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Wall Street Cracks Whip on Congress

Efforts to Save Capitalism to Continue - New Deal In 1934 Raised Prices, Profits - Put New Millions on Relief

By GEO. CLARKE

Flushed with its recent electoral victory the Democratic Congress opens in Washington once again to do the bidding of the master. The master is not Roosevelt or the so-called soveneign people. The guiding spirits of the nation sit not in Washington but many miles to the north, in the man-made canyons of New York. It is the interests of Wall Street the legislators will serve.

The entire history of the New Deal is alive with instances proving the old maxim that the government is but the "executive committee of the ruling class". Roosevelt and a willing Congress took hold of the political reins of American capitalism, just as it was being steered into the ditch, and brought it back onto

a safe highway. An unofficial spokesman for the administration, spokesman for the administration, Raymond Moley, says flat-footedly: Auto Body "Basically the New Deal was an effort to save capitalism." Ungrateful Wall Street

Big Business may appear ungrateful to Roosevelt for the helping hand he gave it when in need. But if Wall Street has been grudging in its compliments, this is no indication that Roosevelt and his congressional majority have stinted in their grants. The actions of the President when the banks were on the verge of collapse and the six billion dollar blood injection into the prostrate financial and industrial institutions of American capitalism speak louder than compliments.

Capitalism has reaped a lucrative harvest under the benign administration of Mr. Roosevelt. The Journal of Commerce reports that over six billion dollars in the form of corporative interests and dividends have flowed into its coffers for the year 1934.

These fabulous profits have not been gained in an era of well being and prosperity for all. The economy of scarcity amid abundance is as striking a fact under Roosevelt as under Hoover.

Promises

The promises of Roosevelt to the stricken working class groaning under the fuil weight of the mounting years of economic crisis have been remarkably prolific. But even as these promises gained in ozone volume they receded in real substance. The talk of recovery has

yielded little to the workers. Un emp.oyment, according to the notoriously conservative A. F. of L. eral Auto Workers Union in which figures, shows an increase of 550,- they told of acts of discrimination : 1933 when the



TOLEDO, Ohio. - "The workers no longer trust the Government. That is why more workers have not come to testify at this hearing."

The NRA committee investigating labor conditions in the automobile industry heard this from Art Preis, speaking for the Workers Party of the United States. The committee, which has been gathering data in Detroit, Flint, Pontiac, Toledo and other auto centers, was unable to understand why more workers did not come forward.

"Testimony has been taken secretly and good union men are afraid to expose themselves at this hearing," Preis told the com-mittee. "This fact speaks eloquently of labor's position in this country. The workers know that the Government is in the hands of the industrialists. If they victimize themselves here, the Government will not protect them."

Whispered Testimony Preis's statement came as a climax to many hours of whispered testimony by members of the Fedsordid working conditions, irregu-Huey Long is no depression lar employment and low wages. baby; unlike Upton Sinclair, Dr. The hearing was largely a farce. Workers were not permitted to exhas been in politics for many years. press opinions on the National Auto In 1920 he started his career as NRA. Data on how to stabilize the a member of the Louisiana Public influence in the legislature that, in auto industry under'the profit sys- Service Commission, in 1924 he ran tem was what the committee want- up an astonisning vote for governor, and in 1928, at the very height of prosperity, he was elected.



The Insull brothers are free again. The above picture shows Martin thanking the jury after his acquittal on a \$350,000 embezzlement charge. The Insull public utilities companies have taken millions from investors.

Another story on this page tells about 18 workers in California who face long prison sentences on charges of attempting to overthrow the government. Their actual crime is that they had the guts and decency to organize agricultural workers to fight against starvation wages.

Yet there are some workers who believe there are no classes in America! Who believe that the rich are treated the same as the poor!



articles on would-be fascist leaders in the United States.)

. . . . By DAN EASTMAN Part I

Rely on Goverment And Courts By ARNE SWABECK

The National Steel Labor Relations Board has ordered-"reluc-

tantly and after long hesitation"that an election be held in the plants of the Carnegie Steel Company, subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation. Almost ordered by the National Labor Board in the Weirton steel mills, but the Weirton magnates snapped

their fingers at this decision. They had previously held an election-in their own way-making sure in advance that the returns would show an overwhelming indorsement for

Of course, the Weirton steel workers, who had amply proven by their strike in September 1933 that they were in four of the fou that they were in favor of a union of their own and ready to fight for it, got nothing out of the sham maneuvers between the labor boards and the owners of the industry. It is reported that the workers in the Carnegie mills had asked the Waguer National Labor Board last February for an election and on May 2 it was ruled that such an

election should be held. Nothing happened. It is reported also that the Car-

Washington Naval Treaty at the negie Corporation had expressed a close of 1934 was a bold stroke to willingness to bargan with the overcome the obstacles placed in steel workers union as a concession her way by American and British to them but remained adamant in imperialism. The struggle for the its demand to negotiate similarly markets and raw materials of the with other groups, meaning the Orient, especially China, is of pricompany union through which it mary importance to these three feels sure of its powers of coercion powers. At the present juncture and intim dation to control the men this struggle revolves around the in the mills. question of the naval strength of

timated that the corporation will the Big Three. With the rejection refuse to furnish its payroll for the of the 5-5-3 ratio a new naval race begins. It will go a long way in elections ordered and carry the determining who is to control the case up to the United States Sugateway to the Chinese waters. preme Court. A fight in this man-If Japan succeeds with her naval ner is a fight on the corporation's own front. It knows how to deal policy a gigantic step forward in with the courts and how to make the further penetration of China is the influence of its money powers assured. But the United States bear fruit. The steel corporation will not concede (nor will Britain. does not mind spending a little Already we hear that the Presitime with the courts for it knows dent plans to recommend increased it can rely on any branch of the naval and military appropriations. capitalist government to carry out At the same time a big Pacific manits wishes. In this sense it relies | euver of the entire navy, the larges

(This is the first of a series of supporters, there are already 200 on its own powers, a lesson that ever assembled, is planned with a Share the Wealth Clubs ready to the steel workers union has not yet gigantic squad of airships. follow Huey wherever he may lead. | learned. The stronghold of Longism is, of These are so far the results of in the Eastern area.

course, Louisiana, where there are the demoralizing practices institut-To accomplish this it ed by the proposals of William

momentous question of striking the

mills to compel recognition of the



(Press Service of Non-Partisan Labor Defense)

SACRAMENTO, Cal.-Confronted by a proposal originating with the California growers' associations that District Attorney McAlister, who was defeated in the last election and goes out of office January 5, be hired at a fat fee as special prosecutor in the pending criminal a year ago such an election was syndicalism cases, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors is showing signs of fright.

Enter New

Japan Ends Treaty -- U.S Fleet to Mass

In Pacific

The Japanese denunciation of the

Japan's aim is naval supremacy

is in no financial condition to build

such a navy. The United States is

the only nation that could weather

nurnose such a large navy ratio

would strengthen the Anglo-Ameri-

"disarmament"-that all "offen-

submarines) shall be discarded and

these are eliminated the Japanese

imperialists can easily master the

Asiatic area against either of the

two main contenders, and possibly

A new armament race has begun

another step toward war has been

world be on guard for their own

both if necessary.

Despite the lack of a serious organized defense movement of the 18 workers shortly to be tried for the crime of organizing to win decent wages, the Board hesitates to hire McAlister. At a special meeting Monday morning, several members expressed doubts of their authority •"to spend the taxpayers' money" on

a special prosecutor. Underneath a flood of legalistic jabber was this consciousness:

McAlister, running for reelection ast month, tried to capitalize on the red scare arising out of the NavalPhase collapse of the Frisco general strike; he promised that if reelected he would "do justice to every criminal syndicalist"-that is, he would put militant workers of all shades of opinion in San Quentin. Not only did the Sacramento Federated Trades Council and the Building Trades Council (A. F. of L.) adopt resolutions demanding repeal of the C. S. law, but Mc-Alister was defeated in the elections.

> Consequently, the Supervisors have lost some of their lust for battle. They have also heard of the wave of new wildcat strikes among the fighting stevedores of Frisco and Oakland. They rightly suspect that the period of widespread working-class retreat which followed the general strike is coming to an end. The fact that the defeat of Sinclair has not meant the collapse of his utopian EPIC movement, but that many EPIO groups are now more radical than before the election, is also impressing vote-chasing politicians.

The truth is that the Sacramento criminal syndcalist cases are being pushed not so much by local conservative politicians as by the growers of the Sacramento, San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys, and the banks of Frisco who are against unions everywhere and always. The most striking evidence is the presence in Sacramento County Court throughout the jury selection of the notorious Red Hynes, laborhating, union-smashing and red-

000 from October number of jobless stood at the figure of 10,122,000 to October 1934 when it has risen to 10,672,000. The past year has seen an increase of over one million families on relief. Richberg himself estimates that by February 1935 more than 5,000,000 families or over 22,000,000 persons will live on relief pittances.

"No one shall starve," said Roos-

evelt, and his Democratic Congress cheered him to the echo. The meaning of that promise is now clear. It has meant that death from starvation should be avoided to avert an explosion of discontent stored up for more than five years. Its corollary, however, has been that wages and relief levels must keep the remaining major auto corporathe masses on the border of starvation. The recent decree of relief Facts and figures on unemployadministrator, Harry Hopkins, ment, wages and hours were subslashing work relief wages from 40 mitted to show that conditions in to 30 cents an hour is a veritable the industry would continue to bedynamite cure for those suffering come worse. from New Deal promises.

