# The Unemployed Are LABOR! PICKET THE FASCIST GARDEN RALLY ON FEBRUARY 20! Workers of New York! Not Guinea Pigs!

On November 5, 1938, the W.P.A. enrollment stood at 3,262,000 persons.

On February 11, 1939, W.P.A. Administrator Harrington announced that the relief enrollment had gone down to 2,985,881.

In three months, more than a quarter of million persons have been thrown off the rolls-and into utter misery.

That's the first result of the Billion-Dollar relief cut of Roosevelt and Congress.

A week ago, Congressman Dudley A. White of Ohio, speaking at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York, said that the Congressional Relief Bill reduction was "an experiment to see whether relief expenditures could not be cut down somewhat as economic recovery progressed."

Only a scientific experiment, you understand!

When you experiment with cutting up guinea pigs-it doesn't matter much. If the pigs die, you can get millions more cheap.

But the millions of unemployed and their families are not guinea pigs you can experiment with, or cut up, and leave to die!

Guinea pigs can't fight. Workers can. They must. They will!

Unite to smash the "experimenters"! Don't be a

Demand all war funds to the unemployed!

# Oakland Police Brutality Popular Front Leaders At Madrid Said

Myra Tanner, Y.P.S.L. Organizer, Slugged by Cops for Aiding Roland Bates

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

Tanner and Roland Bates by Oakland police has aroused intense indignation in labor circles here.

Long notorious for anti-labor brutality and frame-ups, this last attack upon a picket line by the Oakland police force has brought fresh realization to the labor movement that Workers Defense Guards must be formed if so much as the elementary right to picket is to be safeguarded.

Funds are being rushed to the Defense Committee as the first step in the fight to save the picketers. California labor is determined that Myra Tanner and Roland Bates shall not be railroaded to prison in a new Tom Mooney

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

OAKLAND, Calif.—Myra Tanner, Division Organizer for the gotiations that would bring peace Y.P.S.L., and Roland Bates, University of California student and to Spain.' Y.P.S.L. member, face charges carrying penitentiary sentence of up to five years as a result of an ani-fascist demonstration held here last indicated by the very fact that Friday night, February 10. Comrade Bates was clubbed unmercifully Negrin's representatives are conby the police and lies in the hospital as physicians fear a possible ferring with Azana after the lat-

brutality and that comrade Tan- police squad which through the crowd. him for the rat he is, the other Popular Front leaders find themner's only "crime" was an attempt | Police everywhere were "riotunconscious and bleeding in the crowd this way and that, seizing steps. street, both are charged with as- and destroying the anti-fascist sault and battery, inciting to riot crowd stood their ground singing and resisting arrest.

frame-up case.

Stalinists Twin Copper functionaries involved in the situ- ite provocateurs.' ation have given every indication of an intent to turn copper by

for a Miss Aileen O'Brien speak- ambulance for comrade Bates. to protest this brazen fascist Franco, Mussolini and Hitler!! propaganda. A picket line was formed early in the evening and

minable meeting chiefly devoted to the theme that the "real Catholics are for democracy."

Police Close In

In the meantime, the hall was Lincoln Brigader who refused to follow the lead of the Stalinist chiefs. The crowd grew more and more restless as "reorganization" threatened to go on all night. Our comrades protested and many of the crowd took up their slogan

The police, given time to gain reinforcement, closed in on the Spanish Veteran and hustled him into the wagon. Thereupon the bulk of the crowd, despite the pleas of the Stalinist speakers meda County C.I.O. and C.P. offi- man. Admission will be 25 cents, seats available in the hall.

the "International," and while the Stalinist faithful alternately sang Meanwhile the leading Stalinist "America" and shouted "Trotsky-

**Bates Clubbed** 

It was at this stage that comissuing statements published in rade Bates had his banner seized the entire Bay area capitalist and was then driven to the center "disobeying orders" and "provok- unconsciousness by half a dozen Franco, plan to utilize a formal The protest demonstration was Tanner was manhandled and Azana as the pretext for accord-

ing on "Social Reconstruction in | Clearly, in their own words, she Spain. Spain Under General Franco." was a "trouble-maker"! Clearly, The Young Socialist League, to- also, the clubs of the Oakland gether with many anti-fascist police force are at the service of the weight of the Anglo-French

Accuse . . . the Y.P.S.L.

they launched a seemingly inter- sibility for the "riot," and admit- tion of the war. (Continued on Page 3)

Shachtman Will Debate unpicketed except for a single ex-Lincoln Brigader who refused to Bohn on F. D. R. Support

> cial democrat and educational in turn. edness Program?"

Bohn answers "Yes!" while opposing position.

of "You can't fight fascism with the vital question: "Should Labor tached to this debate, as it is & Storage Company of Sioux City, Support Roosevelt's War Prepar- probably the first time that the signed closed shop contracts covtoward the scene of the picket New York City, on Thursday, the working class towards war.

revolutionary Trotskyist position ering both city and over-road will be counterposed to the social- operations. Shachtman will argue for the democratic stand on the burning Adhering to the standard 11question of the Roosevelt arms state over-the-road agreement in ported in opposition to the plan program, and related to it, the practically all particulars, the since it abrogates their power as The debate will take place at question of the Administration's Omaha contract calls for the unithat they disperse, surged back the Rand School, 7 East 15th St., foreign policy and the attitude of form scale of 2%c a mile for line they had been tricked away Feb. 23 at 8:15 P.M. sharp. Mr. It is urged that all who plan to dead-heading for operations outfrom. Three of the chief trick- Elias T. Tartak, director of the attend the debate come early in side Nebraska. This is a substansters, including Estolv Ward, Ala- School Forum, will act as chair- view of the limited number of tial increase over the old scale of

anti-Jewish poison throughout New York

These gangs have already gone too far. They must be stopped.

What are you going to do to stop this murderous crew?

We must not let this filthy, creeping slime get a foothold in New York.

Gather in front of Madison Square Garden Monday by the thousands!

Let the Fascists feel the anger and the might of the working class—Get out and picket!

Don't wait for the concentration camps —Act now!

On to Madison Square Garden Monday night!

> -Socialist Workers Party N. Y. District

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Rally to stop the Fascists!

of New York.

They are mobilizing at Madison Square

Garden Monday night, February 20. Hitler's German-American Bund gang-

sters, Pelley's Silver Shirt scum and

Coughlin's mob of labor-haters have

hurled a brazen challenge at the workers

Wrapping themselves in the cloak of

patriotism and "Americanism," the Fas-

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# JAPAN MENACES USSR

# Azana, Negrin Şeek California Labor Protests Joint Peace Action

To Agree That New Minister Shall Replace Negrin

### **DEMOCRACIES WOO FRANCO**

President Manuel Azana, who has declared for immediate peace SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—The brutal slugging of Myra with Franco, and Foreign Minister Alvarez del Vayo, Negrin's spokesman, were closeted together in the Spanish Embassy last weekend in Paris, seeking agreement for joint action.

Azana has proposed that Negrin resign, to make way for a government further to the right. Negrin is reported to have agreed

to "this point, according to a-United Press dispatch. It is significant that it was published without comment by "La Voz," Spanish-language Popular Frontist New York daily. The dispatch said that Negrin is disposed to agree, "if the naming of a new prime minister will facilitate ne-

That Azana and Negrin are not ter has openly indicated his Despite the fact that he was cial, were paid for their services treachery to the fight against the victim of unprovoked police by being arrested by a zealous fascism. Instead of denouncing selves close enough to him to to go to his assistance as he lay ing"-pushing and shoving the seek a common basis for the next

'Democracies' For Franco Meanwhile the British government decided to grant the fascists de facto recognition while, in close cooperation, France paved the way for a similar step, its emissary to Burgos, Leon Berard, being instructed to inform Franco of France's intention to

recognize his government. Chamberlain and Daladier, once press charging the Yipsels with of the street and clubbed into an understanding is reached with cops. A few minutes later Myra resignation of the presidency by directed against a meeting spon- handcuffed to a lamppost because ing juridical recognition to sored by Catholic women's clubs she asked the police to call an Franco, even if any forces are still holding out in Loyalist

Refugees Persecuted Spanish refugees in France felt workers and students, turned out "Social Reconstruction" - a la orientation. They were subjected to harsh treatment and short rations, unless they elected to be Saturday's aftermath showed sent to fascist Spain. Those dragrew steadily until the top Stal- the Stalinist leaders leaping into gooned into agreeing to go to nist functionaries moved in to print with a demand on the City Franco-controlled territory were Manager for an investigation, not immediately taken to the frontier, On the pretence of "reorganiz- of police brutality, but of the while those insisting on remaining the line" they diverted the Young People's Socialist League, ing loyal to the fight against crowd away from the doors and In the same statement they fascism were informed that they across and down the street where charged the Y.P.S.L. with respon- would be interned for the dura-

# MUNIZ SAFE, BUT

CARLINI MISSING

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

PARIS, Feb. 16-Manuel Fernando Grandizo Muniz, leader of the Spanish Bolshevik-Leninists (Fourth International) who was in prison in Barcelona awaiting trial on Stalinist frame-up charges, succeeded in making his escape from the

ed here. The fate of Adolfo Carlini, second Bolshevik Leninist leader awaiting trial, was unknown. Friends here feared the worst had befallen him during the evacuation of

city before the Fascist

army entered, it was learn-

the city. All leaders of the P.O.-U.M. already serving sentences after the farcical "trial" of a few months ago were released in time to make good their escape, it was also reported.

### **OMAHA TRUCKERS** WIN UNION SHOP **WAGE INCREASE**

Bosses Yield After Twenty-two Week Struggle

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) OMAHA, Nebr. - The fighting teamsters finally pushed their 152-day strike to victory last Wednesday, Feb. 8, when the five Max Shachtman, editor of the At the conclusion of the debate, major trucking companies—Wat-Socialist Appeal, will debate Dr. questions from the audience will son Brothers Transportation, William E. Bohn, prominent so be answered by the two speakers Union Transfer, Red Ball Transfer and On Time Transfer (all of director of the Rand School, on Considerable interest is at Omaha), and the Dougherty Van

> loaded trucks and 2c a mile for (Continued on Page 2)

History of Social Patriotism

FOR DEMOCRAC



# **British Head Jobless for Compulsory Labor Camps**

BREAK UP MEETING

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

sters invaded a meeting of trade

knives destroyed a score of cane

The United Progressive Fur-

riers, the opposition groups in the

Stalinist-controlled Fur Workers

Union, were holding a meeting at-

tended by about 300 workers, at

the Greek Trade Union Educa-

tional Center, 167 West 29 Street,

when a gang of Stalinists march-

chairs, last Friday.

