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FOR THE 4th INTERNATIONAL Five Organizations Issue Call for New World Party; Answer New Betrayal of 7th Comintern Congress

The S.A.P. expresses sympathy

with the movement to build the

Fourth International but asks

The other conditions laid down

In accordance, therefore with

the action of the June Plenum of

the N. C. the Political Committee

of the Party has ordered the pub-

lication of the Open Letter in our

official organ as the official pro-

clamation to the world labor

by the W.P. have been fulfilled.

Open Letter to All Rev. within the party and in the trade olutionary Working Class marrow of their bones. Their per-**Organizations & Groups**

Hitler's assumption to power, which did not meet with the slightest resistance on the part of the struggle. two "mighty" working class parties _______ Social Democracy.Bound self upon the U.S.S.R.—has exposed to the Chariot of decisively the internal putrefaction of the Second and Third Interna- the Bourgeoisie tionals. In August, 1933, four organizations (International Communist League, Revolutionary Socialist Party, Independent Socialist Party—both of Holland, and the Socialist Workers Party of Cor. Socialist Workers Party of Ger-many) formulated for the first time in a programmatic document the of the totaling more the solution to the solution of the totaling more the solution to the new historic task: the creation of the toiling masses. In the wake of Vandervelde there followed de the Fourth International. The ev-ents that have transpired since that international. The ev-ents that have transpired since that international. The ev-man, the vainglorious critic of Karl Marx, the originator of a "Plan": ation that there is no other road.

proletariat has demonstrated that minister. victory cannot be gained by issuing a last minute call for insurrection warnings, the French Socialist to the masses, disoriented and Party continues vainly to clutch at drained by opportunism-after the the tailcoats of the "Republican" party had been driven into a blind bourgeoisie, and it pins greater alley. It is necessary to prepare hopes upon the friendship of the systematically for victory by means Radicals than upon the revolutionof revolutionary policies in every ary might of the proletariat. In all sphere of the working class movement.

is impossible to expect and demand they have lost confidence. The proletarian revolution is not improvised by orders of a bankrupt leadership.

unions have degenerated to the sonal interests and their patriotic views bind them to the bourgeoisie and they are utterly incapable of resorting to the road of the class

The parties of the Second International calmly reconcile themselves to the fact that their Belgian nor did the "left" centrist Spaak fail to betray the socialist opposi-The annihilation of the Austrian tion in return for the livery of a

Mindful neither of lessons nor

defense against fascism. other countries, in every part of the Labor Party raise it once again ionist morons have yet to be con-the mediate demands of the Roosevelt "plan," The Frightful Wreckage its program of immediate demands for the the the demands of the rest of the the the the termination of the rest of the termination of the rest of the termination of the termination of the termination of the rest of the termination of termination o the world, in Holland, Scandinavia, to power, the consequence would be vinced that the threat of Fascism run up against profoundly conser-The very same lesson immutably site world, in romand, Scandinavia, to power, the consequence would be vinced that the threat of Fascism run up against profoundly conser-lows from the annihilation of the decay of capitalism ation of Great Britain but the contraction of the contraction of the decay of capitalism ation of Great Britain but the contraction of the contraction of the decay of capitalism ation of Great Britain but the contraction of the contraction of the decay of capitalism ation of Great Britain but the contraction of the contraction of the contraction of the decay of capitalism ation of Great Britain but the contraction of the contractio flows from the annihilation of the despite the decay of capitalism, ation of Great Britain, but the con- the continent. continues to remain the agency of solidation of imperialist reaction,

Introduction to the Open The Workers Party of the U. 1 of the Fourth International was

S. participates this week in an action of the greatest significance Committee provided for in the for the international proletariat, Open Letter be Amsterdam: and viz. the publication of the Open that certain paragraphs dealing Letter on the Fourth Internationwith the Franco-Soviet pact and al. Signing this letter in addiwith the situation in the U.S. tion to the W.P.U.S. are the Revand other American countries be olutionary Socialist Workers Parincluded. ty of Holland (R.S.A.P.), the International Communist League, the Workers Party of Canada and the French Bolshevik-Leninists. that parties such as the W.P. join Of course the signature of the I. the I.A.G. ALondon-Amsterdam C.L. implies that of its other sec-Bureau of centrist parties), a tions also, Russian, South Africondition which the W.P. plenum can, Chilean, Cuban, Chinese, etc. rejected.

The signature of the Open Letter by the W.P.U.S. was authorized, depending upon the fulfillment of certain conditions, by the June Plenum of the National Committee of the party. The chief conditions were that the S.A.P. (Socialist Workers Party of Germany) should be given a month's time to join with other signers, the S.A.P. having been one of the signers of the Declaration of Four in 1933 where the concept

movement of our concurrence in the Open Letter and renewed evidence of our determination to proreveal its complete bankruptcy. izations, against the background of Should the electoral successes of The parliamentarian and trade un- the possibilities provided by the

The turbulent development of the for the Stalinist party, it is hogtied ditions, especially during a revolu-the bourgeoisie within the working that is to say, an epoch of civil crisis in the United States, the un-by the solemn declarations of Littion, it is impermissible to turn ones class and reveals its utter inability war, in face of which the leadership ending chain of strike struggles and vinov, who in return for the recog-

Letter ceed as rapidly as possible to the proclaimed; that the headquarbuilding of the Fourth Internaters of the Provisional Contact

tional. In this hour of mounting war danger and on the other hand of renewed evidence of capitulation of the Second and Third Internationals to social patriotism, the W.P.U.S. joins with joy, pride and hope in raising higher the banner of the Fourth International. We call upon the workers and intellectuals throughout the world, and especially here in the United States, to whatever organization they may today belong, to read and study the Open Letter and in the light of its contents and the present world situation to determine where their allegiance belongs. We have no time to lose in deciding how the working class may be saved from fresh betrayals and defeats, under what banner and how the vanguard and the masses may be rallied for the revolutionary victory over capitalism and the building of a workers' world.

A. J. MUSTE, National Sec'y, W.P.U.S.

world proletariat. the working class movement. As

In the meantime the Third International does nothing except squanback upon the toilers for the sake to mobilize the masses in its own of the Labor Party will inevitably the growth of working class organ- nition of the U.S.S.R. by Yankee the first five years of its existence.

imperialism, publicly renounced the [In Austria and Spain, the Commun-American Communists. This party, ist International, despite extremely corrupted by a decade of unprinc- favorable circumstances, failed not ipled maneuvers and liquidationist only to create an organization in experiments with parties (Farmer- the least influential, but systemat-Labor Party) which have nothing | ically compromised in the eyes of in common with proletarian parties the workers the very idea of the either in their composition or pro- revolutionary party. The Saar plebgram---this Stalinist party, upon or- iscite is evidence that the German ders from Moscow confines itself to proletariat lost every vestige of conthe role of a radical-intellectual fidence not only in the social demomovement which functions in the cracy but in the Communist party United States as the valet of Stal- as well-the party that so inglorinist diplomacy. But the deep-going iously capitulated to Hitler. In crisis of American capitalism is Great Britain, Belgium, Holland, awakening wide layers of workers Scandinavia, on both American confrom their semi-provincial slumbers, tinents and in the Orient the secgradually dispelling bourgeois and tions of the Communist Internapetty bourgeois illusions, impelling tional, burdened by twelve years of the proletariat towards large scale fatal policies are unable to emerge class actions (Toledo, Minneapolis, from their obscurity. True, after the German debacle, San Francisco) and creates for the

revolutionary Marxist party the the Communist International subpossibility of gaining a wide spread stituted the capitulatory policy of and profound influence upon the the united front at any price for development and organization of the adventurist policy of the "third the American working class. The period" However, the experience historic roll which accrues to the in France, where this latest turn Fourth International and its Am- has attained its greatest developerican section not only within the ment, demonstrates that the Comconfines of the Western hemisphere | munist International, with all its but on the world arena as well is contradictions and zigzags, managof exceptional importance, since the es to retain its function of being a smashing of American imperialism brake upon the proletarian revoluis of extreme significance for the tion. Rejecting the creation of a workers' militia in face of the im-

mediate fascist danger, substituting ist International is the sower of the worst illusions of reformism and der the remaining shreds of influ- pacifism, gives actual support to the ence and authority acquired during right wing in the Socialist Party against the Left, demoralizes the proletarian vanguard, and clears

the road for a fascist overturn. Finally, the founder of the Communist International, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union has been completely crushed during the last few years by the uncontrolled bureaucracy which has turned countries are reminded that it is dictatorship of the proletariat into but a question of time until there the conservative absolutism of to nip in the bud every manifesta-All of these war preparations of tion of Marxist thought. Nowhere ity directed also against the Soviet hounded so bestially as in the U.S.

that the duped and disillusioned masses will fly to arms upon the belated call of a party in which Manifesto of the W. P. U. S. on Anti-War Day