Employed Workers

The process of levelling the wage of skilled workers has been a high point of accomplishment under Rooseveltian codes. Its counterpart has been a standard of minimun. wages slightly above the govern ment handouts. And these standards have rarely been enforced. How significant is the fact that thousands of Detroit automobile workers, ostensibly living under a paradise of capitalist paternalism, would rather depend on relief checks than on the abominable wage of General Motors or Henry Ford

On the other hand food prices have risen 28 percent over the figure for April 28, 1933. But payrolls have actually dropped 5.2 percent for the third quarter of 1934. When the working class tried to bridge this yawning gap, the New in strikes, many shot in the back, Deal has thrust its elbow in the stains the old year's record. way. Strikes have either been prevented or, once under way, pulverized by a multitude of arbitration strikes-more than in any year boards. And now, the crowning since 1921 — involving 1,500,000 stroke, is the so-called truce proclaimed by Roosevelt with the diworkers. rect collusion of William Green and the manufacturers. With the help of its Judas leaders labor has been crucified on the cross of the

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Preis Produces Facts

Long is no kind-hearted ex-Refusing to speak from this basis, socialist muckraker, no misguidthe Workers Party representative ed visionary doctor, nor fulminatlaunched into a documented report ing Catholic, but a clever and exon developments in the auto influsperienced politician accustomed try, showing the increasing rationto the ruthless corruption of capalization and monopoly control unitalist politics. He is Tammany der the NRA. Competition between Hall brought up to date. It is a mistake to underestimate tions is becoming sharper, he said. the Louisianna Kingfish. If there had been no depression his antics would be confined to the always poverty stricken state of Louisiana. But with the whole country plunged

into poverty and insecurity, the "This committee wants to know how to stabilize the industry," political measures that broke the government of Louisiana are now Employed workers have fared no Preis continued. "The truth is, as better than those on relief doles. members of the committee well potentially effective throughout the mow, the automobile industry can-Long's Following

not be stabilized. The economic system has to be stabilized. And On September 1 of this year, loomed. We must look to a system of his Share the Wealth Clubs ator Bilbo. throughout America. In New York

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a militant mood. A year ago

workers put their trust in Roose-

velt and the New Deal. That

trust betrayed by one event after

another during 1934, they enter

1935 aware that they must fight

The blood of 52 workers killed

During the first nine months of

if they are to win.

strikes.

Guardsmen.

recognition.

City alone, if we are to believe his

were erected in the streets. Two

workers were killed by National

The strikers, with the Unem-

ployed League giving leadership,

won a 5 per cent increase and union

The Minneapolis teamsters' strike

was marked by the intelligent way

Wealth Clubs. and where Huey has a deadlock on every apparatus Townsend, and Father Coughlin, he of government. He controls the executive directly through his stooge, Governor O. K. Allen. He has such

forty-four bills so rapidly that none of the members ever 'found out the National Steel Labor Relations if Japan could allot funds for this what they were voting. And with Board and got it. The workers so little formality, that it was paid the price of the resulting dismonths before the exact nature of integrating influence just at a time ican imperialists and defeat the the bills passed was known either when an aggressive policy of or- aims of Japan. Japan demands to the legislature or to the people. ganization and action was required. He controls the judiciary; after Green and Tighe on the other hand sive" ships (battleships-airshipssome fancy political maneuvering are pursuing their victory and forg-

he succeeded in getting five of the ing ahead for an industrial truce a new ratio of 3-3-3. eight members of the Supreme of no strikes with monopoly capi-Court of Louisiana. Huey himself tal.

is one of the senators from the To challenge the steel corporation state, and the other, Senator Over- to a plant election to determine the ton, is a Long man. Two of the sentiment of the workers may have representatives to the lower house had its time. Now that is not the issue and in view of the special travel long distances for combat are Long men. In Arkansas, which ranks second powers of coercion in the hands of

union.

in the number of Share the Wealth the corporation in such a procedure Clubs, Long is reported to have it will result only in disorganizaassisted and influenced the election tion of the workers' ranks. Actual of Senator Hattie Carraway, widow union organization means to fight of the late lamenated Senator Car- it out.

Prospects for organization were away.

In Mississippi, third in the numexcellent last summer. The Amalapitalism cannot be stabilized. Huey Long was able to claim, if ber of Share the Wealthers, Long gamated Association of Iron Steel taken. Let the workers of the The profit system is undoubtedly not prove, some 1,460,000 members had a hand in the election of Sen- pipusids v popusidate pus estudium won a boning bad sroatroW niT bus

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interests.

Green asked for the creation of such financial hardships. But even

baiting police chief of Los Ansary to reject the renewal of the Green and Mike Tighe at the steel 5-5-3 ratio and instead demand geles. Hynes will probably take the workers union convention in Pitts- parity. Japan, however, does not stand for the State, backed by a burgh last June when it faced the want parity at a 5 5-5 ratio. Japan flock of stool pigeons.

> There is every indication that the jury will be straight anti-labor. The prosecution, in addition to having on the panel plants such as the lady who drinks cocktails with the district attorney, has used its challenges cleverly. Workers have been disqualified and most of the jurors selected so far live in the lashionable part of town.

The bosses hope to send the 18 defendants, arrested during the

height of the red scare in July, to The purpose of Japan is to elijail for terms as long as 84 years. minate ships with a long cruising This, they plan, shall finish off the range. If the Anglo-American cap-Cannery and Agricultural Workers italists are to protect their Pounds Industrial Union, which has orand Dollars in the Orient they mus ganized some notable struggles and have all types of ships that can had at one time a membership of and return to fueling bases. If almost 20.000 militants.

> The working class as a whole is deeply interested in these cases. As the bloody and outspoken reaction which raged through the auumn begins to subside, the hosses seek to revive it. The conviction of the 18 Sacramento workers would be the signal for a new outbreak of raids, arrests and vigilantism. The fate of these 18 detendants, consequently, is of concern to the entire working class ind demands its attention despite ill political differences.

1934 - Labor's Story - Hope, Trust, Betrayal, Militancy - 1935 The defendants, who include leaders both of the Communist Party and of the union, are not yet getting the broad organized backing to which they are entitled. Should such a movement get on foot within the next week or so, to include large sections of the and the whole frame-up smashed fendants he bailed out so that they 18 defendants will be saved and

the growers' associations will take

FOLLOW THE NEWS IN THE NEW MILITANT.

JOIN THI WORKERS PARTY.

merit clause". As the new year American labor starts 1935 in | in the Auto-Lite strike. Barricades as outside workers. |led mounted police into the strik | starts, auto workers are again ers' ranks. For 16 Workers-Death The National Longshoremen's The largest strike occurred in Board was set up. Arbitration gave September, when 600,000 textile the strikers a 30-hour week, 95 workers walked out. Sixteen cents an hour, partial control of workers gave their lives as 40,000 hiring halls. In San Francisco the of the Newark Leuger walked ou, may yet be driven out of the case troops were called out to break the strike.

ionized.

steel and automobiles, called off threatened strikes when President Roosevelt "arbitrated". The settlements included recognition of Comanpy unions, in automobiles the retention of the infamous

Tom Mooney's old enemy, was un-

This strike was used as the excuse for the "red" baiting and un-

young American Newspaper Guilu.

Market Street Railway Company, in November for union recognition.

ion smashing campaign in Cali-

Victory—For Bosses

Two of the basic industries, the help given by the memployed. Middons of workers mart the new year with their eyes opened.

strikers' refusal to accept less than Roosevelt promise-investigation of 1934. incomplete returns show 1,104 victory. and the fact that farmers supplied food to the strikers. After settlement of the strike in conditions. May, it flared again in summer On the west coast, the year's when the bosses broke the agreemost spectacular strike tied up ment. In the bosses' effort to break every port as longshoremen walked

in which it was organized, the

the strike two workers were killed, out. The strike reached its climax and 50 were wounded. The work- in San Francisco, in a three-day ers won a guaranteed wage scale, general striks. Police killed two

workers

and unemployed Toledo set the pace last spring.

Unemployed Help Significant was the increasing

cooperation between employed

the right to represent inside as well workers. In Seattle Mayor Smith

Workers "sold" the strike for a the stretchout and other evils. The workers are still waiting for better fornia.

With the strikers still fighting, the leaders of the United Textile

genning ready to light.

came in Newark, N. J., where 40

America's urst newspaper strike out of 52 equiorial room workers trade union movement, McAl'ster They are still out, helped by the An important aspect is that the de-Strikes by relief workers and may move about freely and rally

workers on government projects support for the fight. The court marked the year, as did waikouts has its ear to the ground, and if by store cierks and white conar the workers get going in time, the workers.

Agricultural strikes occurred ah a licking. over the country. Like the indus-



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FROM THE FIRING LINE

Clothing Workers trial. Fight Suspension

Eight members of Local 4, Amalgamated Ciothing Workers, have bounden duty of all organized been given a suspended sentence on workers to see to it that the widest charges of belonging to an opposition group in the local. Expulsion and other unions. is threatened if they take further part in the activities of this group. Some members of the group declared themselves to be members of the Rank and File Committee which is not confined to Local 4 but is a general left wing organization and secure their sympathy and working for a left wing progressive support in our struggle against proram throughout the entire Amalgamated Union. Only in this one local, Cutters Local No. 4 of New York has the right of members to belong to any group been chelmembers. lenged. The A. C. W., which was founded in a struggle against a bureaucratic machine has prided itself on its democratic and progressive policies and procedure. Nevertheless, this Local administration takes upon itself to discipline members for exercising a right long recognized and practiced in all progressive or demo- Gerry Allard, member of the Workcratic unions, that is the right ers Party, was overwhelmingly of members to organize groups elected to the pit committee of his around such polices as they consider fitted for their union.

We wish to publicly protest sentences and threats of expulsion local with job control under the for belonging to the Rank and File jurisdiction of the new Illinois miners union. Committee and the barring of members from belonging to organized groups within the union, who loyally support the union and whose Cap Hollensack, vice-president; aim is to make it a more effective Fred Farrand, recording secretary instrument for their struggles. (2) John Beamer, financial secretary; The violation of the constitutional Chas. Peyton, treasurer; Louis rights of the eight members who Cooke, door keeper; Mike Mayerwere never given copies of the hoffer, Jim Burgess and Ed Doncharges against them and who were aldson, sick committee; Gerry Alalso refused the constitutional lard, Fred Schmidt and Walter rights of being represented by any Repasky, pit committee.

