Demonstrate Against W.P.A. Cuts on April 1st!

One million W.P.A. workers are being cut off the payroll this week.

One million workers are being sent back to the scrap-heap, back to the breadlines, back to the misery and starvation of 1931 and 1932.

This is only the beginning.

The entire W.P.A. is being wiped out by Roosevelt and by Congress in favor of a four billion dollar war budget.

Two million more are to follow unless action by the workers forces Roosevelt and Congress to retreat. The dismissal slips are already prepared. They say there is no money. They say taxes must be reduced. They say there are jobs in private industry for every worker. They say prosperity is just around the corner. . .

YOU KNOW THEY LIE. You know that four billions spent for destruction and death could just as easily be taken away and used to put workers back on

YOU KNOW THEY LIE. You know there are no jobs in private industry because you have tried to find these jobs. You know that unless there is a bigger W.P.A. three million workers will remain unemployed.

YOU KNOW THEY LIE. You know the 60 families have not been over-taxed. You know they are still in control of billions of dollars. You know the unemployed and relief workers have been taxed to the limit through sales-taxes and wage reductions. You know there is plenty of money and resources available for the workers of America.

YOU KNOW THEY LIE. When the Stalinist Workers Alliance tells you to rely upon post cards and telegrams. When the W.A.A. promises not to count the ballots sent in by workers who want to march to Washington until after Congress has voted to fire one million workers, YOU KNOW THEY LIE TO THE WORKERS WHO WANT TO FIGHT AGAINST THE LAYOFFS.

YOU KNOW HOW TO WIN JOBS. You know that the workers never get anything for nothing. Unless you are ready to fight-ready to strike, to demonstrate, to march on Washington, the cuts will go through. ACT NOW. Once you are off the job you are unable to strike effectively. Once you are dismissed you are separated from your fellow workers. YOU KNOW

ACT NOW. Join the Unemployed and Project Workers Union.

ACT NOW. Demonstrate at 70 Columbus Ave. on April 1 at 10 A.M.

Uneasy Interlude

Initiative Remains in Hitler's Hands While Powers Seek Way Out

Europe this week entered upon a brief, uneasy interlude between

changes, without a general war.

He had incorporated Bohemia and and on the hope that the econom-Moravia into the Reich, establic weakness of the Greater Reich lished control over Slovakia, recovered Memel, and signed pacts with Lithuania and Rumania which brought both those countries into the widening German

His axis partner, Mussolini, made a speech Sunday in which hope of bringing about a Soviethe demanded that France meet German war that will weaken his demands for colonial adjust- both these powers and leave the ments in the Mediterranean and road clear for the re-establishment Africa. For all his violent bom- of their own domination in bast, the Italian Duce did not get Europe. too specific and he left the door It will not take long before wide open for negotiations with events test these calculations. Paris. On Wednesday Premier Hitler, driven remorselessly for-Daladier was expected to answer ward by the desperate strain in in a similar spirit, indicating German economy, is doomed to France's readiness to come to plunge on into fresh adventures.

"Declaration" Fails The British attempt to secure a four power declaration "against Africa and Latin America. further Nazi aggression" failed dismally. It failed because its intent was purely platonic. Poland refused to go along unless London and Paris explicitly declared they were ready for an armed showdown. With its ears still cocked ler, the Soviet Government said it would not join unless Poland did.

And when it became clear that London and Paris still fear war and the inevitable collapse of their empires even more than they fear Hitler's program at this March 24, of Local 5 of the Amerthrough, leaving Hitler in a position to take off on his next coup sal of the traditional anti-war the January congress of the pretty much when he pleases.

The French and British boss politicians understand, however, eler's force with force sooner or inists had shifted to a war-monglater. They bank now on a fresh ering position; but this was the ion the first hour was frittered attempt to break Mussolini away first time they dared openly in away on a legislative report from his none-too-well-beloved ally the union to come out for arma-

Teachers' Union Adopts War Monger's Program But the heavy cuts Malady urged were definitely discarded.

for some friendly word from Hit- Bars Anti-War Members from Presenting Position in Union Magazine

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

er can cash in on his gains. At

that juncture, with their own

armament programs farther ad-

vanced, they would be better pre-

And always they cling to the

will fight to keen Hitler from get-

in the vast empires of Asia and

pared to take the plunge.

NEW YORK-In a stormy membership meeting Friday, Abraham Feingold, chairman of Stalinists pushed through a reverpolicy of the union and put it on American League for Peace and record for a pro-war line.

It had been long evident to

The occasion was the report by the so-called Anti-War and Anti-Democracy. Though the meeting attention to a mass picket line nine board members. had been called for the express in front of the state headquarters that they will have to meet Hit- any union member that the Stal- purpose of discussing Feingold's

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FIGHT W.P.A. SLASHES

Madrid Crushed Under Iron Heel of Franco

Junta, Despairing of Keeping Things Under Control. Finally Invites Fascist Hordes to Come In

ARMY IS HANDED OVER

Their Friend Miaja

By LEON TROTSKY (Special to the Socialist Appeal)

COYOACAN, D. F., March 24-As I see from the last issue of the Socialist Appeal received here, the Stalinists try to link us with Miaja and his staff. The Socialist Appeal has already given a clear answer to this frameup. In this connection permit me to quote from my article, "The Lesson of Spain," written in December, 1937. Analyzing the possibility, under certain circumstances, of a rapprochement between the leaders of fighting camps, I wrote: "It is not difficult to understand that in the case of this variant the final remnants of the 'democracy' will prove to be stifled in the fraternal embrace of the generals Miaja (Communist!) and Franco (Fascist!)."

Marxist theory gives the possibility of foreseeing some things even on a personal plane. Stalinist practice (here there is no theory at all) consists of combinations of betrayals and frameups.

BULLETIN

Franco's army entered Madrid Tuesday morning. General Jose Miaja, and other members of his Junta, fled to Valencia. Their last act was to surrender the remaining loyalist troops in Central Spain to the mercies of Franco.

Madrid's surrender was expected hourly as Franco, having stood aside while the Popular Front Junta did his work for him, broke off surrender negotiations and in sisted on concluding the civil war by force of arms.

Upon a demand last Saturday from Franco, the Junta had already agreed to surrender its air force—the Loyalist navy weeks ago had been sent to be disarmed and interned in French Algiers-Hitler rested for a moment on his laurels. In ten days he had but Franco did not wait for comslashed away again at the map of Europe and made far-reaching pliance with this demand. For his it had secured any guarantees, the Popular Front Junta had already publicly announced it was surrendering its airplanes.

Drive Opens

front in central Spain, near Cordoba. Loyalist troops, who since the Junta took over the government on March 5 have heard nothing from their leaders but preparations for surrender, provided little resistance against the advancing fascist troops.

But on the Madrid front the de facto truce continued, and reports indicated that the reason for this picket line of 200 workers in front made any public declaration, but may be that worker-regiments there were determined to continue Alliance appeared, too, with about resistance, and that the Junta some kind of understanding with The great "have" powers, France, had warned Franco of this state heartedly about the halls of the Italy in the hope of detaching it Britain, and the United States, of affairs, so that fascist forces were launched first to reduce ting too much of their own loot other fronts.

The N.Y. Times correspondent (Continued on Page 3)

NEWARK JOBLESS SLICE RELIEF

Union Lays Plans For Action on April 1st

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEWARK .- The Workers Re lief and W.P.A. Union of Essex County moved forward last week on two fronts in the fight for adequate cash relief for New-W.P.A.

Relief Director Malady had proposed two weeks carlier a cut of about 50 per cent in the 1939 unions and the C.I.O. leadership. relief budget. According to his was to be accomplished by stop-On Sunday Franco launched an ping all relief to single men, offensive against the southern families of two, and all unem- headed by Walter Reuther; and ployables, and all supplementary the Detroit Chrysler local, of relief to W.P.A. workers and which William Marshall is presiworkers in industry with large dent. families.

Jobless Act

The unemployed responded by appearing before the local Assistance Board, which met to take up Malady's proposal, with a of the City Hall. The Workers 15 or 20 members skulking downbuilding, putting their "pressure" on the Board.

The Board met with the Union that they had "considered Mala- the Stalinist whips for the first versary of the Palm Sunday masdy's proposal' 'and had decided to time spoke against 'C.I.O. dictatell him "to make another sur-torship," and the "John L. Lewis at the Club Hatuey Hall. vey" and "bring in other propos- invasion," although they themals for a retrenchment program." were definitely discarded.

Ready for More

After that the picket line asdrawing hundreds of passers-by. and held a short meeting where speakers explained the reason for and the results of the picket line and urged that the unemproposals.

of W.P.A. to be held on Saturday, numerous posts now held by its Germany is doing to Czechoslo- either of Roosevelt or of the dereport, in typical Stalinist fash- April 1, where they will show quite plainly the attitude of the believed to be in alliance with the same thing on this side of the Kent, front-man for the Stalinists project workers to the scheduled worst reactionaries, the old Mar- ocean, when they oppress and in artistic circles, whose contri-

BALK PROPOSALS Lewis Prepares Showdown With CP at Auto Convention

Third Group's Program Meets Favorable George F. Addes, secretary-treas- scared to act. Unless the projects Response as Convention Opens With Majority of Workers Represented

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) CLEVELAND, Ohio, Mar. 27-A major showdown between the forces directed by the Communist Party and the locals backed by John L. Lewis and the top C.I.O. leadership, looms at the United Automobile Workers Convention. The convention opened today with a clean-cut division between

ark's relief clients and the strug- these contending forces. The Stalinists control a huge bloc of votes, gle to prevent any lay-offs on sufficient to dominate the convention, determine policies and elect board. The program of the Third the incoming Executive Board-

Group, recently organized, calling if a major attack is not launched against them by the big local The spearhead of the anti-Stalin-"retrenchment program," this ist bloc in the convention consist ing with a warm and favorable be determined by the Lewis C.P. response from a large group of fight. of the big Briggs local, of which delegates, and will have much in-Emil Mazey is president; the enormous West Side Detroit local, the convention.