For the working class the great on this twenty-first anniversary of der barrels of the Polish Corridor, slip back unless she reasserts her-The revolution must be prepared est tragedy in connection with the the outbreak of the first World War, for which Germany is now renew- self and goes forward—that is, un-

dence of the party, fuses the van- democratic influence. These leaders fresh betrayal by the social demoguard with the entire class, and who had ostensibly been engaged in cracy but betrayal also by the transforms the proletariat into the the struggle against imperialist Third (Stalinist) International and leader of all the exploited in the war capitulated at the outbreak of the Communist (Stalinist) parties city and country.

fall of the principal section of re- manded by the various governments, formism-the completely corroded and made it possible for these gov-German social democracy-the "left | ernments to lead the workers of one wing" of the Second International nation to slaughter and be slaughwent down in ruins in Austria and tered by the workers of another Spain. But these fearful lessons nation. passed by without leaving a trace:

Following the ignominious down- tarists, voted the war credits de- Stalinist bureaucracy which con-

The greatest tragedy which the leading cadres of reformism threatens the workers of the world

10,000 Rally for Tom Mooney In Frisco on 19th Year of Arrest

workers filled the Civic Auditorium hours was broadcast over radio here today, on the nineteenth anni-station KROW, and the only unexversary of the frameup of Tom | pected occurrence was during Rev. Mooney. The all important and Alexander's speech, when he asked immediate purpose, of this mass for a demonstration by the audimeeting was to signalize attention | ence for the especial benefit of Tom to the continued imprisonment of Mooney who was listening to the Mooney on the rankest frame-up meeting over the radio from San conspiracy ever perpetrated by open Quentin. The radio station immedshop employers against active milit- iately cut him off the air, and the ant trade unionists.

labor leader, was one of the princi- fense to communicate with a prispal speakers who emphatically protested against continuing this monstrous injustice.

Leo Gallagher, former attorney for Mooney, commented at length on the legal aspects of the Mooney case; and Melvin Jackson who represented the Tom Mooney Molders Defense Committee spoke on the role of Youth in the struggles of labor for a place in the sun and in the fight for Tom Mooney's freedom.

Kanju Kato, Chairman of the National Trade Union Congress of 518, the Painters Union No. 1158, Japan, brought a message of peace and friendship from the workers of Japan, and expressed international intervals paused so that his inter- the unions of San Francisco sup- iers. ence what he had said.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 28-10,000 | The entire program of three

announcer explained to the radio Harry Bridges, militant maritime audience that it was a federal ofparations on the most colossal oner inside a penitentiary by radio.

The sponsors of the meeting, longer something that may or may those who helped to make it a huge not appear in the remote future. success, included the International The diplomats of the Great Powers Longshoremen's Association 38-79, discuss cynically not whether war the Sailors Union of the Pacific, the is to come but when it will break Ship Scalers 38-100, the Communist out. In portions of Asia and Africa Party, the International Ladies the armies are already being drawn Garment Workers Union No. 8, the up in battle formation. I.L.A. Auxiliary, the Workers Party

of U.S., the Waiters Union, the Waitresses Union, the Auto Mechand the Machinists Union.

Tom Mooney on this August 2 solidarity in the demand that Tom will have been a continuous active intention to subjugate Ethiopia and convention, where it will be held or Mooney be freed. He delivered his member of the International Mold- is daily transporting thousands of anything else about it. None of the already in danger of losing their groups to support the program of oration entirely in Japanese and at ers Union for thirty-three years, and armed men to that country's front-locals have yet received instruc-

demonstration of solidarity.

through incessant and irreconcil- World War of 1914-18 was its be- which finds all the capitalist powers ing its claim, and of Memel, where less she is a victor in another war. able class struggle which gains for trayal by the Socialist leaders and engaged in war preparations on the the antagonism between Germany the leadership the invincible confi- the trade union leaders under social most extensive scale, is not only and Lithuania is only a superficial among all the rival imperialist powers of the Old World. The hegemony of France over the war to the capitalists and mili- throughout the world and by the Continental Europe, temporarily

secured by the Versailles treaty, is now threatened; and France must trols the Soviet Union today.

The most urgent task of the advanced workers is to expose the utter and abject surrender of the Stalinist parties to social-patriotism; to expose the so-called "peace policies" of the present Soviet leadership as leading not to peace but to capitulation in war, not to the defense of the Soviet Union but to the breakdown of its best and only defense, namely, the world revolutionary movement: to smash the influence of the Stalinist parties over the workers and their allies throughout the world: and to raise aloft the banner of the New, Fourth, International, under which alone

the uncompromising revolutionary struggle against imperialist war and against imperialism can be carried to a victorious conclusion. **Feverish War Preparations**

At this very moment when the period of the Great War, are of age for military service, all the capitalist nations are engaged in war pre-

workers throughout the country. scale and the "coming war" is no The response has proved again that the time is doubly ripe for the establishment of an International and will undoubtedly become a major factor in the organization of

Hitler Germany has defied the Versailles treaty, introduced universal conscription and begun the rebuilding of a navy to make her a dominant sea power once again, at convention. Nobody in the Dillon least in the North Sea.

lighted that may blow up the pow-

Green Dodges Convention of

Auto Workers

most potent set of confederates. Terrorism Grows

of its most frantic efforts, finds it more and more difficult to satisfy set up an International in the auto- the most elementary needs of the mobile and auto parts industry, is masses, as it further depresses the children who were born during the supposed to have been set for Aug- standard of living even in relativeust 26. This unofficial notice has ly favored nations such as the U.S. already engendered a tremendous and as the discontent of the masses enthusiasm among automobile seethes and boils over, expresses resentment against misery and war

> the workers of this key industry. President Wm. Green, the executive council of the American Feder is today compelled to resort to ter- action. ation of Labor, and Francis Dillon. roristic methods even against those

head of the National Council of the very lower middle-class elements United Automobile Workers Union, however, have not yet broken their power (the persecutions of Cathosilence with regard to the proposed lics and Protestants. the Hitler office at Detroit, knows what ar

Fascist Italy has announced its rangements have been made for this been able to fulfill its demagogic tions with regards to the conven- the German economic crisis is so only means of winning strike. preter could translate for the audi- ported him loyally in this mighty Once more the fuse has been tion, on what basis delegates will severe that Hitler may be compelled (Continued on Page 4)

the same time the masses in other The economic contradictions in too capitalism, either in prepara- Stalin. By means of persecutions, which the Japanese ruling class tion for war or in the conduct of frauds, amalgams and bloody reexpression for a deeper rivalry finds itself continue to drive Japan it, establishes an equally brutal and pressions the ruling clique strives toward expansion in China, Man-| barbaric terrorism.

chukuo. Mongolia, all along the borders of the Soviet Union, and the imperialist powers are in real- in the world is genuine Leninism finally past them, in Siberia. British interests are threatened

Union, though only some of them S.R. by the adventures of Italy and have this avowed aim and some Japan and the economic expansion capitalist governments even profess of U.S. capitalism, so that at the to be eager to help "defend" the Death Warrantof the C.I.

very moment when a poll of British Soviet Union. Capitalism cannot citizens records a ninety percent live peacefully side by side with vote for universal disarmament the the workers' state which is laying (Continued on Page 4) British government launches a col-

ssal naval building campaign. The European continent is being

agents of imperialist armies. From London to Paris to Moscow to Viencapitals-the lines are kept fever ishly busy by the wire-pullers who are setting the stage for the impending war, jockeying for favorable positions and the greatest and

As capitalism everywhere in spite

preparations, the capitalist nations establish ever more repressive regimes and by unlimited terrorism seek to establish the "national un-

ity" which will enable them to be a conference of unaffiliated and lead the masses to war in an at- unorganized workers and farmers tempt to resolve the crisis. Hitler to form a supporting committee of

The aggressiveness of Omaha labor was aroused by the continued which helped to bring him into delay of C.L.U. officials by the vicious "red baiting" and splitting tactics of the daily press, and by open press attacks on small business threats by bosses of wholesale firmen). The Hitler regime has not ing of union labor.

In a press release, James C. Perpromises to these elements; he is kins, strike leader, called upon all support. Thus we are shown that unity and militant action as the Should the general walkout *ake any day to embark upon war. At place, some 35,000 Omaha families to boycott the streetcars.

Stalin Has Signed the The most recent opportunistic somersault of the Communist In-(Continued on Page 3)

overrun by the diplomatic advance Move for Omaha General Strike Ina to Berlin, Warsaw, the Balkan canital s-the lines are kent former

OMAHA, Nebr. -- General strike | will be affected. Strikers followed sentiment in Omaha in support of the recent Terre Haute general tiethe striking streetcar men has risen up with keen interest, and it is felt so strongly that the executive board that the Indiana situation has been of the Central Labor Union has a great influence in creating genagreed to place a general strike eral strike sentiment here. call before that body Aug. 2.

In support of the streetcar work-The executive board's action folers, the Omaha and Council Bluffs lowed pressure from the streetcar Central Labor Unions and the men's rank and file strike commit- Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen tee of 13, who demanded that the have issued 70,000 circulars ex-C.L.U. indorse a call for the gen- plaining the strike, to be distributed eral walkout within two weeks. in every home in Omaha and Coun-A conference of all organized la- cil Bluffs. Organized labor contribbor in the city has been called for uted the stock, members of the August 6 to form a gneral strike printing crafts donated their labor, committee. At that time the date and the Farmer-Labor Press of for the strike will be definitely set. Council Bluffs gave the use of its On the following day there is to press.