NEW. YORK - Stalinist gang-

The British government is preparing to herd the jobless millions of Britain into compulsory labor camps just like those in Nazi

Parliament opened debate in London this week on proposals designed to set up a compulsory labor service as a means of priming the unemployed workers for service in the army.

Prominent Conservatives in Parliament have come forward enly with the proposals that the government does not yet dare sponsor. These conservatives, led by Sir Percy Hurd, speak with hameless cynicism of utilizing skillful propaganda and a proper amount of "persuasion" to lure the young workers into the armed forces. The next step would be enforced conscription. These proposals are similar to those in such American news-

papers as the Daily News which advocates the complete militarization of C.C.C. camps in the United States. At the same time, the plans for converting England, Scotland,

and Wales into twelve regions ruled by twelve absolute dictators upon the declaration of war proceeded methodically with the ap- | STALINIST KNIFE-MEN

pointment of four dictators, despite widespread opposition from the majority of the population. Said Sir John Anderson, Minister for Civilian Defense, to a hostile audience at Glasgow: "We are simply forging another link in the chain of preparations we are making to meet any emergency that may arise under the circumstances of war.'

Many local authorities were re-

The establishment of concened in and attempted to take tration camps for the unemployed charge of the meeting. When the and youth of England will give workers insisted on continuing tremendous impetus to the forces their own meeting, the Stalinists advocating similar measures in drew knives and proceeded to the United States.

## **WORKERS GUARDS** LaFollette Facts

his eyes.

### Show Anti-Union Violence (Special to the Socialist Appeal)

WASHINGTOÑ, D. C.-If ever Defense Guards was obscure to any worker, that obscurity should now be completely peeled from

After the most thorough exposure ever made in this country of unionists, broke it up and with the employers' use of organized and armed force in repressing imperialist powers in the "demoworkers, the Senate Civil Liberties Committee under the leadership of Senators LaFollette and Thomas recommended to Congress on Feb. 13 that the evil be overcome by legislation prohibiting companies from employing camps and forced conscription is armed company guards "who have previous criminal records In France the press is already lence or the dangerous use of

> deadly weapons." Nothing on Private Armies (Continued on Page 2)

### **FAR EAST CRISIS PUSHES WORLD CLOSER TO WAR**

European Diplomats in Wrangle Over Spain Pickings

### WAR FUNDS JUMP

The long-awaited Spring war crisis is developing swiftly both in Europe and in the Far East.

On Thursday Japan served a thinly-veiled ultimatum on the Soviet Government over the Siberian fisheries. But it is precisely upon this issue that Japan is preparing a fresh test of strength between itself and the Soviet Union and for this purpose has mobilized troops along the Siberian frontier and warships near Sakhalin, opposite Vladivostok.

In Europe the final stages of the strangulation of the Spanish revolution are paving the way for the resumption of the military and diplomatic see-saw between the London-Paris and Rome-Berlin axes which will have to end either in another Munich confer ence or this time in war.

Mussolini was expected to formulate openly his Mediterranean demands this week. In anticipation of these demands both the British and French governments have been tumbling all over themselves to secure footholds in Franco's capital, to speed up the final abdication of the Loyalist government, and to wean Franco way from his German and Italan mentors.

### Arms Increase

In hopes of either extracting a better bargain this time-or of eing better prepared if an armed howdown proves unavoidable-Freat Britain has stepped up its rms outlay for this year alone to £580,000,000 (\$2,900,000,000) and has increased its borrowing plans from \$2,000,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000 to complete the five-year arms PROVES NEED FOR program due for completion in 1942. This includes provision for naval building which, if completed, would give Britain a fleet in capital ships larger than those of Germany, Italy, and Japan combined.

In Washington this week Congress voted \$376,000,000 to add 3,000 fighting planes to the Army Air Corps, making a total of 5,500 planes. Secretary of State Hull indicated to Congress that the crying need to form Workers the Neutrality legislation would have to undergo revision in the direction of freeing the hands of the Administration to sweep the country into the war that was accepted by all the spokesmen in Congress as inevitable and close.

With the rapid development of cratic" camp are more and more unashamedly abandoning the few, thin trappings of democracy which still adorn their capitalist nakedness. In Britain the estabunder censorship and demonstrators are arrested for merely criticising the government in public! In this country, we may be sure. They further propose that leg- the screws will be tightened in direct ratio as the crisis sharpens.

newly elected local secretary.

and militancy to the union.

Illegal Action

A.R.T.A. which permits the Inter-

national to intervene in local af-

**OMAHA TRUCKERS** 

WIN UNION SHOP,

(Continued from Page 1)

24c, with no dead-heading provi-

Get Standard Scale

Drivers will receive the stand-

ard scale of 75c hourly for pick-

ups, except on the Kansas City

run where a pickup scale of 55c

mile radius of the various Ne-

prevail, and all teamsters will re-

turn to their jobs according to

their seniority as of September 9,

1938, the day the trucking tie-up

The over-road contract with the

Omaha operators will run until

October 31, 1940, a year beyond

the expiration date of the stand-

ard pact. However, in case wage

scales in the area are raised in

changes will be made by the

Omaha bosses on all operations

City Wage Gains

Under the new Omaha city con-

ract, both drivers and dockmen

eceive a straight 7%c hourly in-

half for overtime, will prevail

DENVER, Col.-An attempt by

Their ruse in calling the police

having proved fruitless, the Stal-

inists tried to disconcert the

speaker by moving about, and

leaving the hall one by one. The

audience of over 300 people which

had gathered to hear James de-

spite the inclement weather were

James showed in his speech

that the desperate attempt by

England's rulers to maintain the

status quo cannot save the Em-

pire from wreckage on the rocks

of colonial revolt. As everywhere

where James has spoken, his lec-

60c hourly.

began.

### Sailors See Lesson for All WILSON - JONES STRIKE VICTORY Workers in Auto Situation

### Martin Ruined Chance to Fight Communist Party Clique

sumption of the open shop is

Communist Party's death hold.

Learn from Sailor's Union

avoided if Martin had taken

Union with the Party-Liners, He

Union is the only method of get-

ting rid of the Party wreckers.

would have been much better to

Danger Still Here

time being, is behind the Sailors'

Union, it still exists. And if any

Line, we would like to remind

Although the danger, for the

What the organized and mili-|industry has stopped dead is also tant sailors of the United States undeniable. That the automobile think of the situation that has workers are threatened with a redeveloped in the Auto Workers Union is made clear in an editor- equally true. And that this will strengthened union, the Wilsonial appearing in the current issue of the West Coast Sailor, weekly in the automobile industry, but for the reinstatement of two disjournal of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

The S.U.P., which passed through a long period of stormy battle to preserve itself and its militant program from the discuptive attacks of the Stalinist the C.I.O. big-shots playing the wreckers on the West Coast, led old labor game by sticking with was at a complete stand-still. In by Harry Bridges, finally accepted those that look the strongest and an effort to break the solidity of a charter from the A.F.L.

Martin Ruined Chance does not spare the Stalinists in Hillman-Murray in backing up brutal assaults against union men. judging the Auto Union crisis, it the Party-Liners should be as takes the position that Homer awakening as a bucket full of ice Martin ruined his chances by fail- | cold water.

### IN THE TRADE UNIONS

The column "In the Trade Unions," usually in this space, does not appear in this issue because of the iliness of comrade B. J. Widick. It will be resumed when he recovers.

ing to conduct a principled, militant struggle The editorial follows in full:

If there can be any consolation in the sad story of the Automobile Workers Union, it is that the Sailors' Union of the Pacific just barely escaped the same miser-

able fate. Time and again true progressives in the labor movement have explained nearly to the point of file, by coming out openly, putting him if his criminal record showed monotony that the Communist Party will wreck any union that alizing that fundamental princiit cannot control, and that once in control, it will ruin the union. It is not necessary to look far for proof. Pages and pages can be ship of the union everything. filled with the names of unions that have been destroyed by the union-wreckers.

Play Old Labor Game The latest example, as well as sincere trade-unionist is ever the most far-reaching, is the Au- tempted to listen to the siren tomobile Workers Union. This voices of the Party-Liners, all he powerful organization, with its has to do is to look toward hundreds of thousands of mem- Detroit, and there he will see the bers, and which inspired the answer. The Communist Party's whole organized labor movement role in the trade union movement in this country, is now staggering is like that of a wild pig which from the vicious below-the-belt devours everything in sight and unches delivered to it by the can never have enough. And as factional blows of the Party to the "innocents" of the Party-

That the Union is actually split them that it is inglorious as well in two cannot be denied. That the as thankless to be a tall to a glut-drive to completely unionize the tonous pig.

Project Workers Union of New

client evicted by the relief offi-

**University Official** 

**Stooges For Big** 

**Rubber Companies** 

Classifies Leaflet

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"Anti-Social"

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
AKRON, Ohio-Sol Goldberg, a

student at Akron University, is

the victim of a flagrant case of

discrimination against him by

university officials, who have re-

where he was to have been a

principal of Central High.

to obtain teaching experience.

sit on the board of trustees.

against him

Rubber Lords Run U.

cadet-teacher.

**UNEMPLOYED UNION VICTORIOUS** 

York was registered this week finally granted relief when it be-

uous struggle in which three had no intention of relenting in

workers were arrested and the its fight to win the case.

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—The United

Loose, Leaf and Blank Book Workers Union today concluded its strike against the Wilson-Jones Co. with a signal victory, thus completely smashing the company's attempt to break the union.