At a time like this when organto organize into unions of their own choice, etc., it should be the

grievance committee of the Lehigh County Unemployed League redemocracy prevails in their own cently disclosed that relief officials were working hand in hand with We hope that this protest of a

the Allentown Police Department. group of members of a trade union, The facts are as follows: which has always paraded as a M. Harisko, father of a 16 year progressive and democratic union, old boy wanted as the alleged murwill draw the attention of all honderer of a night watchmen, was cut est and truly progressive workers from his job on a relief project shortly after the shooting occurred on Nov. 15. The son has successthe violation of elementary demofully eluded the police since. cratic rights and against the in-Although Harisko has a family timidation of a suspended sentence dependent upon him, all relief was and the threat of expulsion that stopped and he received neither hangs over the heads of our eight food, clothing nor coal. Reduced to extreme destitution and misery

he applied time and again in vain

Appeals to League

Angered, Harisko brought the

MEMBERS OF LOCAL 4. (Signed)

Allard Elected

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 19 .-lief due him. case to the attention of the Unemlocal union in recent elections held ployed League. When it was pre-

in the Progressive Miners of Am- sented to Mrs. Maomi Sheema, erica. Fred Schmidt and Walter local supervisor of relief, she veheagainst the following violation of Repasky, young militant coal dig- mently denied collaboration with elementary democratic rights of gers, were elected as co-members the police. However, when she union members within their own of the committee. The local union opened the folder containing the organization. (1) The suspended has 437 members. It is a working records of the Harisko case, what should appear but numerous clippings and a police photograph of the boy.

Officers elected for the incoming The committee demanded to know year are: James Peyton, president; the meaning of this and Mrs. Sheema blushingly replied: "A social workers we are interested in the welfare of the boy. We want to see that no harm befalls him." Due to the efforts of the League officials are in an embarrassing predicament.

Contract for Paterson ----- What a Contract

Silk Workers Must Tear It Up and Fling It at the Bosses

By FELIX GIORDANO reads: "This agreement is intended After some six weeks of negotia- to comply in all respects with Sections, between the Paterson Dis- tion 7a of the National Recovery trict of the American Federation of Act and with the interpretations Silk Workers and the Silk Manu- and construction thereof." facturers Association of Paterson, the terms of the proposed contract for the plain goods department bosses' bargain, with the bosses have finally been made public.

Since the end of the national textile strike last September the silk workers of Paterson have been working under conditions which were becoming daily more intolerable. The bosses declared the old contract no longer in effect and proceded without any action on the part of the union to chisel and slash wages, discriminate against militants, and all that goes with the dear old racket.

You bet! Here is collective barthe contract. gaining in all its glory. It's the collecting the profits and the workers collectively getting it in the

neck But, if they have any grievances, they can bring them to the Grievance Committee. The contract provides for everything. Even the bosses relatives, who "shall be entitled to be employed at all times, whether they were previously employed or not". There are plenty of scab agencies to provide the bosses with

the LOCKOUT or strike may be

resorted to for purposes of discipline in the mill in question". There is this boasted "right to strike", such as it actually is in be modified if notice in writing is meeting?" served in 30 days. But one thing cannot be modified, and it is exact-

respect.'

United Fronting In Pittsburgh IN THE UNIONS I IN THE UNIONS member designated by them at the **Relief Head Aids**

ized labor, both in this and other countries, is battling for the right Cops, League Finds PENNSYLVANIA LEAGUES TRY AGAIN

By E. R. McKINNEY PITTSBURGH .- Once again the took the position that the picket Communist Party and its Unemployed Councils have demonstrated themselves to be ineffectual

instruments for promoting the united front with other unemployed organizations. For different reasons the same criticism can be directed against the Socialist Party and the Unemployed Citizens League in Pittsburgh. The story begins about two

infamous proposition that if he The A.C.E.R.B. ruled that relawould turn the son over to them he tions of the unemployed organizations should be with the P.R.O. would be given immediately the re-

> employed committees would be admitted to the relief stations

Before the Public Relations Ofthe Relief Board called for a izations. The Pennsylvania Unemof telling the unemployed leagues them and knew that other tactics the P.R.O. The P.U.L. immediately | the U.C.L. and the Rank and File

led by the Socialist Party, suggest- to participate in the demonstration. ing that the U.C.L. and the P.U.L. get together before the meeting

with the board and lay plans for and was a failure. At only two The police department and relief each unemployed organization went the city. At the South Side station the A.C.E.R.B. At a subsequent no leader or speaker either from counter-plan to the P.R.O. and was

nite and concrete counter-proposals. to the Unemployed Councils-were meeting with the board Robert waiting for the "speakers" to come, Lieberman, S. P. leader of the U.C. the two Unemployed Council lead-L., sent out a letter to all unem- ers who had advocated laying siege

organize a united front against the U.C.L. over one mile away. P.R.O. When Lieberman was asked why he had not replied to the P.U. L. letter his reply was to ask, "How did you know what was go- made the statement that the dem- for every day he spends out of New

On the Line

The P.U.L. decided to go into the ly the "right to strike". "Para- united front called by_ Lieberman L. discovered that the rank and graph 17 of this agreement may not and the U.C.L., along with the Un- file of the U.C.L. and the U.C. had . . be modified or altered in any employed Councils, and the Rank never been informed what the and File Veterans. We insisted There are no two ways open for that our united action must not be the silk workers of Paterson, as directed against the P.R.O. as such

regards the proposed contract; but must be a demand for the adtear it up and fling it in the faces mission of unemployed league comof the bosses. The militant tradi- mittees to the relief units. tions of Paterson, the long years The P.U.L. began to picket relief of struggle of the silk workers, the stations in support of this demand.

Doesn't Blame Poor Men

honestly say that I haven't found

reports that would choke a cow.

INDIANAPOLIS. - The 40-hour

About the workers, he sava:

blame them for that?"

He hates "exposures"

ALLENTOWN, Pa. Dec. 31.—The But Councils and S. P. Group Forget to Tell organization spirit among the white The Rank and File What It's All About to picket. Furthermore, the police

> line of about fifteen was a "parade' for which a permit was necessary Not a Parade

Despite the arrests the picketing was kept up. At the time the hearing for those arrested was in produty. At the hearing, despite urgdecided that a picket line was not a "parade" and that the unemmonths ago when the Allegheny ployed could not be stopped from relief station.

only and that in the future no un- ployed Councils in the united front of self government. committee were advocating a coun-

ty-wide demonstration to be con- 13 Years Hard Luck

employed were to demonstrate outsent a letter to the Unemployed Veterans voted to ignore this ex-Citizens League (U.C.L.) which is perience. The P.U.L. decided not

And It Failed

The demonstration was called meeting with the P.R.O. The U.C. stations was there any action worth At the time these South Side the only organization to make defi-{ workers-most of whom belonged About one week after the first loating around the relief station

ployed organizations suggesting a to the relief stations, were busy meeting at U.C.L headquarters to resting in the headquarters of the **Forgot Rank and File**

Council the next day, one leader \$3,000 for personal expenses, \$5 of the very respectable American To be sure, this agreement can ing to be discussed at the Board onstration was a failure because York and additional "general ex-

the P.U.L. had refused to partici-penses". pate. After a five week's effort the P.U. 3,728 to 127

united front was all about.

What Councils Wanted

the conclusion that the U. C. was tution. The practically unanimous only interested to put Lieberman opposition of his N. Y. membership est body. A complete breakdown "on the spot" and to push their had its effect even on the rhino- of all negotiations between the

Local 802 A.F.M. Labor In Court One of the most encouraging features of the growth of trade unionism in the last year and a half has been the development of collar and professional groups. The existing unions in the field-the teachers, office workers, etc .-- have made gains while in various cities throughout the country librarians, artists, auto salesmen, drug clerks and innumerable other similar groups have become part of the labor movement.

There are those who look to this development to cure many of the gress the picket line was still on evils of racketeering and gangsterism that exist in the unions at ing from the police, the magistrate present. The ladies and gentlemen of the white collar class, so the argument runs, won't put up with the things that the overall stiff is County Emergency Relief Board using this form of protest and too dumb to kick against. They his two years to go by special disto various relief officials. After a decided to set up a central com- demonstration. Thus the P.U.L. may be an influence in that direcmonth of suffering, Harisko was plaint bureau to be called the established the right of its members tion. But glance for a moment at approached by the police with the "Public Relations Office" (P.R.O.). to be on the sidewalk in front of a a few pages from the history of the American Federation of Musi-

While the P.U.L. was leading cians which tell of the fight of this militant action the Unem- Local 802 in New York for the right

ducted both inside and outside the The A. F. of M. and its president fice had been publicly announced, relief stations. Some of the un- Joseph Weber have always been notorious in the labor movement meeting of the unemployed organ- side while others were to lay siege for the hard boiled bureaucracy to the inside. Out of its experience which they exercised over the the fight for democracy is just as ployed League (P.U.L.) in Pitts- the P.U.L. knew that such methods membership. It was one of the sharp and severe within the unions burgh, had information that this would prove futile and defeatist on first unions to go in for union re- of the white collar groups as in the meeting was called for the purpose a county-wide scale. We had tried ceivership in a big way. Locals organizations of coal miners and were summarily suspended and all longshoremen. They are not imof the board's intention to establish were more effective. The U. C., their functions placed in the hands mune from the evils which plague of a Weber appointee. In 1921 the the movement generally. rights of the 15,000 members of the

New York local were thus taken Building Trades away. One flare of revolt after the

teen years of dictator rule but it trades and the dilemma of the exis only recently that the member- ecutive board of the American Fedship has begun to win back its L. did not reply to this letter and while. There are 10 stations inside rights. Early in 1934 the member- serious split that has developed in ship took up the fight again. The the Building Trades Department. individually into the meeting with about 200 workers turned out but local was being milked of \$250,000 Latest news indicates that the difa year in dues and fines without ferences are growing worse with meeting the P.U.L. presented a the U.C. or the U.C.L. showed up. even a hint as to its use. Financial no settlement in sight. The effort reports were never made. Thugs to get the books of the department were used against them. Seven away from the officials of the "out-Weber appointees sat on the local | law" group has not succeeded but government board of 13 while the insurgents have been evicted membership was graciously permit- from their offices in the A. F. of L. ted to elect the remaining minority. Building in Washington and have Edward Canavan, president of 802 set up shop across the street. And was paid \$10,000 a year for ruling the combattants on both sides, we a membership who had him cram- regret to note, are not behaving med down their throats. Weber | with anything like the dignity and himself as the big chief, rakes in the restraint we have a right to At a meeting of the Unemployed a salary of \$25,000 per annum plus

ization.