> The leaflet emphasizes the fact that the streetcar strike is the same one which was called April 20, 1934, and has been repeatedly interrupted by conferences, only to have the company ignore all decisions of such conferences. Some weeks ago. Gov. Roy Cochran forced an agreement after compulsory arbitration only to have the company violate it by ignoring the seniority decision.

The local C.L.U. calls attention to its offer of "free-ride cars," identified by red and white stickers, a convenience developed by organized labor for the citizens to enable them

By BURKE COCHRAN DETROIT, Mich.-The unofficial late for the convocation of a constitutional convention of delegates from the present federal unions to

Rank and File Determined to Form International

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New Haven branch (Gendleman)\$ 2.00 Philadelphia branches (Goodman) 7.00 bscriptions (Club Plans)

employed heads of rural households pseudo-opposition. have shifted from their usual occupations, most of them going one employed Teachers Association in cupational ladder . . . Dr. I. M. tive of the Rank and File, the Pro-Hargett, Methodist minister, criti- gressives, in the fall of the same cizes Roosevelt's policies: "I wish year, sponsored the organization of a pleasure day of Sunday." . . .

\$25,000 has been appropriated for a policies, and not upon the Admin-

Prosperity...

Last February General Charles Dawes predicted that prosperity would return by July, 1935. . . Apple growers in Illinois are perin this field. mitting their fruit to rot for lack of a profitable market. . . . Eight children in Fresno, Cal., were poisoned from eating contaminated garbage. . . . Household workers in Harlem place themselves on the public auction block and sell themselves to the highest bidder. . . The home of Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Dall Boettiper near Ossining, N. Y., is being sold to foreclose a mortgage. . . . Huey Long's newspaper, The American Progress, has curtailed its staff from 22 to 16 and doubled its subscription price. . .

Royalty...

Emperor of Ethiopia, the King of the Classroom Teachers Groups-. John D. Rockefeller, at 96, has 19 of his own teeth. . . . The mon-pretexts. archist Austrian State Council approved a bill to restore Hapsburg property the income of which, estimated at \$200,000 per year, has since 1919 been used to aid crippled 1929 to 1934, for the building of a capitalism. war veterans. . .

Book Review...

are the Coolies? Hundreds of thou- L. Committee for Unemployment an Unemployed League. sands sweatshop workers. They live Insurance. Its official organ is "The

in squalor that a fastidious animal A. F. of L. Rank and Filer"). The would shun. . . . How grotesque to Rank and File, under the leader- thaway was responsible for my reask scientists and engineers and ad- ship of Isadore Begun, originally signation from the Communist ministrators to spend their lives took the position that it was hope- Party and my intention to join the supporting such rabble." His solu-less to seek to reform the union Workers Party," Harry Thurman, and have it adopt and carry out a young C. P. member answered in tion is sterilization.

ation papers for the Civil Service fuel for its attack upon the entire and to act as a face-saving device pealed to the Rank and Fle and to out policies. In a telegram to Hut-Commission. It will displace 100 opposition. That is why the belief while a change of policy was being the Progressive Group to form a cheson, reactionary president of the

After the formation of the Unor more steps downward on the oc- the spring of 1931, upon the initia- tent was to create a rival to displace the Teachers Union.

In spite of its false policies, the

unemployed teachers - thus splitting the movement at the very outset. This policy it has maintained until the present despite the fact that there does not exist any legitimate reason for two organizations

Teachers as a rival organzation of past year, a contradiction which not would prove. **Party Grows In Cleveland**

CLEVELAND, Ohio .--- The recent- response to a question from the

ly organized Downtown Branch of District organizer of the C.P. as to The leaders of the Progressives the Workers Party began its organ- why he was leaving the Stalinists -Davidson, Wolfe and Wittes sol- izational and agitational work with for the Workers Party. Thurman, emnly promised that as soon as the a bang here Wednesday night, July a member of the Communist Party Rank and File Group abandoned its 24, through the medium of an open for two years, became convinced of dual unionistic position, liquidated organizational meeting attended by the bankruptcy of the Third Interits Classroom Teacher Groups, etc., approximately fifty workers. The national after reading statements it would propose a merger of the meeting had been well advertized of Thorez, leading "theoretician" of at several open air meetings held the French C. P., in which he at-Progressive Group and the Rank during the week at Public Square. | tempted to explain away the enand File and other opposition Harry Thurman, branch secre- tangling alliance the Soviet Union groups. In this event it further tary, in opening the meeting gave has just concluded with France, promised to merge the Association of Unappointed Teachers with the a short report dealing wth the which forces the French C.P. memgreat need of an organization of bers to act as recruiting sergeants Unemployed Teachers Association and strive for the eventual entry the type of the Workers Party in in time of war. Other members of of both into the Teachers Union. Cleveland and showing the neces-Despite the fact that the Rank and sity for such an organization na-

CLEVELAND, Ohio .--- "C. A. Ha-

File has changed its policies in this tionally. He also brought out the When Haile Selassie was crowned respect-despite the dissolution of necessity for every class conscious worker to be in its ranks. After England presented him with a one the Progressives leader refuse to this preliminary report the floor tone Angel Food cake. The King carry out their promises and hide was thrown open for discussion. The of Italy sent 500 bottles of Chianti. their opposition to the long overdue majority of the questions asked merger under various untenable dealt with the difference between the Workers Party and the C.P.,

and S.P. They also stressed the Policies of Rank and File Group The Rank and File group, as necessity for a united front of all court and fined it \$500 for acceptstated above, came into existence political working class organizaas a result of the movement, during tions against the common enemy-

As a result of this meeting fifteen new national trade-union center, and as a result of a split within the workers who attended signed ap-

Progressive Group. The Rank and plications for membership in the Walter Pitkin of the Columbia File is officially allied to the "Rank Party. Besides holding these open University School of Journalism, in and File" movements in other A. F. meetings, the downtown branch his "Capitalism Carries On": "Who of L. unions, such as the A. F. of plans to help in the organization of

clerks. . . . Figures compiled by the has existed among many teachers effected, likewise failed. The Rank united front with it on a limited Carpenters and Joiners, he threat FERA show that 29 percent of the that the Progressives are simply a and File leaders were compelled to program of restoring and extending ened to revoke the charter of Longorder the liquidation of the Class- democracy (Nov. 1934). Both of view-Kelso Central Labor Council room Teachers Groups, thus sub- these groups refused to heed the if they did not unseat delegates stantiating the charge that its in- appeal, each denying that an im- from 2504 and completely dissassomediate danger of expulsion existed ciate itself from the militant local. and each setting forth ultimatistic The federation executive's threat is

maneuver was designed to cover them from the Union, the Commit-struggle to smash local 2504 which

he bankruptcy of its own policy tee pointed out the dangers and ap- has been fighting Muir and his sell-

demands which made a united front contained in this message sent to strength of the Rank and File has impossible. They were soon to P. W. Dowler, general representathe President would not make such the Association of Unappointed increased considerably during the learn how costly their blunder tive of the Carpenters and Joiners. Green's Papal Bull

"Just received following telegram from President Green. 'Have

dispatched a letter with seal attached thereto to officers Central Labor Council, Kelso and Longview by airmail instructing them to disassociate delegates from suspended local 2504 from affiliation with central body and also wiring organizer Watson instructing him to proceed to Longview and if necessary revoke the charter of the central body in order to enforce compliance with my instructions.' Wm. L. Hutcheson." Thus we see that the labor fakers will not hesitate to use any methods, no matter how vile, to smash

militant unionism. Promote the Struggle Although the workers fell far the C.P. and Y.C.L. in Cleveland an- short of winning their original nounced their intention of leaving strike demands, and agreements such as the ones concluded in Portthe Stalinists for the same reason. land represent a real setback, never-

theless some definite gains can be CHELSEA. Mass. (FP) .-- A unque decision closely affecting the recorded. Wage increases were labor and radical movements was won, the company union (4L) has recently handed down when Judge been smashed in the largest pro-Samuel R. Cutler of Chelsea dis- duction centers, and although its trict court found the Western Unranks are infested with such rats ion Telegraph Co. in contempt of as Muir, a bonafide trade union has

been established. The Northwest lumber workers ing, transmitting and delivering protest telegrams against the armust gird themselves for a struggle rest of two defendants appearing to cleanse their ranks of the fakers before his court. If this decision and build a strong rank and file is upheld, it will deprive the great movement that will wage a determajority of the people of the right mined struggle for better living to inform public officials of thei conditions.

opinions, and bring mass pressure Above all the workers must realto bear on reactionary officials. ize that labor fakers, the bosses

and the government are one big union of exploiters which the work-PAUL LUTTINGER, M.D. ers must unite to banish from the DANIEL LUTTINGER. M.D. earth or gradually sink back to the level of the serfs of the Middle Ages. 5 Washington Square North Join the ranks of the Workers 1-2 and 6-8 Except Sundays Party. Onward to the goal of a and Holidays. classless society.

