all its worth: Congressional control of coinage is not in itself a reform. All depends on what congress does in the matter of coinage. At best currency reform is only a minor matter that could not have the slightest permanent effect on the basic economic fallaces of capitalism.

"Fair" Slavery?

Point No. 8-Cost of production olus a fair profit for agriculture We are tempted to ask, so what? We remark that everybody, inluding J. P. Morgan, is for wages", Living annual and 'Fair profits for agriculture etc.' when it is merely a matter of talk. How 's Father Coughlin going to obtain this "cost of production plus a fair profit?"And how big a pro-

"fair?" Profits are, we fit is thought, unpaid labor, or the time the worker toils gratis for the boss. How can any profit be 'f'air?" By intensifying the AAA, which has succeeded along these lines to a certain extent in the case of the rich capitalist farmers?

"Coordinated Unions'

Point No. 9-Labor unions under government protection : Now we are getting to the core of the matter. Labor unions are under government protection in Germany, Austria, increase the wages of men working Italy, in every Fascist state. In fact the very life of Fascism is the government "protection" of trade the assistance of the Catholic unions, protection against higher Church in the preparation of his

'protection''

Point No. 10-Recall of non-pro ductive bonds; another higgling financial reform. He speaks of "the heresy that profits or interest should be gained from non-produc tive borrowings, such as war and relief bonds." Just how the government would raise money for relief if it did not issue bonds and pay interest on them Father Coughlin does not mention. Perhaps from

silver speculation, or inflation Point No. 11-Abolition of fas free bonds: Whatever might be the value of this measure, let it be recorded that Father Coughlin has not besitated to invest in tax free bonds, as we have already menioned in connection with the account of his speculations in 1933. Point No. 12-Social taxation: What is social taxation? If Father Coughlin means income taxes he might say so. Of course he doesn't doesn't mean anything at all. By

will know he means sales taxes and workers will think he means income taxes. A gag to fool the scis

sor-bill, and nothing more. A "Simple" Government

Point No. 13-Simplification of government. The simplest form of government, we remark, is dictawhere. Apparently not in the words of the diplomats but in their dress torship. Fascism itself is not very are we to seek the real import of omplicated. these visits. Thus, arriving in Ber-Point No. 14—Conscription of lin, Sir John and the Captain wore

wealth in war. If Father Coughlin wants to conscript wealth in war, civilian clothing, but were met by why not in peace as well? If ten million are starving on relief there dressed in somber black. The "pacis no conscription of wealth; but if ten million are being slaughtered in war, then there is reason to conscript wealth. The idea of conscripting wealth is nonsense unless it is the workers who do the conscripting or "expropriating". Otherwise, if "conscription of wealth" is imperialism for the Soviet Union

not merely a campaign slogan it is ı plan to cheapen the cost of war for bankers and profiteers. Point No. 15-Human rights preferred to property rights. There is one economy, the socialist economy which really does prefer human

welfare to property rights but Father Coughlin is no socialist. On the contrary, he wants to continue to prefer the human rights of the scab labor employed on his Shrine by raising their wages from slavery (40c) to 50c (semi-slavery or hu

written by highly paid capitalist writers in Europe and cabled across man, rights?). to America. Its purpose is to cover It is not by chance that Father up the cold blooded war prepara-Joughlin's platform is a closer tions of all these cynical hat chang-

copy of a true fascist program, as ing statesmen. it appears in Europe, than the program of any other American dema-

Words and Action gogue. Father Coughlin has had

The New York "Mayor's Committee on Unemployment Relief" iswords. The report stated that the

LEFT

This Changing World

The average Stalinist must stand n awe as he views the vast changes in his own world. The "social fascist" of yesterday is the "class brother" of today. The A. F. of L. "company and fascist unions" be come "militant workers' organiza tions". "Red revolutionary unions" are buried with Browder's slogan "(seize the ware-houses". The "united front from below" is as dead as the dodo. The labor party which vesterday was denounced as a delusion and a snare, is now the road to revolution, etc., etc. In Soviet diplomatic affairs it is even worse. Sir Austin Chamberlain, who yesterday was the very symbol of imperialist hatred of the Soviet Union, is now quoted approvingly by Soviet leaders. "God save the King" is played in Moscow in honor of Captain Eden, arch-conservative leader of the British Tory "fascist' government. These rapid changes are reported to have affected a Bronx Stalinist to such an extent that he was found in front of the Prospect Workers Club raising his Majesty, Earl Browder and our own

mean any such thing, in fact he glass to the health of His Brittannic

beloved leader, King George. Diplomatic Dress Reports of the Berlin visits of Sir John Simon and Captain Eden and the visits of the latter to Moscow and Warsaw are covered in great detail in newspapers every-

a guard of Death' Head Hussars

ifist" character of the Bloomin'