There was plenty of evidence for cians Union enjoy under the consti- building trades councils but is reeverlasting schemes for forcing ceros hide of Brother Weber. At warring groups would mean the merger on the other organizations.

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It is bad for labor progressives to fight their union officialdom in the courts. The cards are generally stacked against them by the alliances that so often exist between the district attorney and the union leadership. More important, however, is the need to settle the problems of labor within the movement and without recourse to the courts of capitalism. But there are times when it cannot be avoided. This was one of them and by legal injunction the ousted members were reinstated in the union ranks.

Administration Out In the elections held in local 802 a few weeks ago the administration got a licking A clean sweep eliminated every old official with the exception of Canavan who has pensation

While New York thus makes progress, the situation of the national organization is not a happy one. Its total membership is 101,115 musicians, a loss of 45,215 within five years. A resolution introduced at the June convention calling for the reduction of initiation fees (\$50 at present) in order to make it possible to carry on organization work was turned down cold.

To get back to my original point:

Some weeks ago in this column I other has taken place in those thir- discussed the scrap in the building eration of Labor in handling the expect from the responsible leaders Federation of Labor.

Nevertheless, it is still very doubtful whether a final showdown will see either group withdrawing from the Federation fold. The con-A membership vote taken in the sequences in the way of jurisdiclocal last March approved by 3,728 tional fights would be too horrible to 127 the demand for self govern- to even consider. It is significant ment and the establishment of such that the fight has not yet been rights as other locals of the Musi- brought into the local and state stricted for the present to the high-

The union officialdom, meanwhile was busy ... watching and waiting. This policy has now brought its ripe fruit: A CONTRACT. And what a contract!

"No More Strikes"

The Paterson News summarized its essence in a front page cartoon which portrayed the silk worker shaking hands with the boss under the title of "NO MORE STRIKES FOR TWO YEARS". On this point the contract is specific.

Wages are left for arbitration. "Grievances" are left to an "impartial" Grievance Board. Ample provision is made for any and all decisions, and recommendations. and rulings by any and all government boards, "official or agency on the subject of MACHINE **OR WORK-LOAD PER WORK-**ER together with CHANGES IN RATES OF PAY when the machine load is changed, whether the said decision, ruling or recommendation is made to apply generally to the industry at large or to individual cases". But not the question of strikes. Strikes are out!

Are the workers to have any say on the subject of work-load, or "changes" in pay? Not on your life! Not while this contract can keep them down! The bosses have appointed the National Textile Relations Board, the Work Assignments Board and so forth and so ations and collaboration". Worse on for this very purpose. All that yet, the leading article of this offiis left for the workers is to accept the contract that binds them hand cial organ boasts that "the union maintains its right to strike" and foot to accept all decisions of all bosses' boards for the next two years. This right to strike is very well

Perpetuates 40-Hour Week

The Paterson yellow press and the bosses can very well rub their hands and chuckle, for the workers will be bound for two years to the same and worse conditions in their industry. The contract perpetuates the 40-hour week; it binds them to

accept as conclusive any decision on wages and work load that the bosses' boards may hand them. There are 29 articles in the contract, each article a link in the

chain that binds the workers and the union to the wheels of the government arbitration machinery. The only article without a joker in the contract is article 24 which

all the second cousins, uncles and other relatives the bosses may need to add to their family tree. "In other respects, members of the union will be given preference in retaining their jobs." (!) "Trial Period" Joker

Richberg Smokes Peace Pipe To make assurance doubly sure, Art. 20 sets a trial preiod, averaging 4 weeks, in which time the worker is no regular employee and is not "governed by this agreement." In other words for a full month the bosses have ample op-WASHINGTON. - Donald R. portunity to discover whether or not he can cut undercover, chisel and bamboozle to his heart's desire. And if he can't get his way as in series of articles in which he, Rich- what has happened to him, "They the past he can fire, or hire a new berg himself, was "exposed". Loll- must have thought I was more radbatch, or call upon the family tree. ing in his easy-chair, his bald ical than I am. Fact is, I'm not a

Such is the contract which the official organ of the silk and dye twitching, his heavy underlip be- ogna) workers hails as "THE END OF tween his teeth, lawyer Richberg STRIFE". wrote a letter threatening "legal The December 21 issue of the action" Silk & Dye Worker, official organ Said the General, "The ants of of the A.F.S.W. has the gall to conscience are crawling in Richstate that this contract is based berg's pants!"

"The Right Strike"

taken care of with a few big IF's.

IF the workers have a griev-

ance or a dispute, they must sub-

mit it to the Grievance Commit-

agreement, and IF it passes a de-

THEN the Relations Board has

"the decision has not or is not be-

Here they are:

upon the contract recently won by Thanks to friends, the day has or reckless experimenters. For the the dvers. in which the dyers been saved. Christmas found the most part they have struck me as gained not only a substantial wage NRA moguls, past and present, extraordinarily timid. I don't increase but also the 36-hour week.

smoking the pipe of peace, and deny," he continues seriously, "that The only comparison between the there will be no "exposures". Good they want a change, but who can two contracts is that the worst old Santa Claus. features are in both, but none of Richberg has undergone a strange the gains won by militant sruggle liberal sea-change since coming to heart and a bank account from all are contained in the contract ar-Washington. rived at through "peaceful negoti-

When President Roosevelt elevated him from a big Chicago labor lawyer to Position Number 1 in the Washington regime, liberals hailed maximum work week in future con-

him as a Godsend, a wonderful tracts has been voted by the Inman, in fact a liberal. But when ternational Typographical Union. the Chamber of Commerce people A special assessment of 3% on clapped hands and took him in tow wages for unemployment relief was the liberals slunk away, looking also approved wherever locals deem sheepish.

it necessary.



splendid record of the recent dyers' At the East Liberty relief station strike have been flouted by the the pickets were arrested. The povery proposal of such a contract. The shameful contract must be re-no strike of the unemployed and and sent a committee to so notify the over most must be rethat therefore they had no right jected.

The P.U.L. decided to discontinue participation in such tom foolery Board granted self government in the next united front meeting. In all particulars with one exception this meeting the P.U.L. delegates were surprised to discover that president for the next two years rank and file members of the U.C.L. salary. and U.C. also had come to the conclusion that it was not a genuine united front. Speaker after speaker As He Exonorates the Poor from the U.C. charged that the rank and file did not know what of the local, found guilty and fined

was going on, that their leaders had given no information or direc-Today the chairman of the Pres-Richberg was furious when he ident's Emergency Council lolls in tions to the membership and that learned that General Hugh S. his desk-chair and explains to in- they were finding it very difficult Johnson, retired, had written a terviewers who want the story of to get the members to demonstrate. Collins, the best militant in the U.C.L., charged that the U.C. leaders only showed up on Sunday at

forehead glistening, his broad nose partisan-I don't take sides." (Bol-After these speeches E. R. Mc-Kinney delivered the decision of the P.U.L. When he had finished a U.C. member made a motion that "I have had a good deal of ex- a leaflet be distributed exposing perience with poor men, and I can him before the workers.

U. C. Hatchet Men

them as a class either anarchists Then one of the U. C. hatchetmen took the floor and made a provocative speech in which McKinney was called a "scab" and likened to a "strike-breaker". This speaker contended that the P.U.L. was composed of "honest workers" and that Indeed, Richberg has a large they must be taken away from the P.U.L. leaders.

> After this speech the Unemployed Council speakers who had severely criticized their leaders and called the united front a "fake' decided that not only were their leaders OK but that the failure of the united front could be laid solely at the door of the P.U.L. Not the "honest workers" in the P.U.L., of course, but their leaders.

The P.U.L. is going ahead with the work of organizing and fighting for relief. They are catching up on ground lost while the united front was being attempted. Three concentration points in the city have been established in which large and strong locals are being built.

he union convention held a few dismemberment of every subordimonths later, a decision handed nate council in the country. down by the National Executive

AGED MAN JAILED FOR SNARING RABBITS

-Canavan was to remain local ALLENTOWN, Pa. Dec. 31 .- Following a four day (day and night) at his regular ten thousand a year vigil by game wardens, John Hontz, age 76, resident of an im-But the fight was not over. Fifprovised shack of pasteboard and teen of the active oppositionists scrap tin, was arrested when he were tried by the governing board came to remove a rabbit from a snare. Hontz, who is not on relief \$300 each. On their refusal to pay but makes a living the best he can they were expelled from the organdoing odd jobs, was committed to the Lehigh County Jail on the charge of "illegal trapping"

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sessions revealed the dangers

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Backgrounds

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inertia, jingoism and a horde of to present the case for a "new na-

This is the second of a series of their work in this field as among tion of the Leagues, when Fascist

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spies, fascist agents, etc. They March of Events came in and did their work among the members until they were exposed or until the growing political Naval Race Forebodes consciousness of members themselves made them impervious to this poison

It was the latter condition for which the CPLA worked. In the elements seemed to have gained leagues, as in the general American scene, the effectiveness of a revolutionary organization is based on its Party only by the addition of their Marx in very soft tones and with ability to win the confidence and itself, combined into a desperate frankly that he does not believe in As we have shown, the unemployed and promise of the new party which adjustments among the imperialist conference, a naval plan that through the Canal. The threat of rank and file conventions even for leagues were all-inclusive. The has emerged from the combined robber nations. In the war Europe, militant, nation-wide organization the purpose of resolving so impor- only restrictions on membership experiences of the CPLA and the victors and vanquished alike, had tant a problem as the formation of were against old party politicians Communist League.

a new national unemployed organ- and bosses of any category. These the top leadership because "they clude stool pigeons, provocateurs, tion of the Leagues

> A Farewell to Bureaucracy these matters. There can be, by, tinuity of leadership. In brief, the

---and there is always a hullaballoo about the promotion of new forces, etc. The older militants are not in favor. They simply don't like it, although they don't know what the real trouble is.