Chicago branches	3
Boston branch	1
Greetings	
Philadelphia branches	6
West Side branch, N.Y.C.	5
Kansas City branch	3
California District Committee	1
Libby Rockhill, Brooklyn, N.Y	
Previous total\$2	576

Grand /Total.....\$362-86



are asked to attend.

comrades interested in dramatics

unday, August 4-Come boating

and swimming with the Sparta-

cus Youth League. Meet at Pel-

ham Bay Station at 10:30 A.M.

(Bronx east side Pelham Bay line to last stop). Cost per day per person, boat 25c. Bring lunch.

Friday, August 9, 8 P.M.—Special lecture: "The Third International Meets at Last." Speaker: A. J. Muste. 1776 Pitkin Ave. Ausp: Brownsville Branch, W. P.

Saturday, August 10, 8:30 P.M.---Brownsville Package Party and Dance. 7176 Pitkin Ave. Adm. 15c with package. Free refreshments, songs; Spartakive Ballet.

Moonlight On The Hudson

ATTENTION-moonlighters, comrades and sympathizers. The preparations for the Moonlight Sail are going full steam ahead. We have engaged the services of a well known New York music maestro for those who like dancing in the moonlight. There will be entertainment and games galore. Don't wait until the last moment to purchase your tickets. Only 300 tickets will be sold and those who wait too long will find it impossible to obtain them. Tickets can be bought at 55 N. 11th Street, and at the Bookshop, 96 Fifth Avenue.



TURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1935

Five Organizations Issue Call for New World Party

Fight **Hitlerism!**

Out of the hell-holes of German fascism, the concentration camps. Nazi inferno, the German inter-nationalists are carrying on in spite of all At the pict of the second defense of all. At the risk of life and limb they are circulating their literature, perialist minister the leader of the educating the workers anew and Communist International passed the preparing for the day when they order to the French Communist sadists and still others make the the revolutionary movement.

in Paris. Their organization, the International Communists of Germany is affiliated to the I. C. L with which the Workers Party is in fraternal relations. They give instances fighters as quoted in Nazi papers their indictment for high treason New Betrayal Imminent and their condemnation to between one and three years in the concentration camp. Such cases exist by the hundreds. Yet the work continues; each case of persecution the I. C. L. to greater activity.

all turned to dust. Possibilities is supplemented with calumny. for revolutionary activity are greatpopulace that previously acted as a new slaughter. Ministers and ically, and in part also organizationstool pigeons for Hitler.

nevertheless they operate under by from every side they are hasten- ternational. tremendous handicaps. While the ing the explosion which may be command huge sums of money the war of 1914-1918. wherewith to carry on their illegal sympathizers.

making public appeals for funds Nations, and at the same time need for ever new purgings and re- the disciples of Marx and Lenin, on working class from reality with its

(Continued on Page 2) ternational is intimately linked up with the Soviet turn in foreign policy towards the League of Nations and the military alliance with French imperialism. The ruling bureaucracy of the U.S.S.R. has definitely arrived at the conclusion that the Communist International s impotent to afford it any assistance whatsoever against the war danger and at the same time, it

and the illegal activity once again hinders the work of Soviet diplomacomes the imperious cry of the cy. The humiliating and truly serrevolutionists for assistance. Faced vile dependency of the Communist with tremendous obstacles such as International upon the Soviet upper were unknown since the days of crust is expressed in a particularly Czarism, which seems mild and glaring light in connection with the heavenly in comparison with the recent declaration of Stalin, ap-

will be strong enough to throw off party to conclude a patriotic truce Htler's yoke. Many are thrown into prison, others are mauled by the the third International whose beyond description by the Brown for almost seven years has now supreme sacrifice in the cause of nationalist position to that of the officially gone over from the intermost outright and servile social us directly through their friends governt G postponed, convenes-the Third International will not be resuscitated. The Stalin-Laval communique is its death warrant.

of the arrest of several of their best A New Slaughter and a

Meanwhile, the destructive forces of capitalism continue their hellish dent that they serve as the main event of war. Genuine unity of the work. The disintegration of world theme for fascist demagogy. In International and of its national economy, the unemployment of tens the colossal crisis in the United sections can be assured only upon of milions, the ruin of the peasantry States, in the no less colossal un- the revolutionary Marxist foundaonly spurring on the members of put imperiously on the order of the employment, in the economic advention, which in its turn can be creday the task of the socialist revol- turism of Roosevelt, in the sweep ated only by a break with the social They speak in their communica- ution. The toilers, embittered and of the strike struggles, in the fer- patriots. To remain silent about tion of the dreadful shambles that aroused, are seeking a way out, ment within all working class oronce was the proud Socialist party The prostration, collapse and putre- ganizations there are being lodged antees for proletarian unity is to and the Communist party; how the safe r the shameful collapse of both after the shameful collapse of b these parties in face of the Hitler- and impel the petty bourgeois masses erica. The example of the first ite aggression. Disillusionment has on the road of despair. The bank- victorious proletarian revolution not only spread to the adherents rupt leaders seek to shift the re- lives in the memory of the masses of working class parties but also to sponsibility for the triumph of The experience of the great events large sections of the middle class- fascism on the "passivity" of the lof the last twenty years have been for whom the Nazi promises have proletariat; thus political betrayal burned into the consciousness of the best militants. Genuinely rev-Threshing in the grip of insolv- olutionary organizations, or at least fact that the President of the one er in view of the let down of esp- able contradictions, capitalism is groups, exist in all countries. They ionage among large sections of the preparing to plunge the peoples into are closely bound together ideolog- King, while the real master of the to advance the slogan of the revo- of the bureaucracy in the isolated the trade unions.

diplomats openly speculate whether ally. Even at present they repre-Although the political advantages the outbreak of the war will come sent a force incomparably more in change for diplomatic deals. Re- italist Europe it is necessary to der the conditions of decisive capand opportunities of the Interna- in one or in three years from now. fluential, homogeneous and steeled tional Communists have increased All the governments, vying with than the 'Zimmerwald left' which because of the disillusionment that one another, are preparing the most in the fall of 1915 took the initiahas spread in both old parties, destructive instruments, and there- live in preparing for the Third In-Within the reformist parties and

Stalinist and reformist parties immeasurably more frightful than trade unions opposition groupings The leaders of the so-called Some of these assume the form of means of patching the pieces what

ernments to make peace among

The Signers of the Open Letter

S. (National Workers Secretariat)

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST LEAGUE (L.

C.L.): This organization, with groups and members

in most of the countries of the world, had its in-

ception with the struggle of the Russian Opposition

the Stalinist bureaucracy is Leon Trotsky. Until

August 1933, after the full effects and the meaning

called the International Left Opposition, the name

then changing to the I.C.L. it ceased to be a faction

of the Comintern and directed all its energies to-

BOLSHEVIK-LENINIST GROUP IN THE S.F.

I.O. (French S. P.): Previously the Communist

League of France, it entered the Socialist Party as

a faction in the Summer of 1934 in order to carry

on a fight within it for the ideas of the Fourth In-

ternational. It propagates its program of revolu-

tionary Marxism through its paper "La Verite"

and its action within the party. At the recent

Congress of the S.P. at Mulhouse, it was the butt

ot attack by all the reactionaries in the leadership

but nonetheless gained several thousand votes for

its outspoken Leninist position and succeeded in

electing one member to the Political Committee of

the S. P. They have further been instrumental in

organizing and leading the fight against social pa-

I.C.L., it formed its independent party in the fall

of 1934, having up to then been part of the Com-

WORKERS PARTY OF CANADA: Affiliated to

It issues a twice-

triotism in a congress recently convened.

munist League of America.

weekly paper, "The Vanguard."

ward creating the Fourth International.

The following is a brief resume of the history union movement of about 15,000 members, the N.A. of the five organizations that have signed the open letter for the Fourth International and have joined the Provisional Contact Commission which is initiating the concrete activity, practical and theoretical, towards the formation of the new International:

WORKERS PARTY OF THE U.S.: Formed by the fusion of the American Workers Party and the Communist League of America, the founding convention of which was held in December, 1934. The Communist League originated with the expulsion of Cannon, Shachtman and Abern from the Communist Party in 1928 for supporting the Russian Opposition led by Trotsky and was affiliated to the I.C.L. until the fusion with the A.W.P. The latter organization emerged from the Conference for Progressive Labor Action. Its first convention was held in December 1933.

REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS SOCIALIST PARTY OF HOLLAND (B.S.A.P.): On March 3, 1935 a unification congress between the Revolutionary Socialist Party and the Independent Socialist Party resulted in the formation of the above-mentioned organization. The Revolutionary Socialist Party affiliated with the I.C.L. in 1933 and was led by H. Sneevliet, one of the outstanding trade unionists of Holland. The Independent Socialist Party (O.S.P.) began as an opposition in the Social Democratic Party and was expelled for its oppositionist views. With the removal of the right wing of the O.S.P. it began to evolve in a Marxist direction and fusion was made possible. The new party numbers some 4,500 members, publishes a bi-weekly paper, "Niewe Fakkel" and a monthly theoretical organ, "Internationale." P. J. Schmidt and H. Snievliet are its outstanding leaders. It has strong influence over an independent revolutionary trade

corrosion of capitalism are so evi-las nationally, especially in the Revolution Alone Can Eliminate War The war danger which is a life and death question for the people

the principled conditions and guar-The New Epoch Requires A New International

The humiliating and hopeless position of the old Internationals is adequately characterized by the tion.

became the humble Minister of His other uses the world proletarian Intionary destruction of the nation- Soviet State and the reformist but organization as so much small al state. To the madhouse of cap- reaucracy of the West. Today, ungardless of what unification maneuvers the two equally depraved social UNITED STATES OF national standing upon the shouldbureaucracies may undertake, it is EUROPE, as a stage toward the ers of its predecessors, enriched by this would mean the end of their not they who will create the unity United States of the World.

efforts of the centrists to reconcile are emerging and growing stronger. the irreconcilable and to save by peoples" (i.e., between capitalist holds of world capital.

governments) etc., as opium for the activity, the revolutionists are working class parties and the trade independent organizations. Within is fated to be destroyed, are fore- popular masses. The combinations forced to rely on the meager pen- unions sing loud the praises of the the sections of the Communist In- doomed. The new epoch requires between working class organizanies and nickels of their comrades beauties of peace, they babble about ternational, as a consequence of the a New International. The prim- tions and petty-bourgeois pacifists and the occasional contributions of "disarmament," exhort their gov- prison regime, the opposition as ary condition for success on this (the Amsterdam-Pleyel Committee, sumes a more mute and masked road is the close consolidation na- and similar undertakings) render Up to now the International themselves, arouse the hopes of the character, but it is developing here tionally and internationally of the the best service to imperialism by Communists have refrained from working masses in the League of as well. Even in the U.S.S.R. the genuine proletarian revolutionists, distracting the attention of the

ed (Holland, U.S.A.); a number of programmatic and tactical documents have been elaborated. All this labor will indubitably proceed much better if correlated and unified on a world scale under the banner of the Fourth International. The impending war danger does not brook a delay in this task for even a single day.

A. V., NEW YORKin the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in The new parties and the New In-Question: When the social-patri-1923. Its outstanding leader, who has headed this ternational must be built upon a otic position of the C. I., and the movement throughout the years of repression by with which to solve all other tasks. fact that it is opposed to revolution The tempo and the time of the new | in the capitalist countries, is called revolutionary upbuilding and its to the attention of Stalinists, they of the defeat in Germany had become clear it was consumation depend, obviously, up-on the general course of the class struggle, the future victories and only stands to gain by extending defeats of the proletariat. The the international revolution and Marxists, however, are no fatalists. that therefore the whole thing can They do not unload upon the "his- merely be a maneuver to outwit the torical process" those very tasks capitalists. How do you reply to

which the historical process has this? posed before them. The initiative Answer: It is extremely difficult, of a conscious minority, the scien- of course, to discuss with people tific program, the bold and cease- who refute facts with "theory," and less agitation in the name of clear- the argument of the Stalinists really formulated aims, the merciless | ly means that, regardless of the criticism of all ambiguity-that is evidence, they do not want to beone of the most important factors lieve anything which may smash for the victory of the proletariat. their "ideals," or interfere with Without a fused and steeled revo- their sinecures, or social and perlutionary party a socialist revolu- sonal connections. tion is inconceivable.

However that may be, even their "theory" is untenable. A conclu-The conditions are difficult; the obstacles are great; the tasks are sion such as theirs can be drawn colossal, but there is no reason only by identifying the interests of whatever to become pessimistic, or the bureaucracy with that of the to lose courage. Despite all the de | Soviet State, which is false. While feats of the proletariat, the position the workers' republic stands to proof the class enemy remains a hope- fit by an extension of the world less one. Capitalism is doomed. revolution, the Stalinist bureaucra-Only in the socialist revolution is cy does not. there salvation for mankind.

To clarify matters, let us consid-The very sequence of the Inter- er some analogies, bearing in mind nationals has its own internal logic the points of difference. Logically, is the supreme test for all the which coincides with the historic it might appear, Green, Woll, and groupings and tendencies within rise of the proletariat. The First Co., would be better off if the A. the working class. "The struggle International advanced the scienti- F. of L. were several times its for peace," "the struggle against fic program of the proletarian rev-war," "war on war" and similar olution, but it fell victim because have at their disposal larger dues revolutionary methods of struggle. The only method to put an end to war is to overthrow the bourgeoisie. by the parliamentary and the trade end of control of the A. F. of L. by war is to overthrow the bourgeoisie. by the parliamentary and the trade end of control of the the sectionary bureaucracy be bourgeoisie is by a revolutionary rising capitalism. The Third International set for the first time capitalists. In other words, under As against the reactionary lie of letarian revolution, but it found it-'national defense" it is necessary self ground between the millstones of L. bureaucracy to really build

An extension of the world revolution would set into motion the Ruscounterpose the program of THE italist collapse, the Fourth Interthe experience of their victories and this would mean the end of their Marxists irreconcilably reject the defeats, will mobilize the toilers of special privileges precisely because them to point the way out. The pacifist slogans of "disarmament," the Occident and the Orient for the latter are conditioned by a decline in the revolutionary mood of victorious assault upon the strongthe masses resulting from international proletarian defeats (China, Workers of the World, Unite! Germany, British General Strike, etc.)

(Signed) Consider dialectically, therefore, Revolutionary Socialist Workers Party of Holland (R.S.A.P.): the Stalinist bureaucracy will not benefit by an extension of the world P. J. Schmidt, H. Sneevliet. Workers Party of the United revolution. This is merely another States (W.P.U.S.): A. J. Muste, way of repeating our thesis that Stalinism is reactionary and a James P. Cannon.



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for fear of jeopardizing the physi- swear fealty to the cause of cal safety of those comrades in the "national defense" i.e. the defense the bureaucracy is unable to root common banner. clutches of Fascist "justice." of bourgeois rule with its inevit-Changed conditions however have able wars.

obliged a change in this policy and Under cover of the "united front" through us they are appealing for and even of "organic unity" Soviet aid. A committee has been set up diplomacy is preparing, behind the in Paris to forward such funds as backs of the class conscious workare received for the purpose of ers, class peace between the secsmuggling literature into Germany, tions of the two Internationals and distributing it in the Reich and the bourgeoisie of those countries helping those comrades fleeing from which care in military alliance the Fascist butcher and so on.

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> Than the "Lefts" in 1915 The betrayal of the cause of the find access to all such tendencies,

international revolution by the in order by example and propagan-Soviet bureaucracy has thrust the da to speed their passage to the months and its contents compensate world proletariat far back. The revolutionary road. In this, the difficulties that face the revolution- condition for success is irreconcilertheless its position at the present ership, exposure of the attempts to time is incomparably more favor- create the 21 International, and a iza ions. But on whatever arena,

> peared to be all powerful, almost epoch doom beforehand to ignomin- the name of unqualified principles invincible. The patriotic debacle ious bankruptcy those unifications and clear revolutionary slogans. of the International came utterly which are hybrid and amorphous. erywhere the revolutionary ele- working class organizations re- ceal their aims; they do not substi- for a single day; the revolutionary ments were caught unprepared. gardless of their program and tac-The first international conference— tic is being zealously propagated a principled struggle. MARXISTS grown in number; some of them

> than a year after the outbreak of ists who are more farsighted, and the war. The formation of revolu- who fear, with good cause, being tionary cadres proceeded slowly. thrown overboard. The centrists The possibility of proletarian revolu- often substitute the idea of merg- Move to Oust Lackey democratic movement in the trade tion was rejected even by the ma- ing the two old Internationals for jority of the "Zimmerwaldists." the idea of a New International. In Only the October victory in Russia reality, unity with reformists and in the 40th month of the war pro- social patriots of the social demoduced a change in the situation, cratic or Stalinist variety signifies providing a mighty impulse for the in the last analysis unity with the formation of the Third Internation- national bourgeoisie, and, conse-

Today the internal weakness and proletariat, internationally as well

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out the spirit of Marxist criticism Any attempt to prescribe an idenwhich is so hateful to it. "Unity" at any Price Is a

Monstrous Deception The oppositionist moods and ten-

CENTRIST character, that is, inermediate between social patriotism and revolution. Under conditions when the traditional mass organizations are in process of col- in the form of an independent orlapse and decomposition, centrism

itable transitional stage even for trade unions. Assuredly, no matter is one of the most important dividrepresents in many cases an inevprogressive working class group-

ings. Marxists must be able to able criticism of the centrist lead-

able than on the eve of the last ceaseless explanation of the fact and whatever the methods of funcwar. At that time capitalism ap- that the revolutionary tasks of our tioning, they are bound to speak in

jority indecisive took place more being ably exploited by the reform- ALL CONDITIONS OPENLY SAY others attained to a greater homo WHAT IS. . . .