Emerging from the strike, set back trade unionism, not only throughout the country, is a concharged union officers without sequence that must be looked at loss of seniority and with back squarely unless the membership pay. of the union is able to break the

Arbitration is provided for in the settlement with respect to If anyone had any doubts about other disagreements.

During the strike, production the most dangerous, as far as the strikers' lines, both in the inist clique to smash all opposi- gangster fashion. controlling the per capita income Elizabeth, N. J. and in Chicago tion to their wrecking policies. Although the West Coast Sailor is concerned, then the action of plants; the company resorted to

### LIBERTIES REPORT The present mess in the Automobile Workers could have been PROVES NEED FOR enough time and interest to study the experiences of the Sailors' the experiences of the Sailors'

(Continued from Page 1) "restrict company police to company property during times of

He would also have learned that In brief, the LaFollette Civil istead of making deals with the Liberties Committee proposes to higher-ups in the C.I.O., and redo absolutely nothing about dissorting to bureaucratic measures arming the employers' private as a way of fighting the C.P., it armies. Under this legislation the company would have the legal depend only upon the rank and all the cards on the table, and re- to the company's satisfaction or the forces of law and order under ple upon which the Sailors' Union company domination that he had will prevail. Runs within a 75works—that it is never too early no tendency toward violence or nor too late to tell the member- the dangerous use of deadly

Exceptions Vitiate Bill Again if the company or the company domination decide that it is not an "ordinary time" they would have the complete right to use labor espionage, shadowing, coercion and intimidation of

In making its recommendations the Committee summarized its findings briefly. "The experiences in Harlan County, Ky., and the industrial communities where Republic Steel Corp. operates indicate clearly that where private police systems are used as instruments of anti-union policy they:-

"(a) Abridge and violate the civil liberties of workers and oth-

"(b) Violate the rights of labor (Special to the Socialist Appeal)

NEW YORK—A victory for a small child, who went on a "(d) Endanger the public safety.

> The Committee characterized the use of private police against workers as the attempt to "impose upon labor a selfish private interest by means of private

Violence Against Labor "The utilization of organized only relieved by the departure of forces of men, women, and muni- the Stalinists. tions by employers against employees," said the Committee, "to frustrate their attempt at selforganization results in violent struggle instead of peaceful negotiations between labor and man-

The Committee recalled the Harlan County events where the coal operators "subverted and corrupted the office of High Sheriff ors rendered to High-Sheriff Theodore R. Middleton, who entered upon his term of public office as a man of small means and in three years amassed a fortune of over

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### Wreckers Raid Sea Radio HUNGRY MOTHER TRIES "HOLD UP" Union Local, Oust Sec'y.

### Rank and File Raise Defense Fund Against Illegal Action

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) fairs only to the extent of sus-NEW YORK .- Another demon- pending a local charter, and then stration of what happens in a only after the offending local has union under the domination of been given an opportunity to apwhich began on Jan. 10, with a the Stalinist wrecking crew oc- pear before the International Excurred in the American Radio ecutive Board to defend itself Jones workers won their demand Telegraphers Association last against whatever charges have week when Stalinist wreckers been levelled against it. Mervyn Rathborne, A.R.T.A. pres- As the basis for his illegal ac ident, and Pyle and Jordan of the tion Rathborne charged that Fred

International Executive Board Howe as local secretary had raided the offices of Marine Local signed agreements without the No. 2 with a Joe Curran goon approval of the International ofsquad and suspended Fred Howe, fice. He gave Howe absolutely no opportunity to answer the This action climaxed a long charge but seized the local's recseries of maneuvers by this Stab ords and property in true G.P.U.

At the present time the rank The officers and members of Local No. 2 are leaders of the and file, who in the overwhelmrank and file movement to oust ing majority oppose the Stalinists, are raising a defense fund. Stal-Rathborne and his Kremlin cohorts and to restore democracy inists have been circulating a petition calling for suspension and trial of Secretary Howe in the local, but have been unable to The suspension of Secretary obtain any signatures from the Howe constitutes a flagrant violamembership. tion of the constitution of the

An unfortunate phase of the rank and file fight against the Stalinist crew was their threat, under the pressure of Stalinist provocation, to withdraw from the International if gangster tactics on the part of Rathborne, Pyle, and Jordan continued. Such WAGE INCREASE threat on the part of a local could only play into the hands of he wreckers. In place of threats to withdraw they must extend their fight by appealing to the entire membership of the A.R. T.A. to support them in their fight against the wreckers.

now operating under union agree- have finally broken ranks and sold the Appeal. We're going to ments, about 70 per cent of the signed with Local 554. They fear start covering union meetings jobs. Only 35 or 40 small outfits state, and are ready to resort to Flint, Mich. braska terminals will pay 55c per continue to accept the dictates of this sort of industrial cannibalhour. Other runs inside Nebraska the Omaha Business Men's Asso ism in the vain hope they can lentown, Pa. fame we receive and from Nebraska to Sioux City, ciation and refuse to sign with stay the onward-march of or-Carroll and Anita, Iowa, will pay General Drivers Union Local 554. ganized labor. Local 554 will mop up on the rest The closed shop, with a modifis of the operators within the next cation on hiring new men, will few days.

22-Week Struggle

strikers were denied relief; the Keul of Des Moines, and Farrell have come in with 100%: (1) Los the meantime, corresponding vile Nebraska anti-picketing law Dobbs of Minneapolis, secretary Angeles; (2) Punta Gorda, Flor-still left. was invoked; over 200 strikers of the Committee-spent many were arrested; the banks, the days in the thick of the fight. landlords and the merchants were mobilized and used against the Omaha, the Area Committee strikers; attempts were made to pressed steadily forward with its

crease, from 45c to 52½c, which amounts to a weekly wage increase of \$4.05. The 9-hour day, 54-hour week, with time and one- Men's Association is refusing to Kansas City and Detroit were trying to organize a boycott and pact.

Mrs. Mary Cusack, mother of two children, lives in the richest city of the world-New York City. Yet Mrs. Mary Cusack had no food in her home with which to feed her two children.

On Feb. 14, therefore, she walked out of her home in the Bay Ridge area, having first taken a toy pistol from among the playthings of her children. With this toy pistol she walked into the subway station at Fourth Avenue and Fifty-ninth St., and tried to hold up the station agent.

But Mrs. Mary Cusack is not a rich financier, or a politicianprotected big-time gangster schooled in the ways of robbery. So her attempt at a "hold-up" failed. At the Fourth Avenue police station she was booked on charges of felonious assault and attempted robbery. Thus ended her "career in

The newspapers reporting the case, have not yet published the news that money and food has been given to the hungry family. It may yet be given-now that their plight has been exposed before the

So does capitalism take care of its victims. Now it will either punish her, or show its magnanimity by letting her off easy-so that she may continue

In either event, the situation is perfectly clear. The crime committed, in the case of Mrs. Cusack, does not lie in the social system that deprived her of food. The crime is, of course, that she made a desperate attempt to get food,

With the five major companies against those companies who record for the first time we have teamsters have returned to their the growth of unionism in the regularly." - Genora Johnson, All during the struggle, the In-

sters gave generous financial and state. moral support to the embattled The strike was one of the strikers and enabled them "to hardest-fought struggles of recent maintain the unconquerable spiryears. There are no tougher boss it which finally carried them organizations in the United States through to victory. Members of the tie-up, armed strike-breakers cage, "Red" O'Laughlin of Der branch has fulfilled its pledge. were set to attacking union mem- troit, T. T. Neal of Kansas City, bers and union headquarters; Joe Scizlowski of Milwaukee, Carl During the five-month tie-up in

strikers; attempts were made to suppress the union's fighting weekly strike paper.

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This week's subscription list shows improvement over last, with several locals of the Party pay up our back bill tonight and doing fine work-notably New York City, Berkeley and San Francisco. But we're still far beow our quota of 100 per week! Everybody writes in how easy it eiving have been sold to auto is to get subs. We are expecting ment plan subscriptions.

#### MORE APPEAL ARMY BULLETINS COMING OUT:

Beginning next week we intend o publish a series of bulletins designed to aid literature agents in their work. The first one will be Organization of Mass Street Sales"; to be followed by a buletin on "Building An Appeal Squad." Other bulletins on newsstand distribution; getting subscriptions and other circulation problems will follow soon. Watch for your bulletin!

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## Akron Council Voids Fake Ballots for Stalinist Bloc

By R. FERGUSON (Special to the Socialist Appeal)

Council at a special meeting here other whole year in which to Feb. 10 declared the results of stooge for the C.P.'s rule-and-ruin its previous elections null and policies. void, and set up a special credential committee to insure that no all offices will be reopened at the illegal delegates vote for officers next regular meeting Feb. 13. and executive committee at their Meanwhile, the Stalinists, furious coming election. This unprecedented action came

after delegates learned that some delegates were seated improperly at the Jan. 23 elections, in which most of the officers and the executive committeemen were voted Stalinist lying and demagogy in in by a tiny majority. Most of the coming election, this progresthese officers-elect were represen- sive bloc must strike out boldly tatives of an anti-progressive- and openly against the domina-Stalinist bloc. The throwing out tion of the C.P. clique as such. of the election results stands as exposing completely its reactiona repudiation of Stalinist activity ary character as dangerous to the in the C.I.O. Council for the past healthy militancy of the Akron months, as well as Stalinist elec- C.I.O. movement. tion practices, in the opinion of observers here.