At general membership meetings, which are hardly ever held nowadays, questions are very often asked on unsigned slips of paper-a custom emanating from Soviet Russia, dangerous.

How is it in the Soviet Union? as the party practiced it in Lenin's chance by thinking out loud, not

All these rights still exist, large- little ones as well. If you are a ly, in the rules and by-laws and new one you may get away with and Japan. Hence Japanese impereven in official theory of the Com- it for a while. But "watch your alism, despite its relative poverty pressing the platform of the Oppo- intern. But who can truthfully step" You may chatter a-plenty, in money and resources, was forced deny that in practice they have but no heavy talk. This is the inabolished all and sundry? What ner life, the atmosphere created by ist life to respond by starting the hypocrisy to preach to others about Stalin's system in the life of the inner democracy"—as the Daily party.

Worker does to the Socialist Party with the policies and methods that Nor was England to be outdone, -when inner democracy has been form part of this system as prac- | for she too began the laying down | ticed in this country, with special of vessels to be the largest in the There cannot be such a thing as



t she could no longer demand and had captured the world's trade, "stunned the world"!

and Japan in 1921 found American capitalism in a difficult position too, since it did not possess any

It was the "peace" President adequate base of operations close Wilson, who proposed the 1916 enough to the new scene of conflict. naval plan that was to give Amer-For these and other reasons Amica the largest fleet in the world. erican imperialism found itself He proposed to construct in three forced to back down temporarily years the most powerful dread- and to call for a truce in the naval noughts afloat, that would render race started by itself. The result obsolete all the navies in the world. was the Washington Pact of 1922. This program was interrupted by In this pact the size of battleships In the previous article I spoke majority decision, unity of action convention is treated as a sort of the entrance of the U.S. into the was limited to those capable of about the system of falsification through discipline, yes, and this is glorified mass meeting, where "the war but at its conclusion, just be traversing the Panama Canal, the and trickery used by the Stalin all that Lenin aimed at in his con- line" is talked into you. Nothing fore Wilson sailed for Paris, he five-five three ratio was accepted (England thus yielded its historic against the Opposition in the Rus- letarian democracy. Not every lit- does happen. Everything is cut granted that the Congress will car- mastery of the seas), the Anglory out the naval program which Japanese Alliance was abrogated, was undertaken before we entered at least in words, and an agreement was arrived at not to fortify the

In the new 1919 program it was Pacific Islands any further. In the only by crushing out party demo- ally. Stalinism allows the discus- enced members-that is, for a while then proposed that in three years present situation all this stands America should build sixteen capi- nullified. Japanese capitalism feels tal ships, besides a large number itself firmly enough entrenched in of cruisers and destroyers. Al- Manchuria, the historic startingthough England then possessed a point for all invasions into Ch'na, bigger navy than all the rest of the to continue her adventue further. world combined, this ambitious Her demand for naval parity throws program would have placed the U. down the gauntlet to American im-S. in first place on account of the perialism at a time considered favsize of post-Jutland super-dread- orable by the Japanese militarists noughts to be built, their weight American imperialism cannot refuse the challenge. The War of the of armor and guns. The armament Pacific seems close at hand. race was on!

The new war was to be a decisive battle for supremacy in the Pacific, labor in the South. a conflict for the complete control

At first the convention refused to of the only market still undivided seat Langston and Pinchback on among the imperialist free-booters the grounds that they were office -China. Primarily this meant a holders. Finally hey made a blunruthless struggle between America der and seated Pinchback. Langston was not seated on the grounds that he was stirring up race prejudice. Langston, thereupon, acas a matter of its national capitalcused Cameron, his accuser, of being an emmissary of the Democratconstruction of even bigger ships ic Party. Both men rightly accused the other. Both Langston and Pinchback sought equal citizenship for Negroes, but were opposed to the union's idea of organizing a reform party. They saw their salvation in the Republican Party. They were interested in personal wealth, not labor solidari-

During this same period John R. Lynch, Negro congressman from Mississippi, virtually got on his knees and begged the Democratic party to change its policy and ac-"The Republican Party Is the Ship and All Else cept Negroes who disagreed with the tenets and policies of the Re-

publican Party. These early middle class Negro leaders like their

present day successors would ac-

cept anything for franchise but

the organization of white and black

labor. Yet their influence and the

influence of their successors still

However, in the Baltimore state

convention of colored labor of 1869

Wesley Howard, a Negro working

class leader, told the Negro work-

ing men, through their delegation

goes far with the Negro masses.

the pre-war affair was a mere bagatelle from every point of view. The cost of the new construction to the U.S. alone would have been more in three years than Germany had spent in twenty-five. And this does not take into account the indirect costs for new docks and

harbors to house the new fleet, besides the fortifying of Pacific fuel bases to render the fleet effective. The cost became a particularly disturbing factor when the slump of 1920 occurred. Then too the Panama Canal acted to limit the new race. For this Canal could afford passage only to the size of vessel Japanese and English plans, the an immediate war between America

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discussed and much more widely get more work done with less fuss". are probably to be found in the The "American Approach" C.P.L.A. conception of unemployed Although their tactics placed activity. It represented a definite them in the position of an artist and realistic manner of directing and participating in the work of By JOSEPH ZACK

fer from those of the Communist sary to pronounce the name of

usual smugness and the myth of a great deal of head pivoting, sev-

committee of the NUL last August consequence of social-fascism.

attempting to portray the moon the leagues, of carrying on the day with a mop, the C. P. conception of the purpose of work among the by day struggles, of raising the pounemployed on the part of a revolitical level of the workers and of building a solid and progressive lutionary party was always sound. basis for the ultimate conflict-It is the business of the class-conagainst unemployment and all other scious, revolutionary elements in problems confronting the working these organizations to make them militant, effective instruments for struggle against all forms of imguished C.P.L.A. practice and inmediate repression, and to turn the stured the steady growth of the faces of the unemployed toward the larger battle. This was always the

peat the doctrinaire and factional

ing struggle for a workers' world.

During the first national conven-

How Others Work philosophy underlying the work of Some mention has already been the CPLA.

made of the methods favored by the Communist and Socialist parties. In their direction of the Un employed Councils the C. P. made few concessions to the regular "party line" Mechanical control any action. of the organizations and wholesale indoctrination of the members while they "stick" is characteristic

masses. It was this which distin-

PERKINS' DAUGHTER

ENTERS SOCIETY | Leagues, he said, must be mass Miss Susanna Wilson made her organizations in the fullest sense debut to society the other day, at the Hotel Pierre, one of New York's these organizations must not reswankiest hotels, where thousands of dollars are spent to launch a mistakes of the C.P.-and the S.P. girl into society. What of it?

Only this: Susanna Wilson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul demands and, on the strength of tion as a document for discussion. Caldwell Wilson. And Mrs. Paul their superior leadership and con- Next, they expelled the 14 mem-Caldwell Wilson is Frances Persistent realism, raise the political kins, Secretary of Labor, who feels level of the masses, reveal the so sorry for the workers, in public. class-struggle, and lay a firm basis for their participation in the com-

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cracy and setting up the unconclique. This was done in the Russian party, and then the completed But philosophy as such never system was mechanically imposed meant anything to the CPLA. Phil-

osophy had to be confirmed in ac-International. tion and there had to be mass or-We in the American movement ganizations before there could be had to pay for the defeat of Leninist principles and methods in the In a series of articles written for Russian party. The degeneration Labor Age in 1931 Louis Budenz, of the American C. P. can never be who popularized the term "Ameriunderstood until it is traced to this can Approach", laid down the prosource. The internal regime of the gram for unemployed organization. C. P. in this country is only an expression of the Stalinist system which has become universal in the of the term. CPLA elements in C. I.

complete control and it was neces-

They were to work to increase the effectiveness of the Leagues in sition instead of abiding by party their daily battles for immediate statutes and allowing its publicabers of the minority of the Central Committee before the party congress! Meanwhile all their follow- | murdered in the ranks of the C. P. ers were expelled from the party. itself! The result was that when the party congress finally convened it was a

"forbidden" subjects in a discus- tion mere assemblage of Stalin's caucus. sion amongst those who stand on Later on, all those adhering to the the principle of the overthrow of Opposition was "disposed of".

2. Hierarchical method of se

lecting the leading personnel from

of it is: a) To permit discussion of

forehand, there is very little or no

trouble in getting things "ratified"

or "approved" in that form.

or drop out of the movement be- thing!

system and make it appealing is: life of the party!

the selection from the top.

moeracy.

the top down.

Opposition were arrested and exiled | capitalism and Soviet power. Othto Siberia or imprisoned. Thus the erwise there cannot be either "discussion" or inner democracy. But

was dealt with as a "counter-revo- tem has created — only Stalin's lutionist", picked up at night by views are "kosher"; the rest are

departure from Lenin's conception Militant I have already explained,

Show Business

There is still in the party the

staging of so-called "discussions".