> In British Unions LONDON, England---Two of Eng-

have rejected a call from the Trade ernment. quently, the inevitable split of the Union Congress executive to expel

> radicals. At the recent convention of the inent labor leaders, had seen fit to al documents of the Fourth Inter- French champagne, in accordance

> whose membership numbers around ernment of "hunger and war," a 400,000, delegates voted 44 to 35 to branch of his union called for ex-ternational Conference will be de American point of view-oranges, reject a demand from Trade Union pulsion of Citrine from the trade Congress headquarters that no Com- union movement on the ground that ceived and the general course of "he has brought ridicule on our munists be allowed to hold official

positions in the union. Shortly be movement." fore that the Locomotive Engineers Union rejected the same order on the ground that it throttled the

pressions is proof of the fact that a common program, and under a grave struggles, and beguiling them instead with impotent parades.

"arbitration," and "amity between

(Bolshevik - Leninists) : Crux, The struggle against war and tical course for all countries would imperialism cannot be the job of Dubois, Martin. be fatal. Depending upon national any sort of special "committees." conditions, upon the degree of the The struggle against war is the the S.F.LO. decomposition of the old working preparation for revolution, that is Workers Party of Canada (W.P. class organizations, and, finally, to say, the job of working class C.): J. MacDonald, M. Spector. dencies bear today a predominantly upon the state of their own forces parties and of the International. at a given moment, the Marxists The Marxists pose this great task We herewith append the "Declar-(the revolutionary socialists, the before the proletarian vanguard, ation of Four" (See Militant, Auinternationalists, the Bolshevik- without any frills. To the enervat-Leninists) can come forward, now ing slogan of "disarmament" they ganization, now in the guise of a NING THE ARMY and ARMING manifesto has become antiquated. behind the curtains.

faction in one of the old parties, or THE WORKERS. Precisely in this The present letter is only a restatewhat the time or the arena may ing lines between Marxism and in the light of the experience of Doletsky, the general manager of centrism drawn. He will never find the last year and a half. We call upon all parties, organas a stage on the road of creating the courage to solve the revolutionizations, factions, both within the ary tasks who dares not utter them old parties as well as the trade

ternational, parties which may be aloud. unions, all revolutionary working created either through the regroup- The 4th International class associations and groupings ment of the revolutionary elements who are in agreement with us of the old organizations, or through Stands on the Shoulders upon the fundamental principles

the agency of independent organ-Of its Forerunners . . .

the building of the Fourth Inter-During the year and a half that national-to send us their signa has elapsed since the publication of tures to the present Open Letter, the first program of the Fourth Intogether with any proposal or They do not play hide and seek with ternational, the struggle for its criticisms they may have. Indi-The slogan of "unity" of all the working class; they do not con- principles and ideas has not abated vidual comrades who have not been connected with our work up tute diplomacy and combinations for national sections and groups have to now, if they seriously intend to henceforth join the common AT ALL TIMES AND UNDER extended their ranks and influence ranks should get in touch with us. The initiating organizations who geneity and cohesion; organization within the same country have unithave resolved to create a PROVI-

unions.

the congress, has been severely visional Committee is to be encriticized by his own Electrical trusted with the issuance of an in- and white Caucasian wine. Trades Union for accepting a formation bulletin. land's largest and strongest unions knighthood from the national gov-

Citrine, one of Britain's most prom- damental programmatic and tactic-

the preparatory work.

The Provisional address is: P. J. Schmidt or H. Sneevliet, Support the Eight-Paramaribostraat 10 hula Amsterdam-W, Holland. Page New Militant!

International Secretariat of Inbrake on revolutionary pro-* * * ternational Communist League

Question: What evidence is there that the Soviet bureaucracy enjoys The Bolshevik-Leninist Group in the "juclest" steaks and "Rolls Royces" to which Trotsky has referred in his pamphlet on the Soviet Union?

Answer: The Stalinist bureaucracy does not oblige us, of course, with statistics of the amount of nagust, 1933) on the Fourth Interna- tional wealth which it consumes, tional. Not a single line of this but we do get an occasional glimpse

Here, for example, is an account of a "dinner recently given by M. ency, for Kent Cooper, general manager of the Associated Press, and Karl A. Bickel, general manager of the United Press.

"Among those who attended were ambassador Bullitt, L. M. Krestinsky, Soviet Vice Commissar of Foreign Affairs; leading member of the and upon the great task we have Soviet press and correspondents for posed-the preparation for and the American newspapers.

"This banquet, which was called dinner, was held in the vast mansion of a former textile magnate named Morosoff, the rooms of which are decorated with carved oak and light blue paper decked with fleur de lys, which is the crest of the royal house of the Bourbons of France. In this dignified setting the sixty guests sat down before are signatories to the Open Letter long tables with glasses, plates and cutlery from the Czars palaces.

"Twenty white clad - waiters SIONAL CONTACT COMMITTEE between those parties and groups served caviar on ice and chilled which stand upon the position of vodka. Then followed hors d'oen-Sir Walter Citrine, secretary of the Fourth International. The Pro- vres, cold and hot. Then came borshch, a soup with sour cream,

> "Then salmon with white French wine. The next course consisted of In the immediate future the Comroast pheasant and turkey, with mittee is to assure the regular and collective working out of the fun- red Crimean wine. This was followed by sweets and fruits with with the Continental custom. The The question of preparing an In- fruits were not so lavish from the cided on the basis of replices re- pears and apples-but they were accompanied by ice cream worthy of America." (Walter Duranty, New York Times, March 22, 1934.)

Imagine, if you can, capitalist agents being feted like this under the regime of Lenin and Trotsky.



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Dark Clouds in Italy

Considerable significance may be attached to the report from Rome that the government has issued a decree permitting the Bank of Italy's gold reserve to fall below the statutory 40 percent coverage. The action is "unanimously interpreted in Italy," according to the Times correspondent, "especially in banking and Stock Exchange circles, as the thin end of a devaluation wedge." Of further significance is the fact that such fiscal measures usually taken when a government is exhausted after years of war comes in Italy before the war has even begun!

To this should be added another item in the report to the effect that the Fascist regime now finds itself owing foreign governments the sum of 500,000,000 lire (ap. \$4,000,000), for which it does not have on hand sufficient foreign currency and, payment for which would have to be made by digging into the gold reserves of the Bank of Italy.

If it is borne in mind that the rising debt has been incurred by the increasing purchases of materials abroad for the Italian preparations of war against Ethiopia, and that the impending "devaluation" hits directly at the living standards of the masses in Italy, a clearer picture is presented of the inseparable connection between Mussolini's African adventure and the prospects of mutiny behind the linesat home!

The living conditions of the workers and peasants of Italy after more than a decade of

Fascist sovereighty, are quite different from the glowing idyll depicted by the blackshirted demagogues prior to the march on Rome. Only a few years ago, the League of Nations made public data which showed that the standard of life of the Italian workers was close to if not actually the lowest on the European continent. The bourgeoisie of Italy owes a great debt of gratitude to Mussolini for having saved the profit system from being overthrown by the eastern Africa, "is a gun aimed

masses by the simple expedient of reducing the against the security of Italy." Just latter to the state of serfs, held under the yoke the contrary is true. By massing by the drawn pistol and the naked sabre. The imminent outbreak of the war against

the Ethiopians may, and does mean increased people in order to seize their terri- it is to spread the illusion that profits for the ruling class, as is already shown tory, profiting by the general chaos peace can be assured by the very by the rise, in one day, of the shares of the now prevailing in the entire capi- people who endanger it, the imperlargest Italian rayon concern from 401 to 410, of automobile shares from 394 to 401 and of of automobile shares from 394 to 401 and of same operation with which Japan was depicted as an attempt to remining shares from 188 to 193. But it means succeeded in the Far East against invest this decadent organization only increased misery and poverty for Italy's Manchukuo. Will Mussolini be per- with new prestige and force. Vain toilers. The "devaluation" which is inevitable mitted to act with the same free hope! The League of Nations has as a result of the tremendous expenditures that hand with which the Japanese not ceased to be an instrument in bandits acted against Manchukuo? the hands of imperialist bandits will be required to keep a quarter of a million This time the consequences will be against each other. Its impotence armed men in the field against the Ethiopians, much more serious. Peace which as an instrument of peace was re-

means only a further rise in the cost of living rests on crossed bayonets cannot vealed in the case of the Chaco which, under Fascism, is not going to be compensated by an increase in wages.

defeat on two fronts. The subjugation of the European powers which are suffo-Ethiopian people will not prove to be a simple cating in their steel cages. matter, and will not be accomplished in a day,

if at all. Every blow that the dark-skinned retreat or delay his auventuit. In the vise of unprecedented internal warriors deliver to the Fascist conscript army, difficulties (unemployment, deep-|Mussolini, Hitler and their ilk-is will be an axe-blow at the legs of Mussolini's going financial crisis, extreme im- it not significant that all these throne. Every depreciation of the standard of poverishment of the peasant mass- gentlemen lay equal claim to the living of the masses at home will produce such es, ferment in the youth demanding self-same desire for peace? an addition to the accumulated hatred for the needs, etc.) Mussolini is seeking a that those who paint up the bourregime as will ever more threaten its very ex- way out of these unsurmountable geoisie of their own country as istence.

ment the world over.