Adolph Germer, Leo Krycski and at least ten other C.I.O. organizers are at the convention, trying to whip up sufficient anti-Communist Party sentiment. John L. Lewis himself has not ye speculation is rife among convention delegates that it will be he who will deliver the major blow against the Stalinists.

The Communist Party leadercommittee first, and notified them their caucus meeting, last night, commemorated the second anniters of Lewis' intervention a few down by Yankee imperialist mathe faction fight in the union.

The Stalinist-led caucus finally sembled in front of the City Hall, decided to send a committee to see the C.I.O. representatives and plause every time one of the to seek a compromise with them.

Ally With Reactionaries The Communist Party group is graphically described the massacre particularly concerned with se- of the unarmed paraders, includployed remain on their toes, with curing preservation of the pres- ing his own father and brother, stage, the whole project fell ican Federation of Teachers, the Fascist Committee of the union, their eyes open, ready to respond ent size of the Executive Board by Roosevelt's gunmen. Ernesto sue into merely reformist roads. on the union's participation in immediately to Malady's next of twenty-five members, while the Concepcion de Gracia was thuntop C.I.O. forces want to cut the derously applauded when he flung The Union has now turned its board down to three officers and the flaming question:

stooges, the Communist Party is vakia, when they are doing the mand for independence; Rockwell tin supporters on the executive slaughter the Puerto Rican people,

Carlo

represents the overwhelming ma- and unemployed strike together, jority of organized auto workers Roosevelt will win and the W.P.A. in the major corporations—Gen- will be a thing of the past and the eral Motors and Chrysler—the in- unemployed will be back where dependents, and the major parts they were under Hoover. plants. The credentials committee reported 469 delegates, representing a membership of 170,202.

three-fourths of the union and is was the President's plan to throw a crushing answer to Martin's unemployed workers on the streets

It is expected that many pro- But Congress thinks it can get gressive resolutions and steps will away with larger slashes - and it for a fight against the Stalinists be adopted, although the tone of is making every effort to get on the basis of a militant, class- the convention and the character this plan put through-so it cut struggle position, is meet of many of the resolutions will \$150,000,000 off the original re-

Convention areaways, hotels fluence in determining policy at and the town are filthy with Stal- Appropriations Committee calling inist officials, ranging from B. K. for the first slash of 400,000 from John L. Lewis' lieutenants are Gebert, Communist Party district W.P.A. on April 1. On May 1, pushing for the chief posts R. J. organizer of Detroit, to Arnold 600,000 more will be cut, and on Thomas, for president; Walter Johnson and a crew of similar

"Independence" Is Cry at Meeting of Puerto Ricans

Denounce Roosevelt at Commemoration Of 1937 Massacre

pation of the expected attack. At | manding freedom for their people, | our other Nacionalista leaders?" sacre of Ponce, last Friday night A peaceful parade of Puerto-

Sunday, 1937.

uey Hall rang with cheers and apspeakers voiced that demand.

Four hundred members of New | when they throw into Atlanta ship is obviously jittery in antici- York's Puerto Rican colony, de- prison Pedro Albizu Campos and Lorenzo Pineiro Rivera clearly and succinctly answered the Stalinists and liberals who try to channelize the issue into merely

reformist roads. Governor Blanton selves had been the chief promo- Ricans was cold-bloodedly mowed Winship, said he, "Is not the cause of Puerto Rico's troubles, he is months ago as the solution for chine gun and rifle fire on Palm merely the instrument; the cause is Yankee imperialism, led by "Independencia!" The Club Hat- the smiling Roosevelt himself." False Friends Pineiro Rivera's pointed re-

marks were directed against three Rosario Rodriguez simply and guest speakers who, far from solidarizing themselves with the demand for Puerto Rican independence, tried to channelize the is-These guest speakers were: a Mr. William Bianchi, substituting for Congressman Vito Marcan-

"How dare the Roosevelts speak tonio, the Stalinist stooge, who In its attempt to preserve the of liberty and democracy, of what blandly omitted any mention (Continued on Page 3)

Million Due Be Cut

Fighting Action Will Force Congress to Provide Funds

JOIN PICKET LINE!

The layoffs are here. They are hard, cold, facts. There can be no more fooling around — no more delay. Only by militant action strikes, demonstrations, hunger marches, can the blows of the Roosevelt campaign to destroy the entire W.P.A. and return three million workers to the breadlines, the garbage pails and the open-shops be stopped. Only by decisive and immediate action can the hundreds of thousands of dismissal slips-prepared long in advance---he stopped.

Now-before it is too late the workers must rally to hold their ranks and fight back before they are cut off the pay roll. Once the cuts have gone through the workers will be divided. Some will be completely separated from their fellow workers and thus demoralized. Others will be too are struck; unless the workers The convention undoubtedly demonstrate, unless the employed

1.200,000 to Go According to Colonel Harring ton, when Roosevelt first asked This figure represents at least Congress for the \$875,000,000 it quest.

> Last Thursday Colonel Harrington submitted a plan to the House June 1, 200,000 more, Harrington proposes to cut by projects disregarding "individual needs."

All the doomed persons within these quotas will be in need. Workers considered not in need vere removed long ago.

Can't Go on Relief

The government how frankly admits that it intends to throw needy workers on the streets. Relief budgets for the balance of the year are all set. They have been established and the additional hundreds of thousands of applicants will be expected to shift for themselves.

Congress, in granting only \$725, 000,000 for relief, made clear that it will give more if an emergency arises. This means that if the unemployed and fired workers stage strikes and demonstrations, if the une oployed are determined not to accept this knife in the back, then Congress will be prepared to retreat.

There is plenty of money to be had for W.P.A. The War budget amounts to more than four billion dollars. The Roosevelt administration is reducing taxes. The 60 families have not even been touched for any real dough. The money is there. And it can be had.

They are asking for it-Let's give it to them.

Get on the picket line at 70 Columbus Avenue at:

10 A.M. sharp on Satur-

New England Trucking Strike Northwestern Victories Spur Drivers; Ask Higher Wages, Lower Hours By B. HARDE (Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW HAVEN, March 24.—Inspired by the success of the 11state North Central agreement New England Trucking Strike Northwestern Victories Spur Drivers; Ask Higher Wages, Lower Hours not likely that the lockout maneuver will succeed. Meanwhile the strikers, ignoring appeals of governors and the intervention of state labor com-

The attitude of the railroad

brotherhoods towards the proposal of an American Congress of Labor, which was rejected by the A. F. of L., has not been given much attention. As a matter of fact, so little is known about the railroad unions, especially among the newer C.I.O. unionists, that we herewith re-

port briefly on them. which John L. Lewis wanted to major concerns in this area. hold the balance of power in the more than 300,000 railroad work-

Largest of these is the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen with 134,000 members, according representative of the League for nose. Peace and Democracy (the Stalinist war mongering outfit) into vention in 1937.

Wealthiest Labor Bureaucracy in Country

The Brotherhood of Locomo-

was founded in 1863. An estimated 78,000 members belong to the Brotherhood of Lo | 48-hour week are demanded. comotive Firemen and Enginemen. It is headed by the smooth

oldest of the Big Four, since it

Mr. D. B. Robertson. The fourth of the big unions as distinguished from the "shop real factor underlying the strike scandalized by its passivity in recrafts." is the Order of Railway to 40,000 members J. A. Phillips

is president. It is considered very unlikely cago." that these "Big Four" will give up their independence, although to win them over

overlap one another. The dupli- as twelve smaller operators. cation of officials, etc., has created perhaps the largest and wealthiest labor bureaucracy in the area have threatened "unit" off for the force were cancelled, the country. Railroad union con ed front" action, and have all and special instructions were isventions are notorious for their ready made the gesture of with- sued to the cops on how to deal

Employment and

Wages Drop

In contrast to the "Casey Jones" are the "shop crafts" mentioned before. There are 17 of these, which have affiliation to the A. F. of L. The leaders of all the railroad unions except the trainmen got together in 1926 Puerto Rican Cry Rica after the Ponce massacre, problem of fighting war with an Refusing to descend to the level to raid the SW.P. on April 1. and formed the Railway Labor Executives Union to work unitpromernood of Trainmen coop-erates closely with this committion was that "things should be Plaza in New York on that eveedly on wage problems, etc. The erates closely with this commit- outloon was that things should be Roosevelt contemptuously an- explain what economic necessity Stalinists with the union's achieve ning in disguise in an attempt to tee of which George M. Harrison, better in Puerto Rico so that the tee of which George M. Harrison, Detter in Fuerto facto so that the president of the A. F. of L. people could learn to love and swered, according to Hays: "If drives Roosevelt, as representations and a two-fold program: evade the close scrutiny of the president of the A. F. of L. people could learn to love and state of the A. F. of L. people could learn to love an Brotherhood of Railway and accept the United States"; and Steamship Clerks, Freight Han- Arthur Garfield Hays, who told they would assassinate the govdlers, Express and Station Em the audience they should have inployees, is chairman.

Among the main problems fac- it but they mustn't use force or ing the railroad workers is the violence. steady increase in unemployment In the past year, for example, over 100,000 railroad workers on class one lines have lost their jobs, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. About 943,000 are employed by the class one railway systems now, exclusive of executives, officials and staff assistants.