Prior to the convention there is

HE campaign for the Party Fund is now under way. Returns are the G.P.U. and shipped somewhere excommunicable. Let the doctors beginning to come in though not yet as fast or as numerous as -sometimes, as in the case of of Stalinism, on the basis of this they should. Reports from the branches are still slow, but indications | Blumkin, even executed. Now it | kind of a recipe, create a better are that the membership is getting behind this drive whole-heartedly. appears this sort of thing is to be inner life in the party. Even if

tem naturally expressed itself also The false line could be put through discussed and decided democratic- peal to new, politically inexperision of little things; the big questrolled rule of a bureaucratic tions are decided from on top. real discussion without giving equal on all the parties of the Communist opportunity to the advocates of

various platforms and allowing groupings of opinion and their representation up till the convention. Lenin even allowed it on the Central Committee. But after a deciall must carry it out in action. This is the essence of democratic centralism as Lenin taught it and

Suppressing the Opposition

They began in Russia by sup-

Thereafter anyone voicing its ideas | this is precisely what Stalin's sys-



War of the Pacific

By JACK WEBER The first international imperialist enforce by might of arms complete truce in the building of naval arm- supremacy on the seas. Amerca leadership of the masses as against aments has come to its predestined had become a creditor nation on a National Unemployed League is their superior regard for "Demo- eral of the leaders of the Unem- the misleadership of the dema- end. Theoretically it will remain par with the foremost foreign inworth considering in some detail cracy". Because of this, mechan- ployed Councils who were present gogues and fascists. The CPLA in force till 1936; practically the vester, England. This victory, Amnot only because its results were ical control as practiced by the blamed the "American Approach" was not afraid to face this fact. powers are already at work to start erican capitalism meant not only far-reaching and lasting, but also S. P. exceeds anything that even for it. The CPLA, they said, had It did not want another radical tea off anew in the race for capitalist to retain but to extend at the exbecause its stormy and colorful Amter or Benjamin ever hoped to substituted flag-waving for Marx- club. It wanted a mass organiza- domination of the world. Lasting pense of all other capitalist rivals ism and those roaring patriots in tion. And it was willing to stake for a decade, the Washington Naval until it would command that imper-Appearing before the executive the convention were only a natural everything on the correctness of its Pact was nothing but a temporary ialist hegemony of the world that allowed for in the American plan, tactics and its ability to lead the truce, affording a breathing spell it felt essential to give full and whereas to meet the forty-three and But these dervishes of the true workers. The national convention to the nations just emerged from proper play to its advanced tech- forty-five thousand ton ships of the crack-pot political schemes, any one tional organization" David Lasser, faith were wide of the mark. It was the test, not only of the cour- war into a critical economic and nique. To signalize its newly of which was sufficient to wreck president of the Socialist-controlled was not the "American Approach" age and integrity of the CPLA but political period that necessitated gained strength, America started U. S. would have had to build Workers Unemployed Union, stated that was at fault; it was America. also on a minor scale of the ability the most far-reaching changes and afresh, on the very eve of the peace ships that could not be passed

> The Imperialist Naval Race lost, America had won. Germany

faction in the ideological struggle ception of centralization and pro- is expected to happen and nothing said to Congress: "I take it for This Stalinist system of talking

sion has been made democratically, for even questions are at times

Worse. There one really takes a only on big questions but often on

with heavier armament and guns In the next article I will deal than those proposed by America. reference to the trade union ques- world.





Los Angeles branch writes "We are sure the Fund will go over big carried out on a wholesale scale. they were professors they would here". A definite pledge of \$26 was made and more to come from absent This is the background of the be wasting their time; it cannot be members. Allentown members pledged \$38. Boston has already met present terror regime in the Soviet | done. The party is dying of inner more than half of its quota. The New York District which neceived a party and the parties in capitalistic sterility, of dry rot, because the quota of \$1,500 is hard at work meeting it and Philadelphia has pledged countries, including the U.S. This system is false to the core. regime constitutes a fundamental \$75 thus far. In a previous issue of the New

THE CHALLENGE

As reported in the last issue of the New Militant, Mrs. M. of New of the party and its functions; it except for some minor details, the York pledged to contribute \$200 for every \$200 we collect from other is a basically new system that has inner workings of the party mafriends. R. S. was the first to send a \$200 check which was promptly nothing to do with Leninism. It chine under this system. I only met by Mrs. M. Today R. S. sent another \$100. is of course foolish to think, and I want to add an item or two. was such a fool, that by complain-

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United States. By SIMON WILLIAMSON

It was but natural that the Negro middle class should become the first spokesman and leader of the newly "freed" Negroes during the early post-Civil War period. It represented whatever culture and influence the race then possessed. It

was cognizant of this fact and was not long in taking advantage of its new opportunity.

Of course, these are not discussions Even during the antebellum days at all, but mere "talkings to" or this middle class was composed of 'explanations" of the line already servants and freedmen. The freedlaid down from above; one is almen had either bought their freelowed only to discuss its "applicadom or won it through some act of Stalin throughout the Communist tion" There is also the staging benevolence to their masters and of conventions and plenums at in some instances they were the 1. Centralism, minus inner de- which the mere rumor of some proud owners of Negro slaves. The one's dissenting creates a sensation. servants and this class were artisants who had been given long persupposed to be a 60-day discussion iods of apprenticeship under master period. The press is opened for craftsmen. They were the crafts-The method of putting this discussion articles, etc., etc. My men of their masters. This class across with a semblance of "demo- dear readers, look over the last represented, then, the most militant cracy" and greasing the workings convention discussion of the C. P. spirits of the Negro slaves, and their white capitalist ally. -the most senile and flabby thing they despised the poor whites since the execution of the general line yet seen on such occasions. You many of the latter had been emset from the top; b) a system of may be deceived into thinking that ployed as overseers and, moreover, "ratification" from below to confirm in all the problems facing the it was they who were used to catch working-class there is not one disrunaway slaves. The white master Since those who might have any senting opinion; in fact, it is made class, even then, was shrewd enough principled objection to this system to appear that there is no variety to play one against the other. as a whole are either eliminated whatever-they all agree on every-

Frederick Douglass

Shortly after the emancipation of The followers of Stalin boast that Stalin united the party more the American Negroes from chattle can Party, which the union consid- means of providing this. slavery Frederick Douglass, the than Lenin ever succeeded in doing. The theory to justify the whole And he did-by killing the internal towering figure that black America

What are the "discussions" that (1) Solid iron Bolshevik unity of our party; (2) we are a party that take place, after all? Well, the has yet produced-the last of his type that the Negro bourgeoisie thinks and acts alike; (3) only a "big shot" makes a lengthy report. monolithic party can be mobile, Then everybody talks his head off will ever produce-discovered that the white ruling class kept both ready to act at a moment's notice, about his own troubles in the diswhite and black in subjection by trict, section or unif, hardly menplaying one against the other. In As good as this sounds, it is all tioning the report of the "big shot" an interview, heading a committee false, because the democratic proc- or in order to be perfectly "kosher", esses essential to arrive at such re- quoting one thing or another from of Negroes, with president Andrew Johnson, who arrogated to himself sults are eliminated. Once the basic it. At the end of this "discussion" the leadership of the poor whites, principal line of a revolutionary the line of the report is approved. party-dictatorship of the proletar- If anyone disagrees, he leaves his seeking equal citizenship for the at, overthrow of capitalism versus disagreement for perhaps a better blacks, he is recorded as having said to Johnson: social democratic peaceful, gradual time. "The hostility between whites transformation of capitalism into Nothing is threshed out in partisocialism-is set, many opinions of cular. If there is a "new line" in and blacks is easily explained. It has its root and sap in the re-

major importance may arise from the report it is put in suavely in time to time as to how to achieve order "not to alarm the party" and lation of slavery and was incited on both sides by the cunning it. There cannot be such a thing to safeguard the continuity of the Those "people that think alike" on line and the infallibility and coneleve masters.

ls the Jea, Leader Iold Ihem

"Freed" Negroes After Civil War

This is the second of a series secured their ascendency over the of articles on Negro Labor in the poor whites and the blacks by

How The Middle Class Led

putting emnity between them." "They divided both and conquered each," continued Douglass. "There was no earthly reason why the blacks should not hate and

dread the poor whites when in a state of slavery. It was from this class that their masters recruited their slave catchers, slave drivers and overseers."

* * *

Although no one knew better than Douglass that whites and blacks were played against each other by latter and proclaimed upon the the ship and all else is the sea." Other lights of the Negro middle class of that period followed the lass and entered politics on the status of black America would be side of the exploiting class for much better.

present, that the franchise without the organization of labor would be of little or no benefit. Howard was ignored. His ideas were not of the Negro m'dd'e class. the opulent whites, he joined the His influence was not as great as that of Douglass, Langston or platform, "The Republican Party is Pinchback but his vision was broader in scope. Had the black proletariat of America folowed his advice organized labor could tell example shown by Frederick Doug- a different story, and the economic

self gain. They, like the white Despite the setbacks of black bourgeoisie, only on a smaller labor the spectre of Howard's forescale, are the enemies and exploitsight and militancy is hovering ers of black labor. They would over black America again and neiexploit white labor if permitted by ther Negro middle class reaction nor white bourgeois chicanery can

The delegation of Negroes that stop it from taking form. appeared at the convention of the Lastly, let it be remembered that National Labor union in 1869 had the Negro Middle class are not inas its most able Negro representaterested in the abolition of wage tives John M. Langston, lawyer slavery any more than the white and later congressman from Virginbourgeoisie. All that they have ia, and P. B. S. Pinchback, lieutenever been or will ever be interested ant-governor of Louisiana. Both in is the securing of advantages men were members of the Republi- for their group. Segregation is one

ered as a land monopoly, and were Next week we shall deal with the most outstanding Negro in the not in the least concerned about Knights of labor and the Negro abolitionist movement and the most the precarious conditions of Negro, workers.