Smoke-Screen Fails The Stalinist cry of "splitting

the labor movement" was thrown in the face of the progressives as the question of nullifying the they debated for four hours on elections because of the voting of irregular delegates. This typical Stalinist smoke-screen did not

swerve the delegates from their desire to clean up this cause of AKRON, O., Feb. 15.—Voting 51 dissension immediately, instead o 48, the Akron Industrial Union of giving the officers-elect an-

> Nomination of candidates for at being balked of the fruits of the irregular election, are desperately trying to cover up their exposure in the eyes of the progressives. However, in order to defeat the

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Oakland Arrests agement. cadet-teacher in the public school system, because of his alleged anti-social" attitude. University officials cracked (Continued from Page 1) down on Goldberg, a senior in the ted that they-the Stalinists-had Teachers College, immediately aft- made an agreement hours before in the years of 1934-37 through er he had distributed Young Peo- the meeting to keep the pickets many extraordinary financial favples Socialist League leaflets in across the street. The law-and-

front of Central High School, order alliance for the defense of

The Oakland comrades have al-When Goldberg pressed Dean ready arranged for a militant de-Howard Evans of Teachers Col- fense against the scheduled police \$100,000." lege to be more specific about his frame-up. A jury trial will be alleged "anti-social" attitude, he demanded and Austin Lewis, was told he owed a library fine. | prominent labor attorney, has vol-The action against Goldberg unteered his services. The Stalinwas instigated by J. Ray Stine, ist-controlled International Labor Defense, under the pressure of Thus, after three and a half the massed participants at the years of academic training, Gold- jail, at first went bail for all six berg is unable to obtain a teach- arrested, but the present "line" ing certificate, because he is de- of stoolpigeoning via the capitalnied access to the public schools ist press indicates that this bail will quickly be withdrawn from our comrades. A new bail of \$500 The university officials are un- or \$1,000 is threatened. An indeder the domination of the rubber pendent, nation-wide drive must companies, whose representatives begin immediately to provide the funds and the labor-liberal mass Stool-pigeoning for the rubber protest necessary to free these

fascist propaganda is complete!

companies is not the only activity victims of a police, Stalinist, proof Principal Stine, whose unpopul fascist united front! Send funds to Tanner-Bates Deerity with the high school students has been manifested by sev- fense Committee, c/o Glen Trimeral demonstrations and a strike ble, chairman, 2013 Grant Avenue, San Francisco.

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er individuals. IN LONG FOUGHT MARCUS CASE guaranteed by federal statutes. "(c) Result in riots and blood shed, causing loss of life and in-

ocal 5 of the Unemployed and twenty-one hour sit-down strike Oppress Large Groups in the bureau two weeks ago, was "The use of private deputies in the city. after more than six weeks contin- came apparent that the U.P.W.U. al to the maintenance of orderly STALINIST ATTEMPT ON an anti-union campaign is inimicrepresentative government. It JAMES MEETING DEFEATED leads to private usurpation of This case, however, is not fully authority, corruption of public the Stalinists to prevent C. L. R. settled. The bureau has merely officials, oppression of large James from addressing a meeting granted relief status to Mrs. Mar- groups of citizens under the in this city on Feb. 13 by calling cus without returning her furni- authority of the State, and per- the police, failed when pastor ture which was carted off to a version of representative govern- Rev. Edgar Wahlberg in whose

ment." The recommendations of church the meeting was being given a furnished room but Local the Committee would legalize the held intervened. 5 will carry on the fight until Mrs. forces that lead to these evils. Marcus has an apartment of her own with her furniture returned The arrested workers were all dismissed in court when the is-

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### OFF By Dwight Macdonald RECORD

The trouble with lying is that, as Gainsbor ough remarked of Mrs. Siddon's nose, there's no end to it. What begins as a simple, unassuming frame-up is likely to end up by requiring a wholesale revision of history and art. Having successfully used the Moscow trials to destroy all potential leaders of an opposition, the Kremlin now finds itself committed to the extraordinary thesis that all the great leaders of 1917, except Lenin and Stalin, were even then traitors and spies. This campaign of falsification, probably the most ambitious in all history, has corrupted every sphere of Soviet life. The cinema, above all has been pressed into service to document the trials in celluloid. A year ago the first of such films. Lenin in October, arrived over here. And now two more are being shown in the little cinemas: Ermler's The Great Citizen and Yutkevitch's The Man With the Gun. These are two of the leading directors in the so-called "Stalin School" which has come to dominate the Soviet cinema in recent years. In 1932 they worked together on Counterplan, a monumentally dull and now forgotten film which was the first major effort to introduce "Socialist Realism" into the cinema. There is no point in analyzing their films from a cinematic point of view: there is nothing in either of them that will get their creators into trouble with the authorities, which is to say they are the tamest, flattest, most banal sort of Hollywood realism. But they are more interesting from a political

#### Down with Tractors!

Ermler's film shows us the struggle of "The Great Citizen"—evidently intended to be Kirov against a sinister clique of saboteurs, evidently meant to represent the Bukharinist right-wing opposition to the first Five Year Plan. The plots and counterplots revolve around what would seem to be a simple enough question: whether it was desirable that the level of production should be raised. The Great Citizen takes a firm stand for industrialization, and also comes out strongly in favor of more tractors. The Bukharinists, motivated by that paranoiacal malignancy which seems to afflict the opponents of Stalin, try to persuade the workers that tractors are evil and industrialization a curse. It is never made clear why they take this position, nor, for that matter, why they are willing to gamble, and as it chances to lose. their high governmental posts in this campaign for a lower productive level. It seems to be a matter of art for art's sake.

Everything comes to a head in a mass meet ing, at which the Bukharinists are sandbagged with everything from mother love to the theory of socialism in one country, and are finally driven from the platform in deep and well-merited disgrace. After that, there is only one course left. The film ends with their first meeting with the emissary of an unnamed foreign power. As they plot, loud bursts of band music come in the windows from a passing demonstration of workers (who are celebrating the birth of a tractor). drowning out their talk. This is supposed to symbolize the ultimate triumph of the healthy masses. But I could not but remember that this music, the cheapest sort of Sousa brass band stuff, was advertised as by Dimitri Shostakovitch, the once-brilliant young composer who was admonished by Stalin several years ago to "write tunes the workers can whistle." And the offstage

music seemed to be a symbol, in its noisy triviality, of something else again.

#### Those Men Are Here Again

In Yutkevitch's The Man With the Gun we see once more those twin demigods, Lenin and Stalin, pulling off the 1917 revolution practically single-handed. Their first appearance was in Lenin in October. Here once more, they steer the revolution to safe harbor in the teeth of treacherous opposition from their closest collaborators. "Never mind Zinoviev and Kamenev," Lenin tells Stalin on the phone. "They are fleas which will always irritate us." (He fails to explain why he didn't crush these "fleas" then and there.) He takes Trotsky more seriously, however. "Keep a close watch on Trotsky!" he counsels Stalin. But later on it appears that Trotsky has escaped from his keepers long enough to see to it that the wrong calibre shells are sent to a crucial sector of the battle front. When the news is brought to Lenin, he makes it clear that he suspects the fine Italian hand of the commander-inchief of his army. Stalin bustles off to repair the damage at once.

By now such films have worked out a formula for portraying Lenin. On the one hand, he is shown as a simple, homey sort of old fellow-in the memorable phrase of Robert Forsythe in the New Masses: "a man who might easily have played third base for the Brooklyn Dodgers." He is constantly slapping people (usually Stalin) on the back, sharing their joys and sorrows, munching apples or cold boiled potatoes in democratic fashion, and otherwise demonstrating that he's a regular fellow. But this unprepossessing old gentleman has the most extraordinary effect on all who come into contact with him. Their awe and reverence approaches the mystical; their faith in him is the complete, touching faith of little children. When the simple soldier who is the hero of The Man With the Gun learns that he has been talking, quite unsuspecting, to Lenin. he rushes back to his comrades, assembles them around him and stammers out, "I have just talked to . ... LENIN!" Quick fadeout on his crazed, ecstatic face. Later on, he persuades a whole company of enemy soldiers to join the Reds simply by telling them he has talked to Lenin and that Lenin is O.K. and has their interests at heart. Thus on the one hand. Lenin is made human, all too human-to the point of vulgarization; and on the other, he is elevated to a living ikon, a leader whose mere presence, whose very name indeed, has magical powers. Both sides of the contradiction serve well the interests of the Kremlin today.

#### Uncomfortable Posts

I don't envy the actors who have to play "Lenin" and "Stalin" in these tableaux. In this film, both parts are taken by different performers from those who played in Lenin in October. This Lenin is Comrade Shtraukh (Honored Artist of the Republic), and he has evidently taken to heart Krupskaya's criticism of his predecessor's ever-expansive gesturing. He seems none too easy in his part. Nor does Comrade Gelovani. who plays Stalin, seem to be having a good time. These are posts uncomfortably close to the lightning. What has happened to Comrade Gelovani's predecessor I do not know, but the Times recently reported that Comrade Schushkin, who played "Lenin" in the earlier film, has been placed under arrest. Perhaps he took a Leninist line off as well as on the stage,

MEN AND WOMEN OF LABOR

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BY EMANUEL GARRETT

### AUGUST BEBEL

Feb. 22, 1840-Aug. 13, 1913 There was a time, and not so long ago, when the name of August Bebel was among the bestknown of the international socialist movement. Today, time, the sweep of tremendous events since his death, and above all the degeneration of the party which he helped create and build, have contributed to the shrouding of his onetime prominence in the gallery of socialist

Bebel was the rather unusual leader, especially for the pre-war days-a proletarian who without formal education, but with intensive reading and study added to a brilliant capacity, became one of the first-rank leaders of German socialism, "the father of the Social Democratic Party."

#### Guided Workers' First Strides in Organization

He was not a creative theorist, and his main and lasting contributions to socialism lie not in his books and tracts ("Women and Socialism," etc.). They lie in the magnificent ability which stirred the German proletariat to organizationin trade unions, and above all in a party which expressed their social hopes.

The first gigantic strides towards mobilizing the workers of Germany to express in political activity the interests of their own class were guided by Bebel. By Bebel who began his adult life as a journeyman turner, working in Leipzig. and who remained the worker, acutely conscious of the needs of his class; so that, where other, and later, leaders of the German socialist movemen sought to dilute the stream of socialism with class-collaboration, he, the "simple" worker remained steadfast.

While already an active and leading figure in the German working-class movements (the Worker's Improvement Society, the Congress of Workmen's Societies, the Association of German Workers, of which he was president), which were then only beginning to feel their way, to spread, Bebel studied the doctrines of socialism. the works of Marx. Sometime about 1865 he met Wilhelm Liebknecht, father of our great martyr, Karl. Well on the road towards socialism he was further influenced by his contact with the elder Liebknecht. Together they founded the German Social Democratic Party in 1869.