Wages in the industry averaged \$24.24 a week in December, 1938, the latest obtainable figure. Renounce Militancy

While once the railroad workers, led by Eugene V. Debs, through the now defunct American Railway Union pulled the oppressed workers of Nazi Ger- tention to the Socialist Appeal. great and historic Pullman Strike in 1894 and established a new the Socialist Workers Party and high note in labor militancy, the Young People's Socialist strikes today are shunned like League threw a picket line in a massing of the comrades in the very devil. The Transporta- front of the German General Con- the entrance-way of the Consution Act of 1929 set up govern sulate's Office during the busy late Building and the singing of ment mediation, and this was afternoon hours on Saturday, the International. succeeded in 1926 by the Railway March 25. Labor Act, which together with

the railroad union bureaucracy cated. was never better expressed than Among the attractively painted Should their meeting be held they Saturday and voted to build anin a recent statement by Whit- banners were the following slowwill receive the same reception ney. "In the early days we took gans: "The Way to Fight Fascism they experienced in New York. the position that we would pro- Is to Fight Capitalism!" "Socialtect our contracts, regardless of ism Alone Can Defeat Fascism!" Get Your APPEAL whether they suited the rank and "Fight American Fascism by file at the moment. . . Our mem- Building Workers' Defense bers are well disciplined,"etc., etc. Groups!" There were several ban-

REGIONAL PACT MAY RESULT FROM

intervention of state labor com-

missioners, are holding out and

preparing for a showdown fight.

Here in Connecticut alert picket

lines have been established at the

struck terminals, and cruising

curloads of pickets are being

sent out regularly to the suburbs

and along the highways. Perish-

ables are being allowed through,

and local merchants and whole

sale dealers are not being pre

Aim at Regional Pact

state North Central agreement and other teamsters' regional contracts in the area west of Chicago, Southern New England truck drivers last week walked out in three states for uniform conditions in this region.

Interstate trucking was fectively brought to a standstill in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, with some 800 strikers paralyzing the activity of the 600 trucks of the Adley vented from picking up ship-Express Co., Consolidated Motor Lines, Inc., and the J. J. Mc- in control, as indicated by the The "Big Four" brotherhoods Carthy Freight Line, the three Spokesmen for the owners, bitproposed A. C. of L. comprise ter because the strike action has through the picket lines. thus far been directed only

against the major concerns, described the shutdown as a "squeeze play" to get more money, and complained of the "sickto A. F. Whitney, its president, ening condition" under which He, by the way, is a New Dealer drivers with no grievances "have who plays ball with the Stalinists to join the strike or be blackon occasions. We remember how balled, intimidated, threatened he used his prestige to sneak a and probably punched in the

Ask Wage Increase Actually the general walkout the United Rubber Workers con- was the direct outgrowth of a "test strike" begun four days earlier in Rhode Island, where 3 000 A. F. of L. teamsters ceased work following the breakdown of that something similar to the renegotiations between representative Engineers, of which Alvanley tives of 1,200 owners and 10,000 Johnston is president, estimates drivers for a 3-state contract, its membership at 60,000. It is the establishing uniform conditions as to pay for trips and lay-over one to nine cents an hour and a the situation that the police are able to get off for three hours on

played up the irate comments of order." Here in New Haven the had left to go back to work, the Bridgeport Herald, liberal Conto some withering criticism resheriff's deputies and state police. necticut weekly, reported as the cently by local uplifters who are State highway employees and firethe decision of union officials current crime waves and its fail- with tear gas bombs and night Conductors with between 35,000 "to go after a regional pact after ure to cope with the network of sticks. Ten pickets were arrested watching such an agreement op- racketeering which enmeshes the and charged with rioting. erate in the area west of Chi- city. The Bridgeport Herald ob-

this area that the most effective vict three weeks ago in a gam- and vacations with pay. The Torepeated efforts have already procedure was to take quick ac-bling room, which was the center ledo plant of the Hetrick Co. is been made behind the scenes by tion against the key concerns, of New Haven's wide-open lot- also out on strike for the same both the C.I.O. and the A. F. of L. tying up their terminals and see- tery racket, city court officials demands. ing to it that small operators did are assuming the responsibility These operating unions repre- not take over their business. Al- and supplanting the police, who sent mainly the engineers, fire ready the largest outfit of them don't seem to get anywhere on men, conductors, brakemen, all, Seaboard Freight Lines, Inc., the job. switchmen and flagmen. They of- doing over-the-road shipping beten have jurisdictional disputes, tween Boston and New York, has helpless to deal with local crime for their claims to membership signed up with the union, as well and racketeering, the police have present strike. Immediately after

Boss "United Front" The truck owners throughout the strike was declared, all days of a regional contract to equalize and not bigshot politicians are

have expressed themselves as fa- peculiar vigilance, of the police gle meeting. vorably inclined toward the idea in this instance, where workers competitive conditions-and it is involved.

dependence if they really wanted

Roosevelt's Attitude

which refuted his conclusion. He the Fourth International, corroborated the stories told by the Nacionalista speakers, admit- in complete solidarity with the ted the forcible suppression of independence movement of the free speech and free press, and Puerto Rican people.

After having served on an in- Thomas' dwindling group. vestigating committee in Puerto

However, although curiously

shown no lack of initiative in the

The Partido Nacionalista of lie in Yankee prisons, is supported of all races will die. in its fight for independence by the Partido Comunsta Independ-Hays himself provided the facts | iente, Puerto Rican section of

The Socialist Workers Party is

Chicago SWP and YPSL Picket German Consulate

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) CHICAGO. To show their soli- stration was called by the S.W.P. darity with the persecuted and and the Y.P.S.L. and calling atmany, several score members of

Singing revolutionary songs and to the calling of a mass demonits amendments passed in 1934 shouting anti-fascist and anti-stration against a planned Bund makes it a long-drawn out and war slogans, the pickets attracted meeting. That meeting is reported tedious process of negotiations the attention of hundreds of to be similar in nature to the under which strikes are "illegal," people on busy Michigan Boule- New York Madison Square Gar-

Prepare for Bund Rally

ners announcing that the demon

The picketing was closed with

This picket line is preparatory Perhaps the conservatism of vard where the Consulate is lo-den meeting. Thus far the Bund has been unable to obtain a hall. sidiary of the Conference, met

At Your Local Newsstand

AMERICAN FUND ASKS CLOTHING FOR REFUGEES

The American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees is collecting clothing for the refugees. All readers of the Appeal who have clothing on hand still in good condition are urged to bring it to the office of the American Fund. Room 1609, 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City, or inform the office, which will send some one to pick up whatever clothing you may have.

The need of the refugees helped by the American Fund for clothing is extremely great. All contributions will

ments, but the strikers are well fact that the struck companies have shut down tight and are making no effort to break

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

Refuting the charges of the trucking companies, Milton Mc-GOSHEN, Ind .- A majority of Donald, business agent of Local the workers of the Hetrick Manu-No. 443 in Bridgeport, stated facturing Plant, members of the that the three concerns refused Textile Workers Organizing Comduring the tri-state negotiations mittee Local 225, have been out on to sign new contracts, granting strike since March 13. increased wages and uniform

The authorities asked for a 48conditions. With the high morale hour truce to which the union of the strikers and the growing leaders agreed. At 1 P.M. Wedsplit between small independent nesday, March 15, seven hours truckers and the big outfits, before the truce was up, Robert which may soon disrupt the Dullea and George Meyers, Jr., boasted "united front" of the em-T.W.O.C. organizers, and Ralph ployers, there is a good chance Winebrenner, president of Local gional pacts operating out in the 225, were arrested for "gawking Mid-west may come into existence here as a result of this on their own recognizance.

Over 200 workers from the Chase Bag factory who through It is an interesting sidelight of the power of the T.W.O.C. were showing exemplary efficiency in Wednesday morning, helped pick-Although the press; generally mobilizing to protect "law and et the Hetrick plant. After they owners' representatives, the police force has been subjected picket line was smashed by 200

Toledo Also Strikes The strike is for union recogserves that in the investigation It was felt by union leaders in of the killing of a New York con- nition, a 10% increase in wages,

Pacifists Gather To Bemoan Hectic World We Live In

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK. - Sixty listless

Not a single speaker tied up the posts.

Thomas Advises Reading

the venerable Joseph Schlossberg vilification and slander. the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, received applause when he denounced the Versailles Treaty as the source of Europe's distress, However, no attempt was made to explain the roots of the Treaty itself.

greater part of his speech in adsues of Harper's and Common

to labor as "also" interested in giving "matzohs" away. the fight against war. Several light and delicate sallies were made at the expense of the warmongering Stalinists, sallies which were received with wellbred appreciation by the audi-

The business meeting of the Anti-War Labor Council, a subti-war clubs in the unions, sending the suggestion to higher authorities for consideration. When asked about the "Council's" recent activities, the Chairman replied, "Well, we have been pushing our literature."

MILITANTS IN CALIF. UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL LICK STALINIST SABOTAGE

Issue Call for April 1st Demonstration; Demand \$30-30 Hour Week

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) OAKLAND, Calif., March 20.-The state conference of the Labor Unions Unemployed Council, which met here Saturday and Sunday, succeeded in hammering out a militant program of action. This program calls for: 1) Unity of the employed and the unemployed in the fight for relief; 2) recognition that mass action to wrest adequate relief local councils. from the administration is the only weapon of the unemployed; 3) immediate expansion of W.P. A. to give every unemployed worker a job, and a \$20,000,000,000 Public Works Program, featuring low-rent housing; 4) a 30-hour week without reduction in pay, and \$30 minimum pay in all industries; 5) the opening of all idle factories with government financing and workers' control.

April 1st Action

The conference also issued call to all labor organizations in the state for endorsement and participation in the national W. P. A. demonstration against lav-offs on April 1st.

By these actions, the progress ves delivered a smashing blow at the Communist Party clique, which has dominated the L.U.U.C. for the past year.