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Eyes on Sacramento

CALIFORNIA, which has given the world such a clear and striking picture of capitalist class justice in the case of Mooney and Billings, is again striving for leadership in the new campaign against workers' organizations and workers' rights. The trial of the 18 workers on the charge of "Criminal Syndicalism", now in process at Sacramento, involves fundamental issues of great concern to all sections of the labor movement. With the charge of "criminal syndicalism" as a club the overlords of California are undertaking to penalize those who have taken active part in the organization of workers. At the same time they aim to intimidate others from taking the same course. A victory of the prosecution in this case would stimulate the search for more victims. It is high time for the workers throughout the country to awaken to the significance of the Sacramento trial and come to the aid of the defendants. Self preservation, as well as the spirit of labor solidarity which ought to be an attribute of every enlightened worker, calls for this action.

In the Sacramento trial the effort is being made to revive the system of hounding and persecuting the militant workers which characterized the highly praised American "democracy" in the war and postwar periods. The chief instrument then, and now again, is the notorious "criminal syndicalism" law. Such laws, directly contravening the civil rights supposedly guaranteed by the U.S. constitution, were passed by most of the States, especially those which had been the scene of industrial conflicts. The purpose was to curb "radicalism", which was broadly interpreted to mean any kind of aggressive and militant struggle for the rights and material interests of the workers.

The victims ran into the hundreds. In California alone close to a hundred prisoners, members of the I.W.W., were confined in prison after conviction of "criminal syndicalism". The infamous statute has lain dormant, with exceptions here and there, for about ten years. The attempt to revive it now is a stern warning to all the advanced workers of the crucial importance of united counter-action. The focal point for such a movement at the present time is the Sacramento trial.

As is usually the case with all manifestations of the system that is founded on deceit, the labor persecution inaugurated at Sacramento under the "criminal syndicalism" law is disguised and concealed behind he mask of the "Red Scare" The aim of the holy prosecutors, they say, is to defend civilization and the American home and to prevent the nationalization of women by the red barbarians. What they really mean is-they want to discourage the idea of workers organizing unions and fighting for a decent standard of living and then later, perhaps, getting bigger ideas in their heads.

The defendants at Sacramento were the organizers and leaders of the Agricultural and Cannery Workers Union, an organization that led some memorable battles of the most terribly exploited sections of the California working class. This fact speaks volumes as to the real motive behind the prosecution. It is also a clear indication to all workers who stand for to say nothing of those who go farther in their aspirations and ideals, as to what their duty is in regard to Sacramento. The Sacramento case cries aloud for united action. A national campaign is needed to put the case on the map before the trial is finished and the defendants are quietly shuffled off to San Quentin for long terms. Real efforts are required to secure the release of the prisoners on bail so that they can be useful in the agitation and publicity work. Agitation is needednot a whisper but a mighty working class shout that will be heard in the court room at Sacramento. Every organization and every individual in the advanced labor movement ought to feel morally bound to lend aid to such a defense movement, and to do it now without further delay.

of America, especially during the past year, have shown that they will yield absolutely nothing without a bitter struggle. The workers on their part have shown in the same time that they do not shrink from conflict. The exploiters will seek to victimize the leaders and active spirits as they have always done. We must learn at the beginning to stand together

in the face of such attacks. We need to establish the principle at the very start that an injury to one is the concern of all. This grand old motto of the Knights of Labor ought to be inscribed on the banner of the rising labor movement. Its application in labor defense cases should be automatic. We need to establish the principle, and carry it out in practice, that an attack on one organization of workers will promptly call the others to its aid, regardless of the differences between them. Against the attacks of the class enemy we must all stand united.

The Workers Party stands for this policy in regard to Sacramento. The issue is concretized on this case at the present moment. A practical agreement for a united campaign in behalf of the Sacramento defendants right now is worth a ton of abstract theses on the "united front" The Sacramento case is a test.

0---0---0 Hope for the Steel Workers

RECENTLY the attempt of the top officials of the A. F. of L. and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, the steel barons and the Roosevelt administration to work out a truce officials promptly predicted that there would probably from the tribulations of November's 7a in the courts or licking the boots of congressmen mass sentiment. They come from kind of fighting these supposed leaders of the work- public works expenditures, more ing class know

From Pittsburgh comes the announcement that labor legislation, mortgage morasome of the younger members of the A. A. are calling toriums, inflation, or what not. a national convention of "rank and filers" the first week in February to discuss "ways and means" of 'forcing union recognition from the steel companies". That suggests the possibility of fighting it out on the picket lines and is much better.

However, some of the same men backing this insurgent movement, now, talked mighty big to Hugh Johnson and even to Roosevelt himself last spring and then permitted Bill Green and Mike Tighe to out-maneuver them and prevent a steel strike. What is going to happen this time? The personality of this leader or that is not a sound foundation for a movement of steel workers. A fake Communist party "united front" or "rank and file" movement even if dressed up very prettily is not a sound basis for a movement of the steel workers.

The progressive, fighting, genuine rank and file elements among the steel workers must get together regardless of personalities or political differences on the basis of a program and loyal determination to put the program into action. The first and chief plank in that program will be: Fight out the battle for union recognition in the steel industry! Fight it out now! Fight it out on the picket line! 0----0---0

Churchified Fascists

ROSE by any other name would smell as 66 A ROSE by any other name would smell as used they weet meats as individu-sweet." Conversely, a stink bomb by any up a few sweetmeats as individuother name would smell as ill. We make this ob- als to preserve the basic interests servation appropos of what looks more and more like of their class as a whole, and its a world-wide movement to build a churchified Fas- position. And the state-in the cism-a Fascist regime which meets the approval of days of monopoly capitalism most the Roman Catholic Church.

Several weeks ago a conference was held in Europe as a whole-will be their teacher. gained some national influence, and of Fascist organizations from various countries. It However, their reactionary opposi- has already captured important was announced, however, that Hitler's representa- tion is a useful weapon for Roose- political posts outside his state. tives were excluded. They did not belong in good velt both against difficult groups in Fascist company. Further examination of the par- Congress, and to build up favorable ticipants indicated that they came from those coun-popular sentiment. As against about his native state, and sometries where Fascism and the Roman Catholic Church them, Roosevelt can be very left thing about his personal history. had come to an understanding.

More recently the Pope announced that the Roman Catholic Church would observe "strict neutrality" in the Saar where a popular vote as to whether the region is to go back to Germany or remain under the



Sections from an article by John West to appear in the January

issue of the New International What, then, may be expected his relation to his first Congress. and will very likely try to feed the method of mass action. Then, at the beginning of his Ad- unemployed on words and promisministration, by a sweeping popular es. It may even pass some fake expense of capitalist profits has overthrow, he had been placed in unemployment insurance bill which

power on the crest of rising mass sentiment He was the Great starve the unemployed, then go the same time we fight for adequate Leader whose duty it was to guide home feeling the unemployed are a timid Congress into the untried taken care of. Another assemblage at Washingcountry of the New Deal-New at

least in the real sense of being a new step in the advance of United from the unemployed is the so-States capitalism to its final col- called Congress for Unemployment Now, however, Roosevelt is two

with mass sentiment. Moreover, the discredited Unemployment works with 30 hours and \$30 minhis unfulfilled promises are drifting Councils of the Communist Party. back home to roost-in the end.

Used as Bait citizens take jobs, security, protec-Using the sentiment of the unemployed for the Lundeen Bill as a tion seriously. It is the members for the steel industry broke down. The trade union of Congress who, just assembling bait to get delegates to attend the convention of the National Unembe a battle-"in the courts". Arguing about Section elections, reflect more directly the ployment Councils, the Communist Party and Unemployment Council and senators for a revision of the NRA is the only localities demanding additional leaders have again demonstrated their shady methods and false tacrelief, bonus payments, changed tics for building an unemployed or-

ganization. This time, they have even gone

Therefore Roosevelt, from having further than usual. They got a ployed Council convention or its played the Great Leader, must now lot of individuals to act as "spons- curtain-raiser, the so-called conplay the Great Brake; he must ors" of the Unemployment Insur- gress sponsored by individuals. calm the wilder members of Con- ance Congress. These individuals The attempt to substitute such gress, shunt aside and compromise represent nobody but themselves carnivals for bona fide organiza-"radical" demands, and in general and are not responsible to the un- tions of the unempoyed masses can make sure that no accidentally employed. The C. P. and Unem- only injure the movement, insofar passed "left" legislation hinder ployment Councils are responsible as it has any effect at all.

His task is difficult, for he must do they are kidding the unemployed sidetrack the movement to the narthis all the while appearing in the as well as the list of individuals. row channel of parliamentarism, official publicity as the champion Furthermore, they have degraded cannot advance the real movement of the common man against the the fight of the unemployed to the of the unemployed. The struggle Tories. Second, certain industrial and also divided the demands of the organization. It must be organized

ing Roosevelt's first two years, with a reasonable level of profits

rolling in. These are consequently anxious to go back to the pre-1929 the complex intricacies of the New Deal. Their wishes cannot be granted. The pre-1929 days have gone not to return. Individual capitalists have got to be taught

that they must occasionally give dent

indeed, and can point to them as

to the right.



convention of the Unemployed

Facing the sixth winter of mass Councils disguised as a congress on suffering, the unemployed of this unemployment insurance. We stand from the new Congress? First, the country are looking with suspicion on a program of demands worked relation of Roosevelt to his new and scepticism at Washington to- out by our state and national con-Congress is almost the reverse of day. The national Congress opens ventions and fight for them by the

League.

Unemployment insurance at the been and will continue to be a dewill cut wages, divide workers and mand in our demonstrations. At cash relief now for all of the unemployed.