Hempire and the warlike aims of

Hitler are apparent. In Moscow

Captain Eden arrived wearing a

soft black hat and a cloth top coat,

but immediately changed into a

long fur coat and a Cossack Astrak-

han headpiece. The love of British

was evidenced by that swift change

In Warsaw Captain Eden was wel-

comed by a party of officials wear

ing top hats with the exception of

Foreign Secretary, Col. Beck, who

wore a black derby. The absence

of a top hat on Beck's cranium

showed that his welcome was per-

sonal and that the Polish govern-

ment was not according an official

warm welcome to Eden and his

policies. This nonsense is solemnly

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been promised and stalled, stalled and promised. Their faith in the union was fast diminishing until the recent strike talk filled the air. It has now leaped to a new high. The A. F. of L. bureaucrats cannot again postpone this strike without undermining this confidence for a long time to come.

The responsibility of the militants and progressives in all the unions for the Akron situation is indeed tremendous. The fate of their organizations and the future of unionism in the basic industries will be gravely affected by the struggle and its outcome in rubber. Victory for the bosses in the struggle, or by means of an indefinite postponement of it, will herald a more ruthless attack on unionism than the workers have to date experienced. Victory for the workers and a new day will unfold for organized labor.

'The pledge of support by the Cleveland Federation of Labor is a step in the right direction. Let its example be taken up everywhere and transferred from paper to life. And let the support go side by side with the insistence that the strike take place. This is half the battle.

The Danzig Elections

THE press is almost unanimous in its evaluation of the election results in Danzig as a defeat for the Nazis. Soberly and realistically speaking, it is, however, only a temporary check on Hitler's drive to integrate the German-speaking territories into his Third Reich. As several of the foreign correspondents remark, the decline of the Nazi vote in the presidential elections of 1932 was also deemed a defeat for the Brown Shirt forces in its time. Looked at from the point of view of political perspective, the present incident is no more indicative of a trend than was that of 1932.

The Nazis fell short of their goal, which was the immediate "Gleichschaltung" of the Hanseatic city. But the figures show that they gained an increase of over 30,000 votes above the amount they piled up the last time. Yet, the Socialist and Stalinist newspapers join with the others in rating this achievement as a failure! In so doing they show that they are entirely under the sway of the enemy's spirit.

From the Fuehrer's standpoint it was a failure, because he had concentrated all his forces, his best organizers, his best orators for

Learn from the past! These people have changed their fatherlands temporarily. They remain, however, staunch as before, in their support of capitalism-in war as in peace.

To be against Hitlerism inside Germany and outside of it is to be for class war and against imperialist war in every land, as well as in Germany itself.

Lamentations, and appeals to world capitalists to launch a "democratic" crusade against Hitler is not merely a pitiful confession of bankruptcy. It also reveals that the social democracy is helping whip the working class into shape for service in imperialist war. Seventeen years have passed since the end of the last world war, but the Second International is still playing its despicable role!

A few questions: If 40c is slavery, what is 55c? If 80c is a fair minimum, is 55c a living wage?

Does Father Coughlin think, that by employing scab labor he is helping workers to get a 30 hour week? Point No. 3---Nationalization of banking currency and natural re sources: Nationalization of bankink is remedy proposed by money cranks. Instead of having bank president part of the time and senators the rest of the time, these cranks expect to save capitalism by having the bank presidents senators all of the time. A strange

Toledo Auto

Strike Looms

(Continued from Page 1)

of the giant General Motors Corp

which up until a few weeks ago

Board, in an effort to foist company

white workers.

will be unionized.

As an evidence of the growing

in half, doubles working hours and slaughters strikers. Father Coughlin was active during the period when a strike in the Detroit automobile industry appeared imminent. He was active in "protecting" the workers from independent unionism, and from a strike Just what his protection has brought them the workers can best answer.

that

cuts

We quote the Detroit Times at this period : "Make the Department of Labor a real power," says Father Coughlin. "Let it take over the functions of collective bargaining, the functions which the A. F. of L is now trying' to fill. Let it supplant the A. F. of L. entirely ated with holy holy crosses Father Coughlin wants government

them nor abide by their results. This fake maneuvering on the part of the companies has served as a boomerang against the bosses, because it angered the workers and drove them voluntarily into the federal union. Terrific speedup, differentials in wages and unbearable working conditions have aided to the workers' desire for genuine