Meeting for the purpose of to meet the crisis in the relief n a continual uproar by professional disrupters from the Communist Party. On every questhey deluged the chairman with every maneuver in their bag of parliamentary tricks.

union-smashing bunch than Ger- the Council maine Bulcke, from the Internacontribution was to prevent the ance last vear.

Shields, until yesterday State Secretary of the Council, had used his influence to prevent delegates from attending the conference. Realizing that his day was done. Shields from the very start concentrated his efforts on trying to prove that a state organization was not feasible—his main argument being that he had

Having pledged themselves to the support of the huge war appropriations, the Communist delegates succeeded in voting down a resolution against war by one

Forced Into Open It was not, however, until the

resolution setting up a state council came on the floor that Shields and his gang were forced completely into the open. They tried to prevent the election, and when it finally came to a vote, they kept the conference in an uproar for over an hour on one technicality after another. If any further proof were needed that they had come there for the sole purpose of smashing the council, it was forthcoming at this point. When the decision was announced that the resolution to continue the council had won, they got up and walked out of the hall. In answer to a deleworking out a program of action gate's question as to why they were leaving, Shields replied, "I situation, the conference was kept have to get home to my wife and kiddies.

Jackson Elected The conference closed with the tion, no matter how unimportant, election of Andrew Jackson, delegate from the I.L.W.U. 1-6, as state chairman, Jackson has carried on a consistent fight against No less a spokesman for this Communist Party sabotage of

Progressives in the Council tional Longshoremen and Ware- have expressed the hope that unhousemen's Union, was present to ions which have hesitated in the carry out party orders. His main past to affiliate to Labor Unions Unemployed Council because of seating of two delegates from the the Communist Party domination Union of Progressive Workers, of that body will now see fit to an unemployed organization affiliate and help to realize in which broke away from the Com- action the program adopted at munist-controlled Workers Alli- the conference. The new address of the State Council is 1007 It was brought out on the floor Broadway, Oakland, Cal., Room

$Knit goods\ Union Elections$ Give C.P. Stinging Rebuff

Membership Re-elects Progressives by Three to One Margins

line, in particular their class-(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK-Another blow at collaborationist, pro-war line on "delegates" to the first New York the Stalinist union-wreckers was the unions. In many unions they length. Usually delegates get all drawing from operation trucks most efficiently with the roving expenses and good pay white at tending. We recall one convention held in Cleveland that lasted over two months!

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Weep America Out of War' delivered this week when the most efficiently with the roving which have succeeded. But in the Knit work of War' delivered this week when the most efficiently with the roving picket patrols. If the strike, the strike of some companies which have companies which have succeeded. But in the Knit work of War' delivered this week when the most efficiently with the roving with the roving of the Knitgoods they were given a severe workers Union, Local 155, of the last Friday night at Caravan their needs, are giving short shrift to the Stalinists.

Find blowment and the feath of the first two to the strike that the strike to the length. Usually delegates get all drawing from operation trucks most efficiently with the roving "Keep America Out of War" delivered this week when the have succeeded. But in the Knitconcerns—some of them, in fact, izens would do well to ponder the last year without holding a sin- 3 to 1. Louis Nelson, manager of the union and leader of the pro-The local Keep America Out of gressive ticket, was re-elected by ARE YOU GOING War outfit, like the parent body, a vote of 1,856 against 563 votes is a smattering of pacifists, lib-cast for his Stalinist opponent, Jo-"Independence" Is told a revealing story about Roosevelt.

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The most deviation of pacifists, libseph Rapaport. In addition, the
progressives won the union presidency and all business agent

Hays went to see Roosevelt to attack on the capitalist system as of the Stalinist slanderers, the So the entire membership plus urge him to agree to the demand the source of war; not a single progressives, through the Shop any number of sympathizers are of the Puerto Ricans for the dis- speaker referred to "imperial- Chairman's Committee, which rep- going to congregate at Irving loot the American ruling class 2 a program of progressive labor and their personalities behind coshopes to win in this oncoming action, which called for a national tumes, which they hope will help Puerto Rico, whose leaders now war in which millions of workers referendum on war, international them to elude and delude the labor solidarity, independent labor glances of not only the Dies Comdemocracy. Against this program

> posed every constructive measure. it all secret, but they do promise Sick and Relief Benefit Fund, the for all, and various prizes for rally to Marx's "Workers of the during which the Fund, administradical group anywhere. World, Unite," but spent the tered by a membership elected By the way, a number committee, disbursed \$23,000 to rades have complained that they vising his audience of worthwhile needy members, the Stalinists are so busy signing up new memwere still attacking it. Last year, bers into the party and Y.P.S.L. they issued a leastet with a defi- that they have had no time to Dignified references were made ing the Fund, and ridiculing it for tee, therefore, has offered to help

Stalinists, especially in the needle on some of the following ad slotrades, to seek a united front with gans: any element, however reactionary. The object is to secure jobs for the Stalinists, and to foist their

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The one trade union speaker, the Stalinists offered character this concentration of forces has arranged a program of all sorts of In the course of the election surprises. They won't tell us what campaign, it was pointed out that sort of entertainment they have the Stalinists had resisted and op- prepared. They insist on keeping For example, two years ago, when that there will be not a dull mothe administration had proposed a ment all evening, with fun galore Norman Thomas, at the close Stalinists had protested even to the more clever, alert and quickof his remarks, did finally get the point of disrupting the meet- witted. The entertainment will be around to voicing the hope that ing at which the proposal was the most varied and original ever the workers would once more being discussed. After two years, presented at an affair held by any By the way, a number of com-

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> papers. I have seen papers born red hot, but have died yellow. . . . I have witnessed so many splits TWO WEEKS STILL LEFT and changes within the move- ON SUB DRIVE: ment for the last 40 years it liquidated the "Reason" and assigned quotas.

I was through with that paper. The Weekly Worker came and place-all good Marxian papers ton, Texas. when launched, but now they are found wanting.

adopted the name, New Appeal,

munist (?) press go with out- Appeal.

stretched hands towards any or "The twice-a-week APPEAL is all kinds of sky-pilots; when the a big improvement over the very C. P. leaders say "yea! amen!" good weekly APPEAL. The new to huge appropriations for bigger paper is more like a newspaper, and better battleships; when has greater timeliness and punch they make a united front with and is more readable. It is the those we are supposed to fight

"Now, a word about your pape clouds of capitalist propaganda." which is also my paper. It can't be better for its size. It is very enlightening to read a paper again that prints Marxism. The S.W.P. will grow—there's no question about that. The party's paper will steadily increase its circulation and some time when Socialist movement way back referring to the Socialist Appeal when the 20th Century was still we may also add the official or young) I have read many radical gan of Socialist America."—J Holmin of Chicago.

The drive for 1.000 new readers makes me downhearted to think still has a good two weeks to go. about it. When the World War Branches should now be making came and the Appeal to Reason final efforts to complete their

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The Electoral Campaign in Belgium

As a result of the appointment of the Flemish nationalist Martens to the Academy, the cabinet of Premier Spaak fell and unleashed a national crisis, in which King Leopold III intervened with a letter to Spaak's successor, Pierlot, that had all the earmarks of a threat to install a Bonapartist regime in Belgium, Martens had been pacifist and anti-government during the late war.

The crisis had, of course, been brewing for some time around economic and foreign policy issues and was only set off by the Martens affair. It culminated in the dissolution of parliament and the calling of general elections for April 2. The Martens issue is being made the most of by the Fascists (the "Rex" movement led by Degrelle). The Labor Party (P.O.B.) is concentrating on the slogan "Against Deflation." In reality, the Martens affair merely conceals the struggle for national independence of the Flemish section of Belgium, which is discriminated against by the Walloons; while the deflation policy of the Belgian capitalists is inseparable from their wholesale attack against the social legislation wrested by the workers for many years as well as from their armaments program.

The Revolutionary Socialist Party (P.S.R.), Belgian section of the Fourth International, is entering the general elections fresh from a big success in the communal elections last fall. when they gained an absolute majority in the Municipal Council of Flenu. The P.S.R., in its election manifesto, poses the issues before the workers as they really are.

They point out that "the institution of a union of Socialist Soviet Republics of Flanders and Wallony" is the only permanent answer to the acute national problem revealed by the Martens crisis, at the same time stressing their adherance to the right of self-determination of peoples in any case.

They warn agains the royalist Bonapartist danger and call for the preparation of the General Stirke and the armed insurrection against any attempt to install a dietatorship.

They call for the application of the transition program of the Fourth International against the deflation and anti-labor plans of the Bel-

If the results of the municipal elections were any indication, our Belgian comrades should make considerable progress this coming April ,2.

Cooperatives Join British Unions in Revolt Against "Register"

This column has previously reported the revolt of local trade union councils and Labour party

branches against the "National Register" conscription scheme of the Chamberlain government, despite its endorsement by the Labour party executive and the T.U.C. Naturally, the Cooperative Union leadership, like the other labor bureaucrats, also favored the plan. Now word comes that local cooperative societies all over England have joined in the revolt of the rank and file and are preparing to fight out the issue at the annual Conference of the Cooperative Party at Easter.

Among those who have joined in this anti-war movement are the local societies in such important cities as Watford, Bristol, Macclesfield, St. George, Glasgow, Birkenhead, Manchester and

Particularly outspoken was the action of the Cooperative Society at Southampton, which is proposing the following amendment for adoption by the annual conference:

"This Annual Conference of the Cooperative Party registers the strongest protest against any form of National Register of man-power, believing it to be the first step towards conscription and an instrument which may be used by the Government against the working class. It calls on every section of the Cooperative Movement to refuse any invitation which may be received to cooperate in the operation of the National Register."