As a representative of this party, Bebel served 1871 to defend the Paris Commune, the defeat in the Reichstag with few interruptions for the remainder of his life. And it was from the tribune of the Reichstag that some of his most inspiring speeches were delivered. A forthright representative of the workers he reviled the inbetweeners, the "Swamp"-"the 'Wise Guys' who always prick up their ears as if to say 'which way is the wind blowing now?"

It was on this tribune that he rose on May 25, of which was being celebrated by bourgeois Germany:

"Even though Paris may now have been put down, I must tell you that the struggle in Paris is only a small outpost skirmish, that the main affair in Europe is still ahead of us, and that before a few decades have passed the battle cry of the Paris proletariat: 'War on the palaces, peace to the cottages, death to poverty and idleness!' will become the battle cry of the entire European proletariat."

Bismarck who heard the speech, called it the "ray of light" which showed him that socialism was an enemy to be crushed. He eventually saw to it that Bebel was incarcerated for two years for "high treason," and nine months for "lese majeste.'

#### Workers Flocked to Hear Him Speak

Bebel's two outstanding abilities were as organizer and as orator. When Bebel spoke, there was a packed auditorium-of workers come to hear his relentless denunciations of Junker tyranny, his impassioned words. There was even an occasion when, the auditorium packed beyond stuffing, workers lifted the tiles off the roof so that they might hear him. The splendid vigor, the surge of his speeches did more than attract listeners—they were the eloquent instru-

ments for proletarian organization. The span of his life encompassed the first and feeble beginnings of the world's workers toward international organization (the First International) and the lusty, self-confident strides into mass organization (the Social Democratic party, the Second International). Under his guidance, the socialist movement grew, workers learned the

importance and strength of organization. Bebel did not live to see the organization he had created yield its life into the hands of German imperialism. He, whose proletarian firmness, whose hatred of German militarism stood out, did not live to deny and condemn the socialpatriotic calumny which impudently sought to justify its own vile course by an appeal to his name. The Second International, one might say, died when he did. A whole period in the development of international socialism was at an end.

### PRESIDENT AZANA AND NEGRIN SEEK JOINT BETRAYAL

### Would Trade Spain For Personal Safety

(Continued from Page 1)

Irate comments in the Italian made by the Anglo-French bloc the Italo-German bloc are unable financial responsibility." to duplicate, are irritatedly referred to, and the uneasiness which the fascist powers feel in the face of these moves of the democracies is clearly apparent. Democracies Sought this End

Thus the "great democracies" are seeking to achieve the objective they set for themselves when the civil war broke out; to prevent a victory of the Spanish masses over the fascists resulting in a Socialist Spain, while assuring Anglo-French spheres of influence in a "safe" Spain.

That the British had a definite understanding with Franco was apparent as early as July, 1937. when Bilbao was surrendered by amicable arrangement for joint mineral resources of the area.

The main problem the Anglo- with French bloc faced was, not in its tions. dealings with Franco, but in preventing Loyalist Spain from embarking on an effective war Franco. The Angloagainst French feared, above all, that if the Spanish workers and peasants took over the direction of the war, they would decree independence for Morocco, thereby nstigating revolts behind Franco's lines which would spread hrough the African colonies, and would rouse the Spanish peasantry on both sides by decreeing that the land was to belong to he peasantry.

Stalin Served Chamberlain How prevent the masses from oursuing this obvious course? The Popular Front, inspired by Sir Henry MacMahon and Sherif the Stalinists, provided the way. Sir Henry MacManon and Short Stalin was seeking an alliance with "the democracies"; let him demonstrate his usefulness by strangling the Spanish revolution. He did so. In the name of securing the good-will of the "great democracies," the masses were exhorted by the Stalinists to rerain from revolutionary methrevolutionary way was frustrated England and France must be

private ownership.

All this, to the end that the 'great democracies" can now buy off Franco from his Italo-German

### CARDENAS GOV'T. CONDEMNS LAND OF U. S. OWNERS

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The lands had been held until today principally by the United States Sugar Co., an imperialist outfit whose stockholders reside in the United States. The company is notorious for its anti-labor policy and for the high profits it has wrung from its holdings in Latin-America.

Land to Exploited charged the company specifically ing favor with British imperialwith maintaining unsatisfactory iving conditions for its employees, liance with the Arab workers and with paying inadequate wages, peasants. and with maintaining an absolute ack of sanitary facilities.

Between 2,500 and 4,000 persons were being exploited by the imperialist concern at the time of the expropriation. The land will be divided for their benefit.

Secretary Hull, representing the interests of the American stockholders, asserted that the commis- Pity the Companies! sion set up last November for adjustment and compensation of ex-American holders.

Preliminary steps for the exproand were completed December 9. earnings for 1937.

## **Refugee Committee Decides** To Abandon All Its Efforts

mittee on Refugees, after weeks 000. of parleying in Berlin and Lon- By comparison with the halfits scope.'

Just what took place at the press testified to the progress committee's secret sessions is unknown, the press being informed French offers of big loans, which expressed reluctance to incur any

citizens, the corporation is expect- business.

.The Inter-governmental Com- ed to be capitalized at \$100,000.

don, wound up last Monday by million Jews who are to be taken deciding that the work of hand-out of Germany, this is a tiny ling emigration of Jewish refu-sum. The claim that it is a "regees from Germany was "beyond volving fund" available each year economic difficulties facing emi-

# **British Officials Prepare**

By FELIX MORROW

A well-nigh fatal blow at Zionthe Basque bourgeoisie without a ist hopes in Palestine is about to fight, and Franco entered into an be struck by the British government, it was indicated by developexploitation with Britain of the ments this week at the London conference of British officials

> Malcolm MacDonald, British spokesman, informed the Zionist delegation that preparations for the coming war necessitated substantial concessions to the 16000 -000 Arabs in Palestine and the neighboring Arab states, whose leaders are demanding an end to Jewish immigration into Palestine and a ban on further land

Arab support in the war. Typical British Hypocrisy

For 20 years the Arabs have liberal" bourgeoisie and the So- 1922 by the League of Nations, cialist and Anarchist leadership, delegating Britain to "secure the went to any lengths to curb the establishment of the Jewish Nadocuments.

Now, however, the Arab nationalist movement, ever more turbu- in Palestine. lent, has forced imperial Britain But this course requires a dif- the Old Guard. At the time of in strictly bad taste. There are Arab landowners and capitalists ists. Weizmann's contemptible Berks of the S.P. was suspended bright boys of the theatre. By gad, who lead the movement. The com- statement last Monday that the as a result of the refusal of the the blighters must be stopped, by on's promises, and will render jus- ly" speak for the Arab people— ization. The Bigony group has no way clear to fighting it out for

plight of the "Yishub," the 400,000 to unity with the Arabs and the persecution, they came to their will come when the Jewish mass- ready making plans to bring Noracres of sugar lands were expro- work with their hands in field and British imperialism. factory. Their labors are embodment in a decree made public in | ied in fertile gardens wrested from the desert and in the most modern factories of the Near East.

### Zionism in Blind Alley

British Recruiting Sergeants The logical culmination of this road came when the Zionist delegation in London last Monday of fered to provide a Jewish army to help Britain in event of another world war! They pledged that

AKRON, Feb. 14-Profits for common stock.

#### ment of a private corporation to Roosevelt's verbal sympathy now than four months with the apfacilitate emigration was not ac- stands out in all its mealy-mouth- proval of the N.E.C. of both the ceded to, the committee merely ed hypocrisy. He got a billion S.P. and S.D.F. The Executive

To Dash Zionist Hopes tain dual membership in the S.D. F. until the conference at least.

15 battalions would be available

\rab and Zionist delega-

sales to the Jews.

That concessions would be made was plainly indicated on Tuesday, when Prime Minister Chamberlain informed Parliament that he had agreed to the Arab delegation's request for the publication of the documents relating Arabs claim, Britain pledged recognition of all Arab areas as independent nations in return for

ods. Over and over again, the MacMahon documents. But important support of the Arabs throughout the civil war, every Britain's war promises to the and the whole Moslem world." proposal to conduct the war in a Arabs were in direct conflict with the equally deceitful promises on the basis that the favor of made to the Jews in the Balfour led the Palestine Jewish commun-Declaration of 1917, and Britain's ity. Except as an increasingly less rulership of Palestine was formal-The Stalinists, backed by the ly based on a Mandate issued in workers and peasants. Thousands tional Home." Fearful of Arab steps, and take a new course, to not constitute a progressive factory and the pr of revolutionists were executed or demands for independence, Brit ward unity with Arab workers tor. imprisoned, their "collectivized" ain justified her occupation of and peasants against British im- About six months ago a break and the halcyon days of the mid-

But while they labored, they surrendered political direction of their course to the Zionist leadership which, whether of the bourgeois Chaim Weizmann or the Socialist-Zionist" stripe of Ben-Gurion, sought to assure itself The expropriating decree permanence in Palestine by curryism instead of establishing an al-

propriated agricultural lands, 1938 were the best for the last ten would consider this new expropri- years, reported the Mohawk Rubation with the hope of obtaining ber Company when it filed its re- ish have announced plans for the compensation for the former port today. Net earnings were \$273,230 or \$2.07 for each share of stroyers during the coming year.

is preposterous in the light of the

in wooing Franco away from only that "one or two members of which hitherto justified the "great Mussolini and Hitler. Anglo- the committee had unexpectedly democracies" in refusing to open cratic Federation has taken place their doors to the refugees. Now in Berks County. Sixty S.D.F. they have taken at their face leaders and 28 S.P. leaders will value Hitler's promises to permit jointly petition the N.E.C. of the With the strange exception of Even a plea of leading British emigration-and have abandoned S.P. for a charter. Negotiations Jews for the committee's endorse- the refugees to private efforts, have been under way for more 'taking cognizance" of the plans dollars worth of "anti-fascist" Committee of Local Berks S.D.F. for the corporation. With most of propaganda out of it, and now he has given its approval of the the money coming from private washes his hands of the whole unity move.

when war broke out. and who, in the intervening years, ated Trades Council (A.F.L.). have condemned any possible war | The S.P. is lead by Mark engaged in by Britain as a repetition of the 1914-1918 struggle between rival bandits. Yet at this late date they associate themselves with a pledge to drag the Jews into the coming slaughter as

British legionnaires! This is the degenerate conclusion of the Zionist dream: recruiting sergeants for British imperial-

The British spokesmen scarcely hid their contempt for the fawning Zionist leaders. According to the N. Y. Times of Feb. 16, "the Jews were apparently told that the British Government did not regard them as any help in time of war, despite their explanations of the possibilities of a Jewish defense force. On the other hand, the Jews were told that friendliness with the Arabs, both in Paiestine and in the surrounding nations, was essential to the defense of the Empire."