We fight for a program of real jobs at real wages. We demand ton which deserves only suspicion the universal 30-hour week in industry with no reduction in pay, and Social Insurance which is in from this point of view-as a means reality a masquerade preliminary of creating more jobs. We demand years removed from direct contact to the second annual convention of a complete program of public

> imum per week. A \$5,000,000,000 loan to the Soviet Union so it can purchase goods manufactured in this country will make jobs in industry.

A real struggle for the unem ployed must put these demands in the foreground.

Need Organization

Moreover, a real program of the unemployed needs a real organization. That organization cannot come out of the National Unem-

A Venture in Oil

effectively to the rural vote.

the fundamental "right" direction. for this tactics and demonstrate that Masquerade conferences, which parliamentary sphere. They have of the unemployed requires mass

banking corporations have achieved unemployed and thereby the ranks on the sound basis of a rounded a temporary relative stability dur- of the unemployed and workers by program and the method of mass The ballyhoo about clearing out making only one demand-the Lun- action. This is the policy of the National Unemployed League. deen Bill-the single issue.



(Continued from Page 1) are the fishermen of the South, The Chicago Federation of Labor mostly of French stock, the small has endorsed Huey Long for presifarmers, and the shopkeepers.

Huey Long, despite the tendency to consider him a joke, has a directly representative of the class dictatorship in Louisiana, has In order to understand Huey it is necessary to know something Little Industry



(Continued from Page 1) National Run Around.

According to many noted Tories in banking and industrial circles the measures taken by Roosevelt and his Congress have been the very essence of Bolshevism. Now however, they are rubbing their hands with satisfaction. Roosevelt, they say, is moving to the right.

If what they mean is that left. implies more promises and right fewer promises there is probably little truth in what they say. For this is no time for Roosevelt to cease his promises. Especially when Virgil Jordan, economist for the National Industrial Conference Board declares to a gathering of business men that "We are little, if any, nearer recovery than we were two years ago. . . .

The speeches of Roosevelt and the willingness of his last Congress have been a bone in the throat of the working class and a boon in the pockets of the plutocrats. The Congress soon to open bodes nothing better and probably much worse. The big planks in the new "new deal" program are widely advertised as a comprehensive "Social Security" program. But the recent social security conference was hardly under way when it received a warning from Roosevelt that he would tolerate no wild" ideas. The "bright" feathers in this plan are loans to home owners, public works and unemployment. Gems of deception.

It is sufficient merely to review the previous history of this plan to understand who profits by Roosevelt's altruism. Of the \$200,000,000 expended by the Home Owners Loan Corporation more than 90 percent has gone to banks, insurance companies and realty agencies. slums and building homes for the poor has become in reality a building program for people with means. The poor cannot afford the rents demanded by government housing. Public Works

All this is intimately associated with the famous public works program which it is reputed Roosevelt, with the certain consent of his Congress plans to extend. The past speaks eloquently on this matter. Of the \$2,711,000,000 in PWA allotments almost two hundred million dollars went in subsidies to railroad companies. Large dips in this pork barrel were taken by the army, the Huey Long was born in the town navy and the air force. Relatively of Winnefield, in the north, of poor few men were given jobs through parents. He put himself through this method. Some time ago the school by traveling the country Nation reported that only a few districts as a salesman of knickthousand men were employed on knacks. It was this experience such an enormous project as the that later enabled him to appeal so N. Y. Triborough Bridge which He went to Law School at Tu- called for millions in expenditure. lane, failed to get a degree, but The one way public works can start

The American working class stands before a new

(Continued from Page 1)

tive member of the union and of

the Lucas County Unemployed

League. Sam Pollock of the Work-

ers Party and the Unemployed

League was requested by the new

progressive union leaders to speak

before the committee in the name

Willis-Overland Co.

an exposure of the operations of

the Willis Overland Co. He point-

ed out that in 1928 this company

employed 25,000 workers. Today it

has about 1,000. Most of these

workers had been imported from

A. J. Muste

Questions

Preis introduced his testimony by

of the union, which he did.

January 13. The other day, however, all the leading Bishops in the Saar read statements from their pulpits, doubtless with the knowledge and approval of returning to Germany. Apparently the Church and Adolf had also come to an understanding.

In the United States Father Coughlin is busily forming his mysteriously financed organization for social justice!

Whatever disguise it may wear and by whomever it may be blessed, the masses will rally for an irreconcilable fight against Fascism which smashes the unions, destroys all the democratic rights of the workers and enslaves them to black reaction.

Draws Crowd

Two or three hundred people

supervision of the League of Nations takes place on that, while the underlying socio- and Baton Rouge, the capitol, is tracted attention by conducting a lege to Roosevelt and company. economic drift continues toward a third with only 30,000. Altogether fight against the Standard Oil Co. right solidification, the legislation there are only eight cities of more Huey owned an interest in sevactually passed by the new Con- than fourteen thousand. Thus the the Pope, urging their congregations to vote for gress will be on no basic question urban population is about seven was struck he believed himself on gress is some form of unemployment unambiguously one thing or the hundred thousand, while the total the way to wealth. The Standard insurance. Relief has proved to be other. It cannot be openly reac- population of the state is two mil- Oil Co., however, had a monopoly tionary without antagonizing the lion two hundred thousand. of the pipe lines, and proceeded

Even in the cities there is little to squeeze Long's independent enpublic in a manner for which Roosevelt is not prepared; it can, large scale industry. New Orleans terprise. Huey put up a fight; he not be in reality left without in- is primarily a commercial port. In used his post on the Public Service no real signs of decreasing and juring seriously the position of the the north there is some oil indusbourgeoisie, which position de- try, and scattered through the Standard Oil managed to have an mands now the steady movement state are various sugar and cotton impeacement proceeding started against him in 1921. The impeachmills and textile plants. The pre-

Steel Hearing Is Called

(Continued from Page 1) ("strike is our only weapon left revival despite the sabotage of its now". Of course, this convention reactionary officials. The steel has already been declared outlawed workers genuinely hated the com by the Tighe administration.

were turned away at the door. pany union and they still do. New Victoria Hall at Irving Plaza was progressive elements came forward discontent with the reactionary in the union but they could not union administration is deep seated

stand up against the reactionary and its demand for action widebarrage. However, an opportunity spread. Its real need is progresdoes not wait forever. sive leadership that will stand up

It is reported that the progres- and make the fight; but to provide sives are planning a rank and file that the progressives themselves of 15 years and joined the Workers convention to be held in Pitts- need organization and a clear cut Party. The revolutionary workers burgh the first week of February policy of action. In this respect the stormed the hall to hear what Zack to consider "ways and means of steel workers union is no exception had to say. And they heard plenty. forcing union recognition from the from many others and this is only

The speaker painted a devastatsteel companies". The call was is- one more reason for the necessity ing picture of the internal life of sued at a meeting of 500 represen- and speedy realization of a new the Communist Party and, point by tatives from ten districts of the national progressive movement in point, exploded the whole policy of union at which speakers said that the trade unions.

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ment was later dropped, and Huey gained his point. Whether he made money on this is reputed worth well over a million today. However, his war

against the large Standard Corporation did give him material for a ers and the petty bourgeoisie. He Unquestionably the rank and file

started out as champion of the 'people" against the wiles of trustified business and monopoly.

Captured Rural Vote

than the man on the moon.) Huey's stick.

vote came, as it still comes, largely from the rural districts. And in 1928 when his opponents split and threw away their majority

same rural vote made Lo or, the first man to brea chine in decades. His election in 1928 real beginning of his c was only thirty-five yea to that time he had be woods Jackson democra fended the "tenant farm storekeepers, filling stat and Bayou fishermen". Celebrating his 50th birthday and his more than 15 years of promised the voters no than free textbooks, be and lower power rates. From 1928 his rise until this year he launch tion-wide Share the We made his plans on the General Admission at 9 P.M. 15c. was endorsed by such ganization as the Chica For reservations: Write Lucile Kohn, Treasurer, Dinner Committee, tion of Labor, and p

The last and probably most important measure, which seems aseral wild-cat oil wells. When oil sured of adoption in the new Convery costly. Bankers and manufacturers have been howling for as speedy an end of it as possible.

But since unemployment shows Commission to break the monopoly. since a permanent jobless army reaching well over the seven million figure is here to stay, some permanent and less expensive method of keeping Potters Field from filling up too quickly must be found. Roosevelt no doubt has a venture is not known, although he solution in an unemployment insurance scheme where the largest part of the receipts will come from the miserably paid workers and where the unemployed will receive political campaign among the farm- this insurance for a few weeks of the year on the condition that they

accept any sort of job. at any wages offered, even a strike-breaking job.

Congress opens with the New Year prepared to repeat its services He ran for governor in 1924 and of the last year-not for labor, polled 70,000 votes in the Democra- which it can never serve-but for tic primaries. (The Democratic capital which it must serve. Its primary is the real election in Lou- | legislation will remain two-sided-isiana, as a Republican has no new deal and raw deal, with the more chance in the Deep South workers on the short end of the

JOSEPH ZACK

threw away then majority, this	Former member Central Executive
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or, the first man to break the ma-	· · · · · ·
chine in decades.	will speak on
His election in 1928 marked the real beginning of his career. He was only thirty-five years old. Up	WHY I JOINED THE WORKERS PARTY
to that time he had been a back-	FRIDAY, JAN. 11th, 8:30 P.M.
woods Jackson democrat, who de- fended the "tenant farmers, small	1176 Pitkin Ave. near Stone St
storekeepers, filling station owners and Bayou fishermen". In 1928 he	Brooklyn
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"The modern machinery has been stripped from the production buildings and sold. The Willis-Overland plant will never operate again," Preis declared. "The 24,000 people who lost their jobs will remain unemployed, with but few exceptions. And not merely unemployed, but disemployed. It is not folly, but cruelty, to consider the stabilization of the automobile industry without also considering how to give these workers their jobs again. And that is a futile task under the

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J. P. Cannon

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