Obviously, the crusade for the holy war of the "democracies" against the fascisms-looming more ominously since the latest Hitlerite conquests-is going to hit upon considerable snags before it is fully launched, not only in the United States, where the Gallup Poll has recently again confirmed the overwhelmingly anti-war sentiment of the masses, but in Great Britain as well. The fact that the sentiment is purely rank and file in character and pitted against the powerful propaganda of the unanimous accepted leadership appears to be indicative of revolutionary developments breaking sooner in the coming war crisis than was the case in the last

A Correction on the New Danish Party

In reporting the formation of the new Danish party of the Fourth International recently, this column mistakenly said that a Danish representative was present at the International Conference last September in Geneva. The Danes first applied for admission to the Fourth International upon constituting the Internationalt Kommunistik Parti after the Conference and could not, therefore, have been represented at that

On the Line . . . with Bill Morgan

Shining shoes is a very poor business-especially in Tompkins Square Park. Not only are there many other boys trying to earn a dollar to take home, put the shoes in such a park are very dirty and very old. And not many men can afford a shine even if it costs only a nickel. So Joseph didn't have a hope of becoming rich.

Thirty-five cents a day was about the limit. But Joseph also made friends with the other boys and this to him was worth more than the money. Friends are necessary if a fellow wants to get along in this world. A friend like Jake, for instance, was worth more than anything because Jake knew the shoe-shine business and also knew how to fight.

Joe and Jake would play at marbles or cards together and talk about things. Jake was smart and knew all the answers. Jake taught Joe the way to get results at the Relief Bureau. He explained how his father had joined up with a union of unemployed men and had gone to the relief office with a committee of unemployed men and women. "They just got a little tough," said Jake.

The Union Arranges the Funeral

Joe went home early that day. He was anxious to tell his father about Jake and how Jake's father got attention from the Relief.

When he walked into the house he knew something was wrong. His mother was crying. His sister was crying and coughing and the babies were very quiet-they were so scared at all the noise. Joe looked around and saw his father-dead on the floor. . . .

Downstairs two steps at a time-around the corner and over to the Park. Jake was still there. "Hey! Jake, come here . . '

When Jake's father and the committee from the unemployed union arrived, they found the landlord and a lot of neighbors in the flat. Everybody was excited and nobody knew what to do. Some one sent for the police. Jake's father immediately kicked everybody out of the house and began to make arrangements. "We got to have a meeting of the executive committee," he said. "We got to arrange for a funeral. We got to raise some money." Joe wanted to die he felt so scared and so afraid that his mother would never stop crying. But he was glad Jake's father

After a while some women from the union came with food and began to clean up the house and make everything ready for the meeting. Men came with some money which they said was contributed from the union. They called Jake's father "Comrade." Comrade . . . that was a nice name Joe thought it must be an American name because he had never heard

The Priest Asks Fifty Dollars

That night there was a meeting at the unemployed union hall. Many workers came and there were women and children, too, Jake's father made a speech. It was a fine speech and Joe cried and felt very sick in his heart. The people were very angry and said something must be done. The hall was covered with signs which said, "Give the Bankers Home Relief--We Want Jobs!" and "Workers of the World, Unite!" And after the meeting some people took Joe to their house and put him to bed with his sister and the babies. His mother sat in the kitchen, while the women from the union tried to make her stop crying. There were so many friends, now. If only his father were here to see these friends. But it was too late.

In the morning a Priest came and said that fifty dollars would arrange for a funeral. Who had fifty dollars? The Priest said John had not been a good man because he didn't go to mass and didn't send the children to Sunday school He said the Church would forgive everything if Joe's mother paid the fifty dollars. The mother cried and said she was a good woman. Joe got very angry at the Priest.

Jake's father came in and told the Priest to get out, "You didn't come around when John was hungry. You didn't come to see hime when he needed help, so get out. There is no money here." Jake's father was angry. The Priest called the police. The police said Jake was a Red. The police said the Priest was only there to help.

Newspapers Print the Story

In the afternoon all the newspapers printed the news and then some men from the Stone-Cutters Union came and gave Joe's mother some money. They knew Jake's father because they called him "Comrade" like the others from the unemployed union.

The next day there was a funeral. The men from the unions made speeches. They said the unemployed must fight and not die. They said everyone would always remember John. They said the Relief Bureau was to blame for this death. They called Joe's father "Comrade."

Then the police came again and took John's body away to the Church where another funeral was held, but only Joe and his mother were allowed to go along with the police. The friends from the unions were threatened by the police. Reporters from the newspapers wrote everything in the papers.

"We Gotta Organize"

After the funeral the Relief investigator came and gave Joe's mother some money. "Your case has been accepted," she said, "and you must not associate with those people from the unemployed union. They are Reds and will only make trouble for you."

Joe went with Jake to the park and Jake explained everything. "We gotta organize all the unemployed, so nobody will go and hang themselves. We gotta fight for jobs and we gotta fight all the time. The union will take care of the Relief Bureau. We have to build the union." And Joe, who was now the man in his family, listened carefully and thought it over. Yeah, if we don't put up a fight, they will just let us go and die. I learned that anyway. We better start now to get in all those people who live on my block. Come on, let's get going, comrade."

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR Madrid Crushed Under Heel of Franco As Junta Invites Fascist Hordes to Enter

SERVILE TERMS Patriotism Gushes at "Stop Hitler" Parade A VERY BIG WAY the technical excellence with

(Continued from Page 1)

Burgos on Sunday reported that the Popular Front Junta's negotiators had told Franco that the Junta "was anxious to comply with the Nationalist (fascist) instructions," but "it felt that it had not sufficient authority with various political and military elements to enforce compliance and consequently would welcome the crowd to a pro-war fervor. initiation of an offensive to enable a surrender under war con-

Junta's Surrender "Terms"

peasants in Loyalist territory. no reprisals or sanctions "unless marched. decreed by corresponding courts"

ponding courts." Junta's Main Intererst

ployment of the Republican mili- of Rumania." tary, other than those found guilty of criminal offenses, should should be respected."

in his military and civil apparatus! leaders a bit cautious.

But servile as these surrender terms were, they were insufficient for Franco. Having permitted the Junta, and the Negrin cabinet before it, thoroughly to demoralize the remaining Loyalist troops by their surrender proposals, he now prefers to wave aside parleys and enter Madrid without even the appearance of formal commitents to the Lovalists.

Such is the horrible end of the road to which the Popular Front policy, the strategy of crushing the worker-peasant masses in the name of "anti-fascism," has brought the Spanish people. Here is a terrible lesson for the American working class.

Not a Peep Out Of C. P. on Miaja

The Daily Worker, central organ of the Communist Party, has refused to comment on the fact, published in the March 21 issue of the Appeal. that General Jose Miaja is a member of the Spanish Communist Párty.

Miaja, butcher of the Madrid anti-Fascists and head of the treacherous Junta which is now seeking peace with Franco, has never been expelled from the Communist Party.

"The President of the famous Madrid Defense Commission, Comrade Miaja, is a member of the Communist Party. His work, with that of the other delegates, will go down in his

These words appeared in the official organ of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, the "International Press Correspondence," (Inprecorr), February 6, 1937

(Vol. 17, No. 6, page 121). Does the Communist Party think it can bury its crimes against the working class with the stient, heroic dead of Madrid, murdered by the Commu nist Party?

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Speeches by Mayor La Guardia, Rabbi Stephen Wise, the Bavar ian Princess Halga zu Lowenstein, and others, sought to rouse the

Stooge Outfits

Organized by a new-born Stalin-song of the last imperialist war ist stooge committee, "The American Council to Combat Nazi Invasion," the parade was made up Certainly the terms proposed primarily of a score of Stalinist by the Junta for surrender con- organizations such as the Ameritained nothing which Franco can League for Peace and Democ could not grant, and yet keep a racy, the International Workers free hand for the coming blood Order, the American Student bath against the workers and Union, the North American Committee, the Friends of the Soviet A communique issued by the Union, and the Jewish People's Junta Sunday night revealed that Committee, together with some even the one condition which the Slovak and Czech nationalist so-Junta was ostensibly created to cieties. Several Stalinist-controlled secure—amnesty—was now being unions such as the Fur Workers asked for in terms perfectly ac- Union and the United Office and ceptable to Franco. For it asked Professional Workers Union also

The main slogans shouted or -a formula under which Franco carried on placards were as folcan decimate all Loyalist Spain, lows: "Support President Roose-The Junta, in its broadcast, velt's Stand Condemning Nazi Insaid that the fascists had agreed vasion," "Stop Wanton Lawlessthat "criminal offenses" would "be ness," "Stop Nazi Spying in the dealt with exclusively in corres United States" and "Appeasement Won't Work." Czech and Slovak organizations carried banners The real meat of the Junta's reading: "Restore Democratic proposals for surrender is con- Czechoslovakia," Return Memel to tained in the request that "em. Lithuania" and "Keep Hitler out

"We're In the Army Now" Slogans for collective security be respected," "similar concessions were few and far between. What to non-professional soldiers who may account for the failure to have risen from the ranks of the give prominence to the "collective former militia," and, likewise, security" theme calling on Dala-"employment of civil officials dier and Chamberlain to unite the "democracies" against Hitler was In other words, these traitors the uncertainty of the parade oronsider the main problem in ganizers, the Stalinists, about their turning over Loyalist Spain to own line. The recent overtures France, to be assurances from made by Stalin to Hitler for a him that he will incorporate them military pact made the C. P.

> A contingent of more than 60 girls, all bearing American flags, headed the parade. Bands marching in the parade continuously played "America" and "The Star Army Now"-the old doughboy solidarity with the marchers.

By SHERMAN STANLEY

ter his 4-day fast in Rajkot, Al-

Now Gandhi urges the "demo-

cratic" imperialist nations to dis-

arm themselves "simultaneously."

Then, the idea is, Hitler will be

shamed into doing likewise. Or,

perhaps, Hitler will drop dead

with surprise when "peace-loving"

Incidentally, we never heard of

ment of the British and Native

armies that trample upon India.