Which, translated into plain English means: "You Jews are already committed to supporting the British Empire in the war, vainly endeavored to get the now you must make it easier for British government to publish us to secure the infinitely more

This is the dead-end to which the false course of Zionism has important auxiliary to British imperialism, a foil to Arab demands.

Zionism is finished.

New Course Imperative factories and farms returned to Palestine on the Mandate, and re- perialism? Only on this road, by between the Bigony group and dle Twenties were still fresh in fused to publish the MacMahon Arab-Jewish agreement, would the Brown group occurred as the their minds, if indeed it wasn't there be any future possibility for final result of a bitter factional just around the corner again. But

> to seek a compromise with the ferent leadership than the Zion- the Nov. 1938 elections Local more serious things to occupy the promise is to be arranged in ac. Jews "realized" that Mussolini Bigonyites to support the S.D.F. war if by anything. cordance with the usual British and Hitler were behind the candidates at the polls as ordered combination of imperialist real- Arabs; the Marchioness of Read- by the State Committee of the ism and moral hypocrisy. Chaming's statement in New York the S.P. The organization was or have written a manifesto declarberlain will now "discover" the same day, speaking for the United dered into a state of reorganiza- ing for a democratic war against juridical validity of the Arab Palestine Appeal, that the "ex- tion. The present action is the fascism and a prayer that all claims as exemplified by MacMah- treme nationalists" did not "real- product of the process of reorgan- good Americans will see their tice with Olympian "impartial- these services to British imperial- further basis or purpose for ex- Rockefeller and Standard Oil. ism will not lead to Arab-Jewish istence. Many of its members will There is stark tragedy in the unity. The first step on the road go to the Democratic party. Jews in Palestine. Fleeing from preservation of Palestine Jewry leaders of unity that they are al-'Homeland," more than willing to es repudiate the Zionist agents of man Thomas to speak at Socialist Park next summer.

### OLD GUARD - S. P. UNITY PUSHED BY **READING SCHEME**

### **Groups Ask National** Office for Single Charter

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) READING.-What is undoubtedly the first step of the formal Hitler's banditry was the alibi; National unification of the Socialist Party and the Social Demo-

> If the charter is granted a more general unification will be attempted at a state-wide conference to be called early next summer. The S.D.F. group will re-

Instigators of the move include the S.D.F. leaders Mayor J. Henry Stump, James A. Maurer, "War Among the delegation are self-Hofses, editor of the "Reading Horse of Socialism," Raymond F. styled socialists who in 1914 de- Labor Advocate," and George clared against the imperialist war Rhoades, President of the Feder-

Brown, erstwhile radical, and member of the N.E.C. of the S.P.

### A Planned Move

Although the S.D.F. members are technically acting only as individuals, the fact that the action followed negotiations of over four months, involving consultations between local and national S.D.F. eaders; conferences attended by Paul Porter, Arthur Mcdowell and Roy Burt and local leaders of the S.D.F. and S.P.; a volume of gle for unionism let alone its correspondence between both struggle for emancipation from groups, indicates that the move was planned by national leaders as a means toward hastening further state and national unifications. The hand of the extreme right wing of the S.P. is immensey strengthened by this move.

Spokesmen for the S.D.F. state hat the political differences which caused the split have been largely removed as a result of the changes in policy of the S.P.

Your correspondent knew that something big was in the offing by a conversation with Mark Brown, S.P. leader. But it was only until the capitalist press carried the news that the facts were made known

"Leftists" Not Affected A group of "leftists" led by former Councilman Charles Sands and Ralph Bigony is not affected by the move. They opposed the man writing his satire of the unification moves from the start. American way as he knew it to However, their opposition to the be in 1932. One remembers his "Of action is based purely on personal Thee I Sing" which dealt such

resolving the problem of the Jews fight which began several months it is now a long way since 1932. after the August 1936 split with Satire in these troubled times is So confident are the local S.D.F.

## On the Way to the Trenches

Within a few months the ing," according to the financial United States will have in various countries of Latin America twenty-nine army officers, including the air force, in addition to naval attaches and missions already there. These men will in many cases direct or assist in the military colleges of the republics. Their purpose will be to "offset the attempts by totalitarian states to penetrate Latin America" N. Y. Times, Feb. 15)—i.e., their purpose will be to prepare intercession in Latin America for protection of Yankee business interests. This is in line, says the Times, with the policies adopted at Lima.

Brazilian Foreign Minister, Oswaldo Aranha, is now in Washington, discussing "defense" and other questions with U.S. officials.

As an answer to Germany's construction of a number of de-Sixteen "trawkers" . . . "which priation began three years ago This was almost 19 times the would be most useful in wartime for minesweeping and minelay- 1,400 Japanese mandated is-

secretary of the British Admiraly, have already been purchased.

Indications that "war may come in Europe at an early date" were the chief reasons advanced by the House Military Affairs Commission for presenting a bill authorizing the increase in the air corps from 4,000 (already voted) to 5,500 serviceable planes. \$300,000,000 would be spent for this purpose -exclusive of the money needed to train an augmented air

\$32,500,000 is asked for "educational orders" to familiarize industrial plants with the duties they will have to perform in war time.

Two mighty fleets, composed of 140 warships, are now in Caribbean waters for a three weeks navy building program, the Brit- battle to test Panama Canal de-

> The N. Y. Times has this to say about the plan to fortify Guam which lies in the midst of

### Seeing the Plays

THE AMERICAN WAY, by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, with Fredric March and Florence Eldridge, staged by Mr. Kaufman and presented at the Center Theatre.

Messrs. George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart have written and staged a star-spangled cavalcade of America. It is, in every sense, a spectacle, staggering in its size, in its talents, in the amount of money that has been poured into it. It is housed in no less a playhouse than in the colossal Center Theatre built by the Rockefellers. Robert Benchley, the critics have given "The American Way" a unanimous and, in the case of

some, a wild and eulogistic en-

dorsement.

Immigrant to Industrialist "The American Way," is the way" of the immigrant entrepeneurs who comes to the land of the free and the home of the brave and through honest individual effort rises to become a benevolent industrialist, thankful for the inalienable freedom one enjoys on these shores. So thankful. indeed, is our immigrant boy who made good that he (Fredric March) makes a personal appearance at a rally of Nazis to denounce "the pirate flag that flies over Germany" and is mercilessly beaten to death by the uniformed brownshirts. Moral: The Democratic forces of every color, creed, race and nationality will avenge

ing to Berlin. Appropriately enough, the play ends with singing of the national anthem, the audience joining the

him, all roads from now on lead-

### No Mention of Labor

Here is a history of democracy and progress during the last foun decades without so much as a word or whisper of labor's strugcapitalism.

What makes their silence on labor even more remarkable is that Kaufman and Hart pretend to be anti-fascist; presumably they are unaware of the role of labor in the struggle against fas-

There is a scene depicting the Liberty Loans campaigns during the war. One is overtaken with horror at the sum effect of the spirit which it so completely recaptures. What bloody insanity! Who could ever again want to experience such fanatical days! And then there appears a mother dressed in mourning watching the soldiers return, while her husband reassures her that their son died

### that democracy might live on.

No Longer the Satirist One remembers the same Kauf-Satire was then an easy luxury

### A Manifesto for War

In short, Kaufman and Hart

-Nat Levine

lands: the development of Guam as "a strong advanced fell fleet base" will fundamentally alter the Pacific picture, "and we will enter upon a struggle with Japan for predominance in the Western Pacific. Our influences in the Pacific already secure in the East and made even more so by the other base developments now projected, we will be pushing further westward; the idea of 'Hemispherical defense' will have to be modified, a new. more far reaching formula for 'defense', and a new phase of foreign policy initiated. And above all we shall have definitely committed ourselves to the Orient and its problems." (Feb. 12.) Which is by way of indicating that "we" are already sufficiently committed-by investments, by loans made for diplomatic purposes, etc.

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### **Two Votes In The House**

Roosevelt cut the relief appropriation to the tune of a billion dollars. No funds.

Congress cut the appropriation by another \$150,-000,000. No funds.

The big majority of Congress, including Democrats and Republicans, were denounced as Tories, reactionaries, enemies of the people, heartless scoundrels-especially by the Stalinists.

But-

By almost unanimous vote (367 to 15), the House voted last Wednesday to increase the Army Air Corps to 5,500 serviceable airplanes. With other expenditures in the May bill, an outlay of more than a third of a billion dollars (about \$376,000,000) is involved. No funds for the millions of hungry and homeless unemployed.

Plenty of funds with which to plunge the masses into the massacre of imperialist war.

The Stalinists leading the cheering squad for Roosevelt's war-armaments program because it is in the "cause of democracy."

Then how does it happen that virtually every single Congressman, including all the Tories, reactionaries, Liberty Leaguers, enemies of the people, heartless scoundrels, and friends of Fascism in the House of Representatives-voted for this "democratic" war program?

The professional liars of the Communist Party try to explain away their embarrassing position by saying that the "reactionary Republicans" were afraid of the people, who are allegedly aching to leap into another war.

But, they weren't afraid of the people when they cut the relief budget right through the bone.

The real reason for the almost unanimous vote of the House is, as every child should know, that the Roosevelt arms program is a reactionary imperialist

Both the Democratic and Republican parties, and all their factions, are imperialist to the marrow.