organization. progressiveness in the union, the olored sweepers in the Chevrolet Jim Roland, Chevrolet employee, who s famous for his "one-man plant were brought into the Federal Auto Union along with the fellowpicket line" on the Chevrolet plant last June whereby he compelled the Over 400 of the new union men company to reinstate him after he appeared today in the plant this had been fired for joining the union, morning wearing their red union is the acting chairman of the Chevbuttons for April. Hundreds of rolet shop section of the union workers from the Willys-Overland Among the union members who plant are likewise joining the Fedhave taken an active part in organizing these key plants have been eral Auto union. With the addition of these two major corporations several Workers Party members. the entire auto parts and produc-Organization of the Toledo Chevtion industry of Toledo, excepting rolet plant is of major importance the Champion Spark Plug Corp., for the entire motor industry, as this plant produces all the trans-The rush to the genuine union mission parts for the Chevrolet has followed the calling of an elec-Corp. Demands for a 6 hour day, tion, by the Detroit Auto Labor 30-hour week, union recognition Board, in the Chevrolet and Willysand wage increases are being drawn up to be presented to the Chevrolet

Overland plants on April 9, for the supposed purpose of determining company. It is very probable that which group the workers wish to the intensive union drive is the represent them in collective barprelude to a strike which will break gaining. This election was enginin the immediate future. eered by officials of the two plants,

NEW HEADQUARTERS---

With the paint still wet on the were non-union, and the Auto Labor walls, Branch 1 on Tuesday held its unionism upon the workers. The first meeting in its new headquarreal union has publicly repudiated ters at 420 East 19th St. The

these elections, which it did not headquarters have been taken jointcall for, and has flatly stated that by with the Manhattan branch of its members will not participate in the Spartacus Youth League.

is already an old hand at Fascism. wages It is persecuted in Germany it is relief allowance for food, clothing true, but in Italy it gives tacit supopen support to the reaction, in Portugal it practically owns the fascist government, etc. etc. It remains to be seen whether Father Coughlin has not appeared too early on the scene with his mature fascist program. It remains to be seen whether the masses still developing to the left will not choose their course and their lead ers, will not carry through the American revolution, and cast down Father Coughlin and all his kind.

The choice is plain: a workers' so

ciety or concentration camps decor

and shelter was too low, so low in port to Mussolini, in Spain it gives | fact that the unemployed were forced to live in condemned firetraps, dress in rags, while thousands of their children suffered from malnutrition. The Mayor went into action at once. He set up a stool pigeon bureau with a policeman at the head to receive anonymous and other complaints against relief "chisellers". A "chiseller" being anyone who tries to eke out a starvation relief allowance by any other means. "This bureau is my own child," said the mayor; and indeed it must be admitted that whether it is his own or just another adoption from the city bankers, it certainly resembles the rest of his family. It has that "friend of labor" smell

> * * * Anti-Fascist Meetings

to it.

March 1934: Socialist Party and rades unions hold anti-fascist meeting in Madison Square Garden. Speakers list includes Mayor La-Guardia, Matthew Woll and S. P. The company has been importing and trade union leaders. The Stalinists broke up this meeting in wild disorder, charging that Fascists and "Social Fascists" were speaking and Communists barred.

April, 1935: C. P. controlled League Against War and Fascism and Civil Liberties Union hold antifascist meeting in Madison Square Garden. Speakers list includes a Methodist bishop, Republican Congressmen, Farmer-Labor representative, Gorman of the U.T.W. ("be trayer of the textile strike"), pro fessors, social workers, and other liberals, but no C. P. speakers. Why didn't Hathaway lead the embattled hosts to capture the plat form for the C. P. at this meeting? Or does the Stalinist "change in line" leave to Methodist Bishops and Republican Congressmen such "little matters" as the struggle against war and fascism?

MAY DAY RALLY

Dancing, Skits, Refreshments

Saturday, April 27, at 8 P.M. Presentation of May Day Banner by Workers Party to S. Y. L. at 2 West 15th Street

Admission 15c

Labor Backs **Gas Workers** (Continued from Page 1)

>) herd of scabs and strike-breakers, who are quartered on company property. Last week a "bomb plot" was discovered at the plant, and the Laclede company lost no time in advertising it in all the capital ist papers. The plot looked sus piciously like the work of one of the drunken gun-toters who swarm

around the works, and proved a complete failure so far as its gen eral effects were concerned. As the Gas House Worker remarked: 'Who saw the bomber? A company gunman. Who reported finding the bomb? A bomber hired by the gas company to uncover bombers. Was the guilty one caught? Of course

One Scab—Fifteen Cops

not, that would spoil the plot."

The gunman-scabs have been re ceiving the protection of the police Every service call is now answered

not by one repair man, but by one scab repair man and fifteen police, another little item the company can charge up to its fight against unionism. Like all scabs, the St.

Louis brand has behaved badly, brandishing pistols and guns, and menacing the safety of all in their vicinity.