For the Boycott of Fascist Italy! **Against Italian Agression in Ethiopia!** "Abyssinia," states Mussolini, retending to instifu his inscient of

pretending to justify his invasion of his troops on the frontiers of the

Ethiopian plateaus Mussolini is aiming his cannon against these long endure. The hour of the war, in the case of the aggression bloody denouement approaches. against Manchukuo, and now it is

Mussolini is thus preparing for himself a will only be the signal for the rape of Ethiopia.

Mussolini can no longer either spire against peace. The latter are retreat or delay his adventure. In their imperialist enemies, regardthat the regime finally satisfy their Once more we say to the toilers contradictions by a war against peace-loving, deceive and betray

Herein, once more, is shown the community Abyssinia. But this country is not them. The toilers can rely only on of interests of the Italian masses and the Eth-icrise and the Eth-fascism. England, France and against war. Assuredly, if the iopian peoples. They have one foe: Italian Japan also have their rapacious ap- workers are to be strong, they must Fascism. Into this community of solidarity petites to satisfy. And Germany is be united, but there is no condition must enter the workers of the entire world. A not the last of the European pow- for unity other than a break with death-blow to Italian Fascism will mean the beginning of the and of Educine the the rest of demand its share of the loot. their own national bourgeoisie and The naval pact between England with all its agents in their own beginning of the end of Fascism everywhere. and Germany on the one hand, and ranks. Thus the problem of the It will restore the self-confidence and the mili- the German-Polish pact on the struggle against war is the probtancy of the labor movement in every land. It other demonstrate that Germany is lem of revolutionary unity of the will destroy the made pretensions to immortal- feverishly seeking a favorable op- working class. To feed the workity of the assassing of the people. It will give portunity to provide the spark for ers on the illusions of pacifism the conflagration for which nothing which is beyond all historical posa tremendous impulsion to the liberating move- else is lacking. The aim of the sibilities would be to open the road gain the opportunity to consumexplosion is already apparent: it is to war and fascism

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must no longer wait for what to-Thus it can be seen how criminal morrow will bring, no longer wait until it is too late to translate into action the threats which fill all the appeals and all the resolutions passed at meetings. War cannot be staved off by protests filed by Barbusse and Co. with the League of Nations. The imperialist bandits will not be halted by addressing petitions and sighs to them. Words must be followed by deeds. That is what we propose to all organizations that sincerely aspire to the struggle for peace.

Mussolini attacks Ethiopia. This Mussolini's war against Abyssinia to be seen in the case of the Italian If Mussolini is allowed to have his shall witness the transition from

For the struggle against war we

The toilers have nothing to hope from those who incessantly conof open warfare, with all that we have predicted for Europe and for the rest of the world as a conseless of the flag they fly. Laval, quence. can we do?

Proletariat Still Mighty

the bloody dictatorship of fas- fend the right of self-determination cism in Italy has paralyzed the for the peoples in the Dark Conworking class; undoubtedly Hitler- tinent. We must immediately esism in Germany has annihilated the tablish contact with all working most powerful proletariat in Eu- class organizations prepared for rope; to this we must add the Au-|such a struggle. Ours is a clarion strian and the Spanish defeats. call issued so that the slogan be Nevertheless the proletariat in Eu- | put into effect everywhre and withrope and in the other continents out delay. remains a titanic force while the

imperialist enemy is torn internally by its contradictions, corroded by decay. The problem is to be able once again to utilize the colossal workers. while confusion reigns in the enemy camp. If the enemy is given the time to act, it will also mate its destructive plans.

unable to organize such a boycott, Italian Fascism may well, as it does, laugh at our appeals and protests.

No convoy of soldiers and ammunition must be permitted to embark in Ethiopia

Every shipment, every Italian boat carrying merchandise of Italy or for that country must be stopped. It is not a question of proclaiming "not a penny, not a man" for the war of Italian imperialism against Ethiopia, it is a question of organizing the international struggle which will enable the workers of Italy to feel the solidarity of the international proletariat, and, imbued with this solidarity, to resume te march toward their emancipation.

Those who speak of "unity of action" must demonstrate by deeds is an indisputable case of banditry. that they really mean it. From London to Moscow, from Paris to way, then in the coming months we New York let us organize. There is no time to be lost in this or that the stage of preparations to that negotiation with the two Internationals, as was done at the time when the miners in the Asturias were mowed down, arms in hand. How prevent it? What From all corners of the earth, in a mighty universal action we must speak to the workers of Italy and Without a doubt, thirteen years prove to them our firm will to de-

Organize for Action New!

An international day of struggle must be organized which will serve as the crystallizing center and at the same time the starting point revolutionary potentialities of the for action on the part of the toilers against Italian Fascist aggression. aimed at the Abyssinian people.

Let such a proof of the will for action, concrete proof of the international front of the oppressed and

There must be no repetition of the toilers against their enemy, imwhat took place during the annihil- perialism under all banners, beation of our brothers in Vienna and given, and the forward march of in the Asturias. We can no longer | Fascism will be truly checked by the resurgent power of the world remain passive and neutral spectators while the bandits pillage and proletariat.

run roughshod as in the Far East LONG LIVE PROLETARIAN taught the workers: The enemy | this banner, the forces of the van- over Manchukuo. Every inch of **NTERNATIONALISM!**

DOWN WITH IMPERIALISM, BREEDER OF WARS! force: Under the leadership of this toilers. But, if the working class LONG LIVE THE INTERNA-

FIONAL STRUGGLE AGAINST throughout the world can be rallied ders by its prowess. Let us set to FASCISM! for the one real war against war, work to imbue the working class AGAINST ITALIAN AGGRES-

SION IN ETHIOPIA! can win, the revolutionary struggle | sion against the Abyssinian people BOYCOTT THE BLACK SHIRT

'CIVILIZERS''! FOR THE LIBERATION OF

auto parts.

Organize the Boycott organize an international boycott of **YOKE**

ALL OPPRESSED NATIONALI-Without delay it is necessary to TIES FROM THE IMPERIALIST Detroit on Aug. 26th, as announced;

Manifesto of the W. P. U. S. on Anti-War Day

Continued on Page 3 nist International and its sections | If war occurs against the U.S.S. the foundations of socialism. No under Stalinist domination stand R. and you make your revolution, capitalist state, whatever temporary condemned as renegades to the you will be traitors!' military maneuvers it may execute, teachings of Marx and Lenin, en-The social democrats in 1914 car-

can loyally and effectively defend gaged in capitulating to pacifism ried out their historic betrayal unthe Workers' State, can in the end and social-patriotism, preparing der the slogan "Defense of the Fado ought but seek to destroy it. jointly with the Second Interna- therland" and by means of the The whole system of imperialist tional to betray the masses in the fiction that there are "advanced" or war preparations constitutes the next war and by that same token "liberal" capitalist powers which weapon for an attack upon the very to betray the Soviet Union. may be supported and "barbaric" existence of the Soviet Union. The Behind the screen of Stalinist and "autocratic" capitalist powers real defense of the Soviet Union lip-service to revolutionary interna- which must be fought, though that is the elementary and weighty duty tionalism, of imposing but impo- did not prevent these social demoof all the workers of the world. tent "united front" maneuvers, of cratic fakers from fighting for or

War Will Involve U.S. All this directly involves us the workers, farmers and intellectuals of the U.S. There could be no greater error than to con- and capitalist states, this complete

War and Fascism," of entry into capitalist state when the "Defense the League of Nations, of military of the Fatherland" required it. alliances between the Soviet Union

Lenin or Stalin

is in your own country. Stalin tells the workers that their own capitalist government is their enemy-but only under certain circumstances

Lenin said: Turn the imperialist war into civil war. Stalin says: Do not interfere with the military operations of the capitalists who are our "friends"!

from the social democratic-Stalinloudly heralded "Leagues Against side by side with either "type" of ist repudiation of the revolutionary tion built. struggle against war-their betray al of the masses in this world crisis

-than that new revolutionary par-Now the Stalinists confuse the ties and a new revolutionary Intersole ourselves with the illusion and shameful betrayal of the work- workers, aid the war preparations national must be built, and built

and the Third Internationals are

once more lowered and dragged

in the dust of treason against the

workers, the Workers Party of

the United States, along with the

International Communist League,

the Revolutionary Socialist Labor

Party (R.S.A.P.) of Holland, the

Workers Party of Canada and the

French Section of the Bolshevik-

Leninists joins this week in again

raising aloft, higher and higher.

Broad Committee

The Committee now includes the

immediately!

guard workers may be welded again soil lost by the toilers in any couninto a disciplined, solid, aggressive try whatsoever is a loss for all international party the masses has the will, it can still do wonthe one war in which the workers | with this will. The Fascist aggres-

of the workers' state under which No other conclusion can be drawn unemployment and starvation will be abolished and a higher civiliza-

> democracy and Stalinism, the struggle for the Fourth Interna-

for the overthrow of capitalism and is the link which we must seize imperialism, for the establishment upon today.