They differ slightly on how much to starve the job-

They are solidly united in preparing a war to defend and extend Wall Street's imperialist interests through-

## **Exhuming Mr. Hoover**

On fitting occasions such as high holidays and memorial ceremonies for capitalist politicians long ago laid under tombstones, the bourgeois press dedicates a few columns to Herbert Hoover, ex-president of the United States.

His photograph generally illustrates his statements, staring accusingly at the voter from above a profitable underwear advertisement, with all the expression of a fat man in a butcher shop window.

Everybody knows that Herbert Hoover as a political deluder of the workers and farmers is nothing but a memory. No one takes him seriously except possibly Bill Green, who is as fast on his feet as a sack of of coal, and even Bill must wonder sometimes if Hoover will ever really be president again.

The capitalist press prints Herbert's face and Herbert's statements with the same nostalgic longing for the good old days of the past that a doddering octogenarian exhibits when he turns back the pages of the family album. See, here's great-grandpaw; he shot the Indians. Grandpaw, there slaughtered the Mexicans.

Next to him is great-uncle. He got all the national forests, the richest deposits of minerals, the water power of the nation, and organized fraud, corruption and the big corporations.

And this is Herbert. He was the most promising of all. He promised us prosperity forever. If Herbert were in office now. . . . Do you remember how he ran the bonus army out of Washington?

Lincoln's birthday was the memorial occasion for Herbert's last appearance in the capitalist press. He gave a long speech accusing Franklin D. of usurping the mantle of Abraham Lincoln. Herbert claims the mantle. We are not concerned about who wins this squabble over the mantle. Neither Franklin nor Herbert look much like the giant rail-splitter.

Yet it would be completely unrealistic not to see that unless a third alternative is presented before 1940, the Republican party, no doubt with a stream-lined New Dealer to replace Hoover, will stand good chances of winning the election.

The dissatisfaction of the workers and farmers expressed itself at the last election with substantial Republican victories. And Bill Green's criticisms of the New Deal fit nicely into that pattern.

So long as the people are presented with only two parties to choose from, the pendulum will shift further and further to the right.

Only a party that is really the workers' own can hope to break through this combination. The first step on the road to ending all capitalist politics whether of the Hoover, Roosevelt, or Daily Worker variety is the formation of a Labor Party.

The giant flying fortresses recently seen in Minneapolis "can perform feats unequalled by any other plane in the world," i.e., kill more damned workers per square yard than any other kind of plane.

### **Dividends and Profits Week**

Thanksgiving Day and Christmas are celebrated by most people as the two days in the year when everyone should rejoice, give thanks, and overflow with peace and goodwill toward all living creatures, including

But the workers on starvation wages, for relief clients, the unemployed, and the 3,000,000 American youth permanently locked out from industry, the happiest days of the year come in January when the giant corporations of the country publish their reports of the year's shakedown.

We therefore add our voice to the happy rejoicing of our supporters over the rosy items in the financial sections of the capitalist press and move that an official holiday be declared the better to commemorate the agreeable profits and blessings capitalism has wrung from us during its year's exploitation of our labor power.

During DIVIDENDS AND PROFITS WEEK we celebrate gratefully the following sweet tidbits gouged from the point of production in 1938 (nothing less than a million dollar shakedown mentioned):

TO THE Stockholders of National Biscuit Co. \$12,799,770 Stockholders of American Snuff Co. \$ 1,654,984 Stockholders of Beneficial Industrial.... \$ 6,185,949 Stockholders of Cream of Wheat Corp. \$ 1,232,291 Stockholders of Link-Belt Co..... \$ 1,106,041 Stockholders of Murphy Company.... \$ 2,489,866 Stockholders of Nat'l Bond & Invest. \$ 1,213,450 Stockholders of National Lead Co.... \$ 4,499,797

For SPECIAL GRATITUDE DAY during the festive time of DIVIDENDS AND PROFITS WEEK, we nominate the net profits of eight chain store corporations for the year 1937 (figures just released by the Securities and Exchange Commission):

When the shouts of joy and hallelujahs over this chunk of pie have died down, we propose commemorațive exercises for the following profits in the years mentioned for these same eight corporations: 1936, \$61,000,000; 1935, \$57,000,000; 1934, \$56,000,000. Praise capitalism!

Now for those rolling in the wealth of a W.P.A. salary or spending their way to happiness on a relief check, we are happy to report that their fellowworkers on the Board of Directors of these eight companies were not far below them in benefits re ceived during the year of capitalist economy.

For lolling in a mahogany chair at a few directors' meetings one company paid its board for a single year's slavery during the four year period covered by the Commission report, the sum of \$1,168,328.

The smallest of the eight companies during 1937, the worst year of the four, had to cut down to \$89,250 for the year, but the other companies made up for it in democratic fashion, paying anywhere from a half million to a million dollars to its directors and officers, to each according to his needs as the saying

When we have cleared away the dollar signs, the ticker tape, and clipped coupons of this week's celebration, we will spread around the check stubs of some more corporations for another week of grateful thanks and joy for capitalism.

A world peace conference to settle once and for all the problems of international relationships remains the ultimate aim of the British government, prime Minister Neville Chamberlain indicated in the House of Commons. He reiterated that much "spade work must be done" and added that Great Britain was doing everything in its power to further these preparatory efforts. He and the other gang leaders are preparing to dig another ten million graves-and all in the cause of peace!

### **Fables For The Russians**

In its issue of Feb. 15 the Daily Worker prints the text of an article cabled to the Moscow Pravda by Earl Browder, boss of the Communist party. Here is one of the little fables Browder tells the Russian

"The progressive camp, with Roosevelt's leadership, has clearly come out for a policy of halting the aggressor powers, and for armaments adequate to support such a policy. Republicans and Tory Democrats have equally demonstrated their support to an American equivalent of the policy of Chamberlain, modified by opposition to American armaments. . . ."

The very same day, Feb. 15, the House of Representatives voted almost unanimously for the May war planes bill. All the Republicans (except 14) and all the Democrats, Tories included (except 1) voted for the Roosevelt Administration armaments bill.

The cable companies must have a grand time (and an honest profit) by carrying Stalin's lies about Russia to the United States and Browder's lies about the United States to Russia.

# Is Stalinist Foreign Policy Moving IN THIS TO Conciliation with the Fascists? CORNER

Recent Steps by the Kremlin in the Trade Pact With Italy Indicate A New Trend for 'Post-Munich' Times

the fall of Barcelona, the news vious major speeches. appeared rather obscurely in the Franco Used world press that the Soviet Union had just concluded a new trade Russian Fuel pact with Italy. The report stated In the financial section of the pact from around \$20,000,000 year- circumstantial article by the ace ly to \$50,000,000.

broken off with recriminations with respect to petroleum. He isting Italian - Soviet pact was from both sides, and the majority of the respective consulates and Commons of the respective consulates and Commons of the respective consulates and Commons of the respective consulates and the respective consulates are consulated and the respective consulates and the respect commercial representatives of the two countries were withdrawn. The new development thus sharply reverses the action taken at

#### Notoriously Silent on the Refugees

Munich. Several delegations have cialism in one country." been travelling back and forth be- It must, however, be confessed greater part of the Continent.

During the height of the Nazi Munich Ended A persecutions this autumn and winter, the Kremlin notoriously omit- Period in Soviet Policy away from the Ukraine, and con-perialist nations.

Two weeks ago, a few days after ocntrast to almost all of his pre-otrend which set in immediately

that Soviet-Italian trade was ex- N. Y. Times of Sunday, February democracies, the period of the pected to increase under the new 12, there appeared a solid and Franco-Soviet Pact. This policy reporter Carmichael on the ques-Several years ago the then ex- foreign trade policy, particularly tion of the present trend in Soviet

> Germany and Italy, and related these to the new Italian-Soviet

Soviet trade with the fascist countries. The Soviet Union is isolated Outcome Depends in the world economic market of on Hitler imperialism, and it must attempt The pact with Italy seems to fit to utilize that market for its own likely or even impossible, the which have been circulated, since the Stalinist conception of "so-

the autumn, Walter Duranty, un- with Italy under the given circum-Germany, since the absorption of hypocrisy. Russia supplies the me, keep your eyes open. Austria and the Sudetenland, had fuel-which Italy otherwise lacks and its new domination of the Italy in Ethiopia also came largely from Russia.

general had very little to say. In sufficiently obvious commentary Stalinism can no longer in any Hitler's recent speech to the upon the Stalinist campaigns for sense defend the interests of the Reichstag, it was widely remark-boycotts of Italy or Germany car-Soviet Union. That job belongs to ed that he turned his attention ried on within the democratic im- the workers, of Russia and of the

ing about Russia-in startling foreign policy of the Kremlin, a ter.

following Munich and which has been gathering strength.

simply blew up at Munich.

and Mussolini: there is no other way to read what has happened.

The outcome, however, does become the major force in Europe —with which the armies of not depend primarily on Stalin. for peace and stability-required Franco destroy Spain! But this That Hitler should make a deal by Germany, said Duranty, in or-was precisely foreshadowed by with the Kremlin is not excluded; der to consolidate its conquests the fact that the fuel used by but his price would be high, very high, perhaps so high that Stalin's acceptance of it would mean his are now being played.