And we recall how in 1914 this

urged 11/2 million Indian soldiers

to fight on Britain's side during

Crazy Like a Fox

nature of a joke, or the empty

hallucinations of an old man if

ic were not for certain other

facts in his interview with a N.Y.

Times correspondent. To expect

the "democratic" imperialism of

this world to strip themselves of

armaments on the very eve of

what may be a new world strug-

gle between themselves and the

fascist imperialism is equivalent

to expecting the capitalists of this

earth to hand over their facto-

But Gandhi is no senile, half-

crazy old man. As the saying

By posing as an "absolute"

on the side of Britain, and (2) at the top!

ries to the workers.

brains of the Far East.

the World War.

empty stomach!

Gandhi Gives "Advice'

world crisis. Perhaps this is the say: "It must be a good war-

as his advice to the Czech masses volved in a European war,"

Chamberlain scuttles the British dhi is bargaining with the Brit-

Ghandi demanding the disarma- that the imperialists wish to im-

"pacifist-at-any-price" gentleman gress in wartime, millions of na-

Gandhi's advice would be in the time he promises more.

result of inspirational dreams af- even Gandhi is for it"

One group of marchers kept shouting "Stop Propaganda in the U.S.A." without even bothering to mention whose propaganda they wanted to stop. For Dies Investigation Stalinist groups kept shouting: Make Martin Dies Investigate the Nazi Spies," demonstrating the willingness of the Communist Party to co-operate with the arch patriotic spirit. This is what the

mocracy."

'Democratic Front" means. In a crude effort to cover up the Roosevelt Administration's con- program." stant refusal to open the doors of Open for Refugees." The word the arms he wants. "keep" implies that the refugees are permitted to come to the United States today.

to "make the world safe for de

dressed in their native costumes,

Union Sections Small

Leaders of the parade expected and predicted that more than ity with the familiar Stalinist 200,000 would march. Only 20,000 charges that the anti-war speakturned out. The union sections ers were "Hitler's Fifth Column," in the march were very small, that they agreed with Mussolini Usually in Stalinist parades there on the Ludlow Referendum, that is a spirited chanting of slogans. Eut on Saturday, only here and President was playing into the there could groups be found that hands of the Hoovers and the were enthusiastic about their Coughlins. shouting. The parade fell flat in its objective of whipping up a

Despite all the propaganda for war that the people have been subjected to during the past few further insinuations, notably the weeks through the radio, the lie that the anti-Stalinists had Spangled Banner." One of the press, and the movies, the on- not supported the Spanish workbands kept playing "We're in the lookers showed no particular

When the pro-British Times

supposed-to-be enemies!

For even at this moment Gan-

of the Indian Nationalist Con-

tive soldiers to fight on European

Hokum Doesn't Go

conduct," is their slogan.

(Continued from Page 1) Dodd, administration whips. Anti-War Program

progressive Independent group cation of their medium. (anti-Stalinist minority) intro- Technically Perfectduced a four-point resolution: to disaffiliate from the American League: to support the Ludlow Amendment: to reiterate the

ments and demand that the arms billions be used for relief, schools, and homes; and to open the columns of the "New York Teacher" to a democratic discussion of the given to all views. The Independent speakers

pointed out the preposterous weasel-wording of the American reactionary red-baiter to create a League program, such as, "We many of the current horse operas are opposed to any increase in than that they seek to remind the armaments as a substitute for audience of America's "glorious" the development of a positive past; of that day long past when

The joker is that the Stalinists the United States to refugees from interpret Roosevelt's program as wilderness to build America. True, fascist persecution, signs bore a positive peace program and are the inscription "Keep America therefore willing to give him all

Stalinists For War

administration admitted its sup- made recruiting poster. But with all the patriotic slo- port of the munitions makers. Hollywood, in its special task gans, with all the brass bands, Matthew Besdine stated that to of preparing the masses to refight and even with the color supplied implement the American League the war for "democracy," would by the Slovak and Czech groups program, battleships were need- be remiss in its duty if it did not ed. The slogan of the union for constantly remind us that we are the entire parade lacked life and years had been, "Build schools, the fated posterity to whom has not battleships."

spokesman, replied to the minor- great "democratic" past. any one who didn't support the

To the Independents' analysis of imperialist war and their statement that Roosevelt was responsible for the Spanish embargo, the administration replied only by

When the Independents pointed out the hypocrisy of the "good its American premiere in New neighbor" policy and showed that York, New York. Latin American dictatorships suppress the masses with the To British Imperialists support of American imperialism, an administration speaker demagogically proclaimed, the theatre, we felt as if they preparing for his inevitable-and "Roosevelt is the hope of man- had shoved a thumb in our eye. Mohandas K. Gandhi, the Ma- ardent-support of British imper- kind." Thunderous applause from For although the picture has a hatma of India, has offered the lalism when the war does come. the hardened Stalinist elements few fleeting moments of hilarious world his advice on the present Gandhi figures that people will greeted this poetic sentiment. Stalinist "Democracy"

a sore point in the discussion. high jinks, you'll see it. If you're most anything can happen on an correspondent asked him bluntly, For a year the magazine has uni-What will the Congress party formly rejected articles by Inde-grandmother. This advice is about as useful do should Britain become in- pendents against armaments and war. The administration alleged FILM DEPARTMENT during the first Munich crisis. Gandhi refused to answer. "But that there was no space for any Then he urged them to lay down won't you try to go to the root thing but articles of purely teachin front of the onrolling German of the situation?" the correspond- er interest, and that furthermore ent persisted. "A wise journalist the magazine couldn't print connever goes to the root," responded troversial matter on which the "pacifist" Gandhi. Yes, and a union had taken no stand. The Inshrewd politician never commits dependents cited a defense of colhimself, especially when he's car- lective security that had been rying on negotiations with his printed. The union's anti-war position had of course not been presented in the union press this year-The bureaucracy, in true Stalinist is bargaining with the Brit-ish for concessions and reforms fashion, simply changed the pol-icy first and consulted the membership later.

to the New Slave Constitution Particularly vulnerable on the pose upon India. What does Gandhi offer the British Support subject of the Ludlow amendment, New York City the union leaders were content to repeat the American League's double feature can also be super fence-straddling: "We stand for plied with the fifteen-minutes" and Asiatic battlefields, a billion the right to vote on war, but in short "Appeal in the Making." dollars to the British war-chest. view of the time required for a In 1914-1918 Gandhi raised constitutional amendment" and so \$750,000,000 for the British. This forth.

War Means Dictatorship The Independents repeatedly But the Mahatma will have a showed the connection between hard time putting across his act. war and a military dictatorship, India's masses are fed up with with consequent snuffing - out

this hokum, especially since they of civil liberties. The administrarealize that it will mean their tion was silent on this key queslives at the service of their bit- tion. Evidently the gagging of terest enemy. The Congress left- teachers and the smashing of wing and revolutionary socialists trade unions is all right for the are pledged to utilize Britain's Stalinists as long as it happens participation in a war as an op- in a war. portune time to free India by Though the Independents put

revolutionary means. "No support up an excellent fight to keep the to Britain in any war it may Teachers Union from becoming a part of the war machine, the vote Gandhi fears the sentiment of was a foregone conclusion. The goes—"he is crazy—yeah, like a the working and peasant masses. Stalinists are too strongly infox!" Inside this shrunken-up When asked if India is progress- trenched to be shaken by one head lurks one of the shrewdest ing, he replied, "Yes, it is. I get such debate. It is fortunate that frightened semetimes, but there there is an organized opposition is progress at the bottom, and in the union which is fighting the pacifist, Gandhi attempts to per that progress is sound." What iron Stalinist war-mongering ma form the double purpose of (1) frightens Gandhi is the realiza- chine. But it will take cruel exdeceiving his own following who tion that revolutionary action at perience to teach the teachers genuinely oppose war-especially the bottom means a clean sweep duped by Stalinism the real nature of imperialist war.

MERRY-60-ROUNE

Not since Hector was a pup has there been anything similar or comparable to the revival of the Wild Western. In recent months. moviegoers have seen more horse operas than they can ever hope to put saddles on. In a word, the screen has literally been converted into a corn field.

which many of these films have been handled. Indeed, there hasn't been such ecstatic use of the at a previous meeting, and in camera anywhere as in the filmwhose substance had been given ing of "Stagecoach." The use of the usual pre-arranged ovations technicolor has, of course, greatly for Max Diamond and Bella enhanced the appeal of many of these films, as well as providing the technicolor artificers with After Feingold's report, the superb backgrounds for the appli-

Ideologically Suspect

And while there can be no quarrel with these films as motion union's position against arma- pictures, there is, nevertheless, the motive for them. The discerning moviegoer, after having been kicked around by more broncos than he can break with a tommyhawk, will begin to understand war question, with equal space that what is supposed to be an innocent Wild Western is essentially another device for arousing his best patriotic impulses.

For what else can be said for men and women braved the mountains and the deserts and the America, and especially the west, was built at great human suffering and sacrifice. But that saga as it is re-told today has essen-When hard-pressed, the union tially the significance of a well

fallen the lot of cherishing and Herbert Klein, American League defending the heritage of the

At the Filmarte

The French seem to have a particular, almost fastidious, addiction to repetitious names. Or perhaps they've acquired a taste for double talk. As if Simon Simone were not enough, the French only recently introduced us to a gentleman who goes by the name Noel Noel. Then, again, for some time now we've been acquainted with Fi-Fi, our neighbor's maid, who has gone to great lengths to explain the meaning of 'oui-oui." But now comes a French comedy entitled "Bizarre Bizarre," and by some strange coincidence it had

The Filmarte management inslapstick comedy, most of it bogs down like a Mack Sennett pie. If The "New York Teacher" was you're in the mood for Gallic not, stay home and beat your

The National Film Department of the Party announces that it has available for immediate use by the Branches the documentary picture "Tsar to Lenin," commentary by Max Eastman. Projection apparatus and service accompanies the film. Provision has been made for at least 15 showings within the next 90 days. Cash should be sent with all requests for bookings. Most states do not require ficenses; those which do, grant them readily. Write John G. Wright at 116 University Pl.