On with this struggle against



ted to vote; that an International be set up including all workers,

An Industrial Union Aim

In other words the domand is

unmistakably for an industrial union

to be completely democratic in form,

electing out of the convention all

of its officers and that the member-

ship have the right to recall any

officer who does not carry out his

coming war. No war, for example, in which Japanese imperialism was involved, as in a war against the Soviet Union, is thinkable without the participation of the U.S. American imperialism has interests in Latin-America, in Europe and Asia far too vital to its expansion and its very existence to allow them to be affected by the outcome of the next war without the direct and active intervention of American forces. Else why the vast naval-building program under the allegedly liberal and pacifist Roosevelt administration?

This war which advances with gress, now in session in Moscow defend the hypocritical bourgeois be found than this Anti-War Week such swift precision upon us and after failing to meet at all for democratic state is another thing for publishing the Open Letter for in which the American masses are seven of the most critical years in certain to be involved, will if it which the proletarian movements runs its course without the revolu- in Germany, Austria and Spain extionary intervention of the workers, perienced tragic defeats, from the wreak unimaginable havoc and de- responsible spokesmen of the Comstruction. It may give a crushing intern in France, the United States blow to all western civilization and and elsewhere the conclusive eviplunge whole nations back into dence that this betrayal in the warbarbarism and savagery. crisis has been fully prepared. It

There is only one way to destroy is indeed fitting that the reporter the curse of war-capitalist-imper- on War at the Comintern Congress ialist war. That is to destroy cap- should be Ercoli, himself a socialitalism and imperialism. Pacifist patriot in the last war. Stalin himself states that he

measures of all kinds, disarmament campaigns, "peace pacts," League of Nations, etc. fail, in fact serve as the screen behind which war preparations go on, because none of these measures strikes at the root of the matter.

Only Revolution Can Stop War

Capitalism and imperialism can of the French proletariat! be stopped and crushed only by the working class and its allies. They Hathaway, editor of the Daily can achieve the revolutionary over- Worker, in the U.S. say that if throw of the capitalist states only an imperialist nation such as under the leadership of the inter- France engages in a war against a national revolutionary party of the Fascist nation and is allied in that working class based upon the test-war with the Soviet Union, then ed principles of Marx and Lenin.

First and foremost, therefore, in this awful crisis impending for the working masses and for all An imperialist nation can wage a humanity, the workers must know where the Marxist-Leninist party is, and must subject every party and group, no matter how great its numbers or how imposing its traditions, to the severest test in order to determine whether it will lead the masses to victory and freedom or repeat under far more dangerous conditions, the monstrous betraval of 1914.

By this test the so-called Commu-

that the U.S. will not enter the ing class of the world in its great- of the imperialist powers and help est crisis proceeds.

France keeping her armed forces

at a level required for security."

These are the "armed forces" re-

war in defense of the Soviet Union.

Chemadanov, the secretary of

the Young Communist Interna-

tional, on this basis threatens the

Socialists of France, brazenly

seeks to club them into support

of war carried on by the French imperialist state saying: "War?

Soviet Union!

to make the outbreak of war more We of the Workers Party and certain by creating the myth of the Bolshevik-Leninists throughout bad, Fascist capitalist states and the world have long proclaimed good, democratic capitalist states. that the Stalinist doctrine of build- | But Fascism is only one of the state ing Socialism in the Soviet Union forms through which the capitalist alone, would, after emasculating dictatorship operates. Capitalism the revolutionary parties in capital- inevitably resorts to Fascism everyist lands and transforming them where when it can no longer escape into mere border defenses for the its contradictions by less open and Soviet Union, lead to complete and brutal measures. The outbreak of open betrayal of the world prolewar will see an iron dictatorial retariat in the crisis of war. gime established in the "democrat-Stalinism Has Betraved!

the banner of the Fourth Interic" nations also. To fight to defend Today in the most official manner such democratic rights as workers national. we have from the lips of Stalin may still retain in certain countries Forward for the 4th International

himself, from the Comintern Con- is one thing. To fight anywhere to No more appropriate time could -is to plunge the workers over the the Fourth International. On the precipice into complete disaster. basis of revolutionary internation-Lenin and Karl Liebknecht alism which it lays down, under

> League for Industrial Democracy, **United Front** Socialist Party and Workers Party onSacramento

senting Mini's fellow-prisoners, to national organizations already in, trade unions. and others expected to join shortly,

"understands and fully approves the National Sacramento Appeal the national defense policy of Committee at a meeting here has taken its first steps to open, a broad, aggressive fight for the reversal of the infamous, unionquired for "security" of French smashing Sacramento criminal synimperialism and the suppression dicalism verdicts. Thus the working class will answer William Ran-Thorez in France and Clarence dolph Hearst's proposal that the Sacramento cases become a model

for bosses in all states seeking to tee, American Civil Liberties Union make union organization impossible. By decision of the Committee, in- have sent observers to the Commitvitations to represent Norman Mini, tee, and have been asked to join that imperialist nation will not be Sacramento worker now in San actively. The members of the com-

waging an imperialist war but a Quentin for the crime of helping to mittee at present are Selmar Shockorganize a union, have been sent to an, Murray Baron, William Gom-Albert Goldman, Chicago Socialist berg, Karl Lore, Jack Herling, war, according to these "leaders" and labor attorney who represented Ernest R. McKinney, George Street of the working class, for other than the youthful ex-West Pointer and er and Herbert Solow.

Workers Party member in the trial Solow, who directed the N.P.L. imperialist ends! An imperialist court, and to Attorney Henderson, D.'s work in California during the nation can and will defend the well-known California attorney who Sacramento trial, is temporary sechandled many I.W.W. criminal syn- retary of the N.S.A.C. He reported

dicalism trials some years ago. The Committee took steps toward pointing out that if the attorneys' broadening itself before opening its legal arguments are backed by an

fund and mass campaign. Reaffirm- aggressive, broad, serious campaign ing the stand taken earlier by the they will cause the higher Californ-Non-Partisan Labor Defense, the ia court to hesitate to sustain a

tional! As the banners of the Second

Against the imperialist arma ments race! Against the war preparations of the Roosevelt administration!

Against Fascism! For the defense of workers' rights! For the liberation of political prison-

For the support of Ethiopia against the aggressions of Fascist Italy and the manipulations of other imperialist robber nations! Down with Stalinism which undermines the foundations of the Soviet Union!

For the revolutionary defense of the Soviet Union!

For the revolutionary struggle against war and imperialism! For the Fourth International. banner of hope and pledge of victory for the workers of the world!

verdict which one of the jurors has already impeached in an affidavit. in favor of a unified defense staff The N.P.L.D. gave the new body a for all eight Sacramento prisoners, financial report, showing that it with all trial expenses paid. Roughcollaborate. It will also seek to ly estimated, the appeal may cost NEW YORK CITY.-With eight draw in other national bodies and fifteen hundred dollars. In addition to the other reasons for a uni-

fied appeal, there would be the fin-

N.P.L.D., League for Industrial Democracy, S. P. and W. P., which Information from San Quentin sent out invitations to the July 16 reveals that copies of the New Milimeeting, and the Workmen's Sick tant, Socialist Call, New Interna and Death Fund, Spartacus Youth tional and Modern Monthly have League, Young Peoples Socialist been denied Mini. The N.S.A.C. League and National Unemployed will raise with the Warden the League. The Workers Alliance of question of Mini's rights to receive America, General Defense Committhese papers.

and Communist Party Opposition SAN FRANCISCO.-Demand that waterfront employers pay retroactive wages to which longshoremen are entitled has been made by Pres Harry Bridges of the San Francisco local. International Longshoremen's Assn

Failure of employers to live up to an arbitration award granting the men retroactive pay is respons ible for unrest on the waterfront Bridges charged. He also accused the U.S. army with violating the on the present status of the case, award in regard to work at the army docks.

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Auto Confab skilled and unskilled, engaged in he manufacture of automobiles and

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be elected, what the powers of the convention will be, or for that matter, even received an announcement of the fact that on August 26 a constitutional convention will be held.

Officials Dodge Question

In view of the fact that only duties in the organization; that the about four weeks intervene between new International include tool and now and Aug. 26th, and that some die makers, maintenance men, etc. of the federal automobile locals meet etc., and that all workers of this only once every two weeks, the con- industry be eligible for membership duct of the A. F. of L. officials can in the union with no discrimination only be characterized as lightminded because of race, color, creed or and that they are not seriously conpolitical affiliation.

cerned about the setting up of an The automobile workers have International in the automobile and become steeled in two years of auto-parts industry. battle with government mediators.

If the activities of the leadership boards, automobile corporations and of the A. F. of L. is characterized treacherous officials in their own by delay and sabotage, the growing midst. They are now in no mood rank and file movement in many for "playing around" with the idea of the federal automobile locals, of an International union. Regardthe Committee will again urge the International Labor Defense, repre-senting Mini's fellow-prisoners, to with all trial expenses paid Rough. fidence in its ability to organize mobile unions are determined that the automobile industry and con- a constitutional convention be called duct the affairs of the union. The on Aug. 26, for the purpose of setvoice of this progressive movement ting up an International on the is making itself heard in many of above mentioned basis, and are ancial saving to the working class the federal locals more and more determined that nothing shall stand clearly, demanding that a constitut- in their path for the realization of

ional convention be convoked in their goal.

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