Above all the new events dem ted any offer of refuge, and in Likewise are these incidents a onstrate again that Stalin and entire world; and to do their job centrated on Germany's need for But much more than this is in- they have got to finish once and exports and for colonies. Though volved. These events, serve to for all with Stalin, and his gang, he had a few standard phrases throw additional light on the pres- and their ways that have led and about "Bolshevism," he said noth- ent trend in the orientation of the will lead only to defeat and disas-

Munich brought to a close one period of Kremlin policy-the policy of exclusive orientation on the

Stalin turns, then, toward Hitler

showed the enormous sales of be envisaged: The turn might fully succeed; a deal might be concluded with either Hitler or Mussolini or both, preferably the former; and in such a case, Stalin ple" can, of course, be made to dreams (quite vainly) that he would be sitting safe and pretty.

in with a number of incidents purposes. That, in passing, is a threat of such a deal can be used which have occurred, and rumors basic reason for the absurdity of in an attempt to blackmail an alliance out of Great Britain and France. Stalin is trying to say to tween Berlin and Moscow. During that the signing of the new pact ball; very well, unless you come Chamberlain: you wouldn't play official but authoritative Kremlin stances and at the given time was and leave you on a limb, permit spokesman, wrote several articles an act, at the very least, of the your empire to be plucked to putting forward the notion that most contemptible cynicism and pieces; and if you don't believe

fall internally. But the first cards

# Colonel Batista Visits Mexico

The Man Who Established A Bloodthirsty Regime of Terror Against the Cuban Masses is Being Dressed Up by Stalin's Hirelings As A Snow-White Democrat

new prominence to issues which

gogic invocation of a Mexico Cityanother phase of the whole affair

### Whitewashed by Stalinists

For some months now the Comnunist Party of Cuba has striven mightily to sell Batista in his new guise of "democrat." The party press pictures him as a true son took an enthusiastic lead in the like Batista. "ovation" tendered Batista on his return to Havana from Washington some months back.

The Stalinists in Mexico helped this cause along on the occasion of the official reception in Mexico City by putting on an impressive show of trade unionists, marching in review before the very man who, only three years ago in his own country, destroyed trade unionism, murdered its leaders jailed and tortured the rest in what has been denounced as one of the most atrocious reigns of terror in the history of the New World.

Soothsayers for Russia It is one thing for Mexican labor, at the bidding of its leaders, to parade its armed militia. even before Batista: for in a way it proudly advertises thereby consciousness of its own deep reservoirs of strength. The Stalinist

such tours are supposed to cloak. These dangers relate first, to Communist press throughout the of kind. that is very much our immediate United States and Ibero-America.

The reason behind this is clear. foreign policy.

of the proletariat—a man in turn calculated to hold the United Street's looting game. Their meabarber, tailor, carpenter, cane States in line as an ally of Stalin ger success in palming off Batista worker, railroader, soldier and in a European war. Because of as the "democratic" white hope stenographer—who, at this late that they do not merely overlook of impoverished Cuba is a dandate, after years of bloody rule American imperialist drives, lest gerous stimulant to Stalinists, as a dictator, is repenting his un- they step on sensitive corns in who are even less lovely in wavsavory past and nostalgically re- Washington; they go much fur- ing the banner of "democracy" calling his humble origin. James ther and act as advance agents in the colonial and semi-colonial Ford of the Communist Party of for that imperialism and as bul- countries of Latin America than the United States, for instance, warks for tottering straw-bosses in draping themselves with the

Pleaders, however, who made open → The paramount fact in the cur-The "good-will" tour is one of obeisance to Batista the high rently seething Cuban sugar bowl the standard commodities of the point of his visit, made a public is that the Communist party there Latin-American politics of our declaration of an entirely differ- is doing everything possible to time, and Colonel Fulgencio Ba- ent order; namely, their kinship prevent the emergence of the tista's recent mission to Mexico, with a pan-Americanism, which Cuban masses against Batista. It mostly glossed over in the bour-harbors grave dangers for the is ham-stringing the deep-felt geois press was just this type of millions of English and Spanish wish for genuine trade unionism visit. At the same time it gave speaking workers of both Ameri- and militancy by a cynical policy

In the realignment of political The diplomatic intrigues his the war plans of the "democratic" forces now taking shape on the trip involved need command but bloc of nations; second, and cut island, the Stalinists have the lead little of our attention. Washing from the same cloth, to the prepatin the People's Front, formed on ton, for example, was supposed to rations by American finance capi- behalf of Batista, by the C. P. disapprove of his visit, while Ar- tal for an economic stranglehold Sergio Carbo of the old Partido gentine watched it with malicious over the life of the "raw-material Revolucionario Cubano and the interest. Mexico, so it was said, nations" to the south of us, ac- Partido Liberal, Machado's old angled to gain support for her tions, obviously, not at all contra- party. Opposing this, is the so expropriations policy; how, was dictory. In this connection, a foot-called "Civilist Front," composed pever revealed. Batista's dema- note can be written to the Lima of Grau San Martin, Menocal, conference, at which the United Miguel Gomez and the A.B.C., dis Havana-Washington axis, the axis States made its deliberate bid for credited politicians all. Between to end all axes, strove actually to trade supremacy in Latin Amer- these two groups, the Cubar give a phantom reality to the fic- ica, in that the strongest support masses are ground as between tion of Cuban sovereignty. Over and most vociferous praise for two millstones. The difference beand above all this, there is for us such a course was voiced in the tween them is one of degree, not

Over-reach Themselves Yet evidences are at hand that The Stalinist parties act not in the Stalinists are over-reaching the interests of the landless peas- themselves in Latin America, and antry or the exploited proletariat, that hatred of Yankee imperialbut as sooth-sayers for Russia's ism is far from quenched. The beginning of political wisdom Their vicious maneuvers are does not consist in playing Wall Stars and Stripes at home.

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By Max Shachtman

"A nation, no more than a woman, is excused for the unguarded hour when the first adventurer who comes along can do violence to her. . . . There remains to be explained how a nation of thirty-six millions can be surprised by three swindlers, and taken to prison without resistance."

What Karl Marx wrote about Louis Bonaparte's France of 1851 applies not only to the Czechoslovakia of 1938, or to nations and women in general, but to men and parties and all political leaders.

The liberal, of the Stalinist, social-democratic or old-fashioned persuasion, has thickened the atmos phere for months on end with a wail of agonized and bewildered grief. Like the incautious lady who is repeatedly yanked into an alley by escorts who turn out to be a bit on the caddish side, they continue, between excruciating sobs, to tell soul-searing tales of how they were betrayed by the Democracies with whom they kept company.

You can hardly pick up a copy of the Post in New York, where Mr. Ludwig Lore runs a column of foreign news comment, or the Daily Worker, where Mr. Harry Gannes does the same, without reading a lurid confession of how they were done dirt-alas, not for the first time-by some Democratic statesman in whom they put their girlish trust.

### Betrayed by Their

Best Friends

They hail Schuschnigg, and he betrays them. General Syrovy betrays them. So do Chamberlain and Daladier. So does King Carol of Rumania, And it is all beyond their comprehension.

Why do Chamberlain and Daladier, spokesmen of British and French Democracy, allow Hitler to take first Austria and then Czechoslovakia without a fight? Why don't they send their mighty Armadas to prevent their rival, Mussolini, from swallowing up first Ethiopia and then Spain? Why does British Democracy sit by idly while the Japanese ogre carves up China and even encroaches directly upon the southern provinces in which millions of good English sterling are invested? Why has Browder failed thus far to convince Roosevelt and the Chamber of Commerce to send an expedition to Asia to protect Wall Street's investments in China?

Why, in a word, have not yet the Great Democracies started a Holy War against the Fascist Aggressors to protect the Little Democracies instead of "betraying" them?

Sassoon Explains. . . .

Business Is Business A thousandfold sounder answer than you can find in any of the Stalinist, social-democratic or liberal press, was given the other day by a man who has more to say in deciding the foreign policy of the "democracies" than half a dozen Prime Ministers and two-thirds of the members of their respective Parliaments. They come and go and are forgotten. He and his like remain. We refer to the gentleman who recently passed through the United States on his way home, Sir Victor Sassoon, of the House of E. D. Sas-

The House of Sassoon, international bankers and investors, has existed for generations. Its interests lie in Bombay, Shanghai, Istanbul, Cairo, Salonika, London-everywhere. It is part of that upper circle of moneyed overlords like the Lazards, Rothschilds, Barings, Goldschmids, Morgans, Rallis, etc., which dominates not only the counting rooms of the world, but most of its governments, and has dominated them for

He wants, he said in an interview with the N. Y. Post (Feb. 2) Great Britain to back Japan and not Russia. And the United Democratic Front? Nonsense!

Business is business. "Suppose the Japanese crushed or won over its opposition in China. They'd have to have a great deal of money to develop or make anything of it. The only places to get those sums would be the United States and Britain and perhaps France. . . . They're facing what Italy faces after conquering Ethiopia: What can they do with it, lacking enormous capital? All the Japanese bankers, economists and diplomats I've talked to see that clearly,

if the army doesn't." Statesmen Are Loyal

To Their Class But why doesn't this British patriot and banker advocate at least that economic embargo against Japan which, we are assured by the Champions of Democracy, would bring the Aggressor to his knees without resorting to war? The Post story explains

"Japan doesn't want to declare war on China, he explained, because that would bring down the American embargo on exports. Seventy percent of the essential materials for war that Japan must import have been coming from us, Great Britain and France-not the dictator nations.

"He admitted that if the democratic Powers clamped an economic embargo on Japan they could stop the undeclared war in China. However, this probably would bring on a Japanese economic collapse and that would likely bring Communism Three paragraphs from Sir Victor are, as we see,

more important and more revealing than a Popular Front speech by Daladier plus a Fireside Chat by Roosevelt plus a House of Commons report by Chamberlain plus a Peace-Through-War manifesto by Browder, with a maudlin Nation editorial thrown in.

We rise to defend the good name of the statesmen of Democratic capitalism. They are loyal to their class and its interests. They defend them stoutly. They are not traitors to their avowed cause. But the "labor leaders" who ask the masses to follow them, are!

### **Labor Looks Through** The Press

The Japanese finance ministry calls upon all Japanese women to stop eating sweet potatoes and help win the war. Potatoes are needed for conversion into badly needed alcohol. This applies only to the upper classes, of course, since the lower don't know what a sweet potato tastes like. All the latter is called upon to sacrifice is the blood of their male relatives.

By ARTHUR HOPKINS

In Louisville a hill-billy appealed to an attorney to take his case against a cigar salesman who sold him a cigar for \$1.50 with a guarantee that it would grow longer as he smoked it. The cigar burned down like an ordinary cigar, he complained. Don't laugh, gentle reader-this is no stupider than the theory that what goes into the bosses' pockets benefits the workers.