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JOBLESS, HE KILLS HIMSELF

Unemployed for two years, and despondent, Nicholas Crivelione. 50, killed himself with a revolver today in the kitchen of his apartment at 450 West 163rd St. His wife told police he was formerly

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Roosevelt and the War Crisis

President Roosevelt has used every stage of the developing war crisis in Europe to put over a fresh phase of his own program for dragging this country into the war when it comes.

He used the crisis last September to break down Congressional opposition to his monster armaments program and to rush through his plans for "continental defense"-i.e., bringing all of North and South America into the orbit of American military and naval as well as political and economic control.

Under the impact of the current swiftly-moving developments in Europe, he has had rushed through new votes of gigantic sums to build up the army, navy and air force. He is moving to bring the Latin American countries under the heel of Yankee imperialism. Plans are complete to mobilize American industry-and of course American labor-for war purposes, and to whip up popular feeling against the prospective war-time enemies, at the moment, primarily Germany.

During the remainder of the present session of Congress, Roosevelt hopes to crush the revived movement for a war referendum and to put through a revision of the Neutrality legislation in order to leave his own hands freer to intervene as much as he pleases—or rather, as much as Wall Street pleases—in the war situation in Europe.

Roosevelt and the rest of Wall Street's managing staff in Washington are preparing to sweep this country into the war that is drawing near in Europe. That war will be not a war for "democracy" but; like the last one, a war for colonies, markets, raw

For employed workers the war preparations mean now a steady whittling away at the meager rights the workers have fought for and won with the life's blood of martyrs in thousands of strikes. It means a steady whittling down of real wages and when war comes it will mean goose-stepping regimentation not one whit different from the regime imposed upon the workers of Germany.

For the unemployed we are seeing this week what it involves. Billions are piled up for guns and battleships while millions are cut away from the already inadequate funds allocated to the W.P.A. and relief.

These are the realities of the preparations for war. not the hypocritical folderol about "democracy" and 'civilization'! The workers' fight is not for the boss democracy or the boss civilization that keeps them ground into the earth, starving amid plenty, dying amid limitless opportunities for fruitful living. The workers' fight is for the end of boss rule and the establishment of the social commonwealth of nations in which war will become a mad dream of the black past and the good things of the earth will become man's to enjoy and to use.

Ta-Tu Thau Is Free!

Ta-tu Thau, leader of the Indo-Chinese Fourth Internationalists, has been released from prison by the French authorities in Saigon, we are informed in advices from Paris. He had three months more of a two-year sentence to serve. Unrelenting pressure by our comrades in France and by the workers of Saigon who elected him a municipal councillor, as well as the alarming state of his health, at long last forced his liberation.

To prevent him from resuming his political activity, the French authorities ordered him banished from Saigon and its vicinity. Another Fourth Internationalist leader, Nguyen van So, was still a prisoner in the hands of the colony's "democratic" French rulers.

Ta-tu Thau emerges from prison all but broken physically. He was completely paralyzed on his right side as a result of hunger strikes fought with other comrades in protest against their imprisonment as working class militants. Shackled by the People's Front authorities, Ta-tu Thau throughout his ordeal conducted himself as an exemplary revolutionist. He shocked the court by telling it that only by overthrowing their French imperialist masters would the peoples

of Indo-China become free. From his prison cell came messages that eloquently testified to his unflagging devotion to that goal of liberation. His health once regained, he will resume his position as one of the foremost leaders of the Indo-Chinese workers.

To Ta-tu Thau we send our fraternal greetings and to him and his comrades pledge our solidarity in their efforts to force the liberation of other militants still in the filthy dungeons of Indo-China and in their struggle to end French tyranny there once and for all.

By Any Other Name

For generations the toilers of Central and South America have suffered under dictatorships that rank among the most ruthless and bloody the world has ever known. The knife, the dungeon, and the firing squad are the traditional political tools of Latin America's military tyrants. With only one or two exceptions, violence and terror rules the entire continent from the southern border of Mexico to Tierra del Fuego.

It is not necessary to turn back the blood-caked pages of Latin American history to prove this point. Last week's press alone was glutted with items, any one of which would make it clear what type of governments these countries suffer under.

In Ecuador the government brazenly began a complete reorganization of the schools, assertedly in order to drive out the "communists." Thousands of workers and students protested with strikes and the government began preparing its armed forces to shed blood. The issue involves the autonomy of the schools, their freedom from the state, a right granted in most countries in the middle ages.

In Cuba Dictator Batista suppressed a comic weekly. Its crime consisted of carrying mild caricatures of the

In Uruguay the Popular Frontist "International Congress of American Democracies" met at the capital, Montevideo, announcedly to line up the South American countries for the "defense of democracy" in the western hemisphere against "the penetration of fascism." Montevideo had been chosen as the freest city in South America. Many of the delegates were absent because of "pressure and intimidation" from various South American dictators.

The Montevideo police specifically prohibited the conference from "saying anything either in favor of or against the government of any country." Police twice warned the delegates during the meeting to hew more sharply to the wishes of the police department and a police censor closely followed the broadcasts of the sessions, interrupting the transmissions whenever the speakers said anything he fancied he did not like. In Argentina, Brazil, and Peru the broadcasts were completely prohibited.

In San Salvador the official Diario de Hoy bluntly expressed the intentions of war mongering Roosevelt in an editorial in its March 22 issue: "In the face of the despoliation of Czecho-Slovakia we must launch to the winds a proposal for construction of an AMERICAN IMPERIALISM that will resist assault by Europeans and Asiatics and that will permit us to DICTATE laws to the world."

In Puerto Rico the President of the Senate, Rafael Martinez Nadal, on March 25 charged that Washington forces the insular legislators to pass bills prepared by the Federal capital by threats to cut off Federal appropriations. "We legislators are only playing a comedy . . ." he said. "The United States boasts of its democracy and feels itself authorized to combat all threats against democratic principles, but governs Puerto Rico like a fascist and unlike a republican

But nothing fazes the lovers of "democracy" in Washington. Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, in testimony on March 23 before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which is studying a proposed bill to sell armaments to Central and South American countries made the following amazing assertion in response to a question as to the type of governments prevailing there: "I do not know of any government on the Continent, Senator Borah, that is not a republic."

'We will call them 'republics,' " conceded Borah. "It does not make any difference what they are, but we will designate them 'republics.' "

It is not delicacy about calling a nasty thing by its right name that motivates the State Department in spraying perfume on the tyrants in Central and South America. Roosevelt is preparing to plunge us into war, and where secret diplomacy can't grease the rails under the armament machine then it is necessary to resort to open and downright lies.

Inspiring Example For Labor

On July 28, 1938 District Court Judge Frank E. Reed of Minneapolis handed down an order requiring that General Drivers Union Local 544 immediately surrender for inspection all its books, records and correspondence to attorneys for five finks who had asked for such inspection, in order the better to prepare a case against the union.

It is a sad fact that, in the case of most unions, such a union-busting order of a judge would have been obeyed, and the finks, obviously agents of the Associated Industries, would have had their way.

But this was the famous Minneapolis Truckdrivers Union, veteran of the great strikes of 1934 which unionized the whole city. Instead of surrendering its books, the union issued a public denunciation of the judge which was headlined throughout the area as meaning that the union would not turn its books over to the finks. The battle thus launched went through numerous legal channels, but always in the forefront was the union's mobilization of the labor movement against the finks and judges supporting them.

Last week the same judge Reed handed down an order by which his order opening the union's books to the finks "is stayed until such time as it appears to the trial judge that such inspection is advisable." The trial itself opens on April 18. We are confident that, despite the reactionary regime now dominating Minnesota, 544 will emerge victorious.

Meanwhile, 544 has provided an inspiring example of how unions can fight to prevent employers' organizations and their agents from securing access to union

Shocking Conditions Revealed THEIR In Mines By Medical Report GOVERNMENT

Company Dominated Doctors Are Sharpest Weapon Against Workers; Companies Make Huge Charges For Handling Funds Deducted From Miners' Pay

In the mining camps of the American College of Surgeons, charge men in violation of wage

Anywhere from the hard rock the United States.

more than lose an eye from a was: 'An improvement in medireturned to work by the com- to us than a raise in pay." pany doctor, by company request, wrong with him."

With a broken hip and legs, from arm pit to ankle, the com- vailing: pany hospital, by company re- DEDUCT WAGES FOR quest, may send the worker home even though he be a bachelor, living alone and completely unable to take care of himself. And for all these medical services the man must pay a good

round sum out of his wages in

DOCTOR IS POWERFUL COMPANY WEAPON

Every miner who has ever suffered from a crushed toe or lacerated thumb knows intimately that the company doctor for tion. "This means that every 100 whose services he pays an altogether exorbitant sum is one of a year to their camp doctor." the company's most powerful weapons.

Now a report just released by the Bureau of Cooperative Medicine gives a carefully documented account of what every miner has known since mining companies first thought of the payroll check-off for medical services.

In a survey including the coal officers of the United Mine who lived in Philadelphia." Workers of America and financed of New York.

about 75 doctors and 30 or 40 of what is collected. other persons. In addition, 38 DOCTORS FOLLOW hospitals were visited and thor- INSTRUCTIONS etc., dealing with the situation were studied

TYPICAL OF U. S. MINING CAMPS

vious studies made for the West low out instructions. Virginia Legislature, for the The mine doctor is used to dis-

United States a man may die of and for the West Virginia Medi- agreements. This is done through a broken back, and on his death cal Association. The conditions a medical examination by the certificate the company doctor, uncovered in the area studied are company doctor paid for by the by company request, will write a typical sample of what goes on men, and the company tells the death due to natural causes." | in almost any mining camp in doctor to "turn that man down"

scribed by the company doctor, change for the better could be by company request, as a "sui- made. "A typical comment," Or if he is fortunate to do no heard in all parts of the region

In the area surveyed, covering under the declaration "nothing 122,000 mine workers and 500 bituminous coal mining operations, the report outlines the folaid out in a solid plaster cast lowing general conditions as pre-

"MEDICAL SERVICE"

Because of the isolation of individual camps in this hilly country, "there grew up many years ago the custom of employing a doctor on a monthly basis, his income being derived from wagedeductions." These deductions range from \$1.30 a month to \$1.80, all employees including the highly paid superintendent contributing the same. These services do not include hospitalizamen are paying a total of \$1980

The wage deductions are made by the company bookkeeper." Although in some cases a man is nominally free to refuse this service, he is intimidated both by the company and the doctor into accepting these deductions. Absolutely "no accounting of

the expenditure of the money collected is given to the employees." The company handles the mining regions of southern West funds in its own sweet way, ei-Virginia and the adjacent parts ther turning all the funds over of Virginia, Kentucky, and Ten- to the mine doctor, out of which nessee, the Bureau of Coopera- he must pay for medicines, nurstive Medicine has assembled es, if he has any; or turning all enough evidence to condemn for- the funds over to a contract doc- know her pelvis was too small to ever the entire sordid system of tor who in turn hires assistants company dominated medical at meager pay to do the actual the baby was already dead. A service for the mining camps. work. "The contract doctor may The survey was invited by the live anywhere—we heard of one

In other cases the company by the Good Will Fund of Boston keeps the entire check-off, hires and the Twentieth Century Fund doctors on salary, and puts the didn't examine his urine, and, remaining money into its gen-A staff of competent doctors eral funds. This is the most com- in diabetic coma before he was conducted personal interviews mon practise, and many comwith 787 miners and miners' wives panies gain huge profits from this examples are fully authenticated and detailed conversations with operation, taking 25 to 50 percent

because of "high blood pressure,"

mines of the Rocky Mountains to The committee visited 157 min- or "leaky heart." In one case a the bituminous coal pits of the ing camps and found that all friendly company man gave a un-Appalachians, a man blown into the miners interviewed, without ion official at list of 22 men who a muddy smear when a case of a single exception, were highly were to be discharged in just this dynamite he is transporting de-dissatisfied with present medical fashion. "Sure enough, when the tonates prematurely may be in- conditions and hopeful that a time came, every man on the list was turned down."

Under the conditions dictated states the report, "frequently by the company it is impossible for even the most competent doctor to render adequate service. flying splinter of steel, he may be cal conditions would mean more Although it is the workers' money who pays his salary, it is the company who hires and fires him and he must remain in good standing with the company.

> "At its worst," states the report, "this situation degenerates into a disregard of the patients. Asked to visit a sick child, it was reported that one doctor near Logan answered, 'Hell, no,' and didn't move. The child died."

MANY ARE IGNORANT

"PILL-PEDDLERS" The doctors themselves are generally old men who have lost all their former energy or young men just out of school who are willing to sacrifice a few years in order to make a stake. In any case the isolation and the unbearable pressure of the company frequently lead to alcoholism which incapacitate him when he is most desperately needed.

"Many doctors have become little more than 'pill-peddlers,' to the detriment of the miner's pocket-book and of his health. If any serious illness appears in the camp, the doctor may be too ignorant to recognize it, or may send the patient immediately to the 'list' hospital without examining him properly, or may have to call in an outside doctor at the man's expense.'

"One woman near Jellico was in labor for 48 hours, yet the attending physician did not even allow the birth, nor did he know miner near St. Charles, Virginia began to drink huge quantities of water and suggested to his doctor that he might have diabetes The doctor laughed at him and weeks later, the man was almost finally sent to the hospital. These and could be multiplied indefinitely.'

But even the care the miner is supposed to get under these oughly inspected by the physi- The company entirely controls schemes is "limited to the most cians of the Bureau, and numer- the doctor. It hires him without ordinary illnesses-anything unous reports, documents, contracts, consulting the men who are pay- usual is charged for at high ing his salary and fires him if he rates and collections made does not follow company orders. through further wage-deductions. The company decides what a man | The extra charges collected from dies from, whether he should be 100 men, states the report, reach The results of the investigation given medical attention, and the a "total of \$2,980 a year for camp are in close agreement with pre- doctor has no choice but to fol- medical service alone, not including hospital fees.'

(To Be Continued)

Perkin's Report Depicts Plight of Older Workers Under Capitalism (Special to the Socialist Appeal)

Problems of Older Workers, ten years before. which was appointed by Secretary of Labor Perkins last year, urged entrance into public or private ically blank wall. mployment.

The committee denounced as that "workers are through after 40" and strongly recommended have been, capitalism has no rethat the Federal Government take ward for them except a nameless the lead in the problem of unemployment for older workers by charity cemeteries. Not a single abolishing age limits for entrance into the government service except for positions demanding physical strength and endurance.

The plight of workers who have given their best years to the modern industrial process and who have been discarded to face a future of uncertainty and hunger when their period of maximum efficiency should be just unfolding has constituted one of the most tragic phases of capitalism in de-

Labor Market Burdened

Every issue of the newspapers n any modern city carries stories about the final end of these human beings who have been thrown into the wastelands of dirty streets, beaneries, and dark cooms whose main vista is a gas connection.

Suicides, death from starvation, ll-heath which even a modicum of attention could cure or prevent -these are ordinary every-day occurrences accepted quite complacently by the capitalists.

With a labor market over-burdened with strong youthful backs

and energetic young minds, no recommendation of Madam Per-WASHINGTON, March 19.-In capitalist feels constrained to em- kins' committee can change that report made public yesterday, ploy anyone whose productive situation. the Committee on Employment ability might be less than it was Even if the Federal Government

The older people like the young ones now first pounding cement abolition of fixed age limits for on the hunt for a job, face a trag-No Use for Workers

Capitalism has nothing but starfactually unsound the prejudice vation and death to offer these people. No matter how useful they grave in a forgotten corner of the

> DEBATE Has **Bolshevism** Failed?

JOSEPH SHAPLEN Social Democrat Says Yes! (Social Democratic Fed.)

MAX SHACHTMAN Trotskyist Says No!

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should change its Civil Service requirements to permit applications from older people, that does not mean big business will follow the good example. Big business is interested in profits, not in good ex amples or kindly humanitarian

At the present time capitalism in America has no room or use for 12,000,000 able-bodied workers, Neither good examples nor chiding words from a government committee can relieve that situa-

Nostrums Don't Help

Many nostrums have been suggested to relieve the plight of the older workers. In California particularly, wide movements have advocated giving the aged various amounts in regular sums during their remaining days. All these plans recognize the need and all of them recognize the minimum amounts necessary to make life livable.

But without exception these plans have been opposed by big business. So long as big business rides in the saddle at Washington no pension plans worthy of the name will ever succeed in diverting any of the funds now going NEW YORK, N.Y. into the coffers of the rich or the

war machine. Not until a workers' government is in power at Washington can squeezed out of the industrial process hope for a square deal. Only a workers' government can solve the problem hinted at by Perkins' investigation.

By James Burnham

Let me try to put it very plainly: Who is it who cuts your wages? Not Hitler, not Mussolini, not any "foreign tyrant," but your own American boss. Is it not?

Who lowers the piece rate and speeds up the assembly line? Again: not Hitler, but your own boss, the American boss.

Who throws you and your fellow-workers out of your jobs whenever profits start getting a little lower? Who forms and runs company unions to prevent you from getting your rights? Who fights genuine collective bargaining to the last ditch? Who pays for the spies and stool pigeons who frame you up? Who buy's the tear gas and clubs and sawed-off shotguns that appear when a strike is breaking? Who hires the guards and thugs and finks?

Not Hitler, not a German or Italian or Japanese boss, but your own boss, your American boss.

Which Chamber of Commerce?

Who is responsible for the ten to fifteen million unemployed, and their tragic, hungry, empty lives, for their children without enough clothing or food or housing or doctors? No one in Germany or Japan, but the bosses of this country and the system in this country which gives the bosses their power and their privileges.

Who carries out the racial policy, the "Aryanization program," which drives thirteen million Negroes into ghettoes, which deprives them of every right, of chances to work, which forbids them to live like decent human beings? Hitler can still take lessons from the good Americans who tyrannize the Negroes.

What Chamber of Commerce is it that howls for 'economy" at the expense of food and houses for millions of workers, that cracks down on every progressive proposal which might serve the interests of the masses of the people? It is not the Berlin or the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce.

Which National Association of Manufacturers floods newspapers and magazines and radio with the harsh, reactionary demands of the Tom Girdlers?

And as for Governments?

What courts are those that issue the injunctions which are used to break up strikes and picketing and labor boycotts? Not the Berlin People's Tribunal.

What Supreme Court insolently prohibits the sitdown, labor's firmest, most effective weapon? It is not located in a foreign country. What judges sentence militant workers whenever they stand up resolutely for labor's rights, but somehow seem never to notice vhen, as in South Chicago, workers are slaughtered in cold blood?

What cops smash picket lines, club the unemployed, protect the rights of fascists and prevent workers from demonstrating against the fascists? Not Hitler's Gestapo, not his Brown Shirts, but the good American cops of good American cities and states.

What parliament refuses to vote adequate relief and at the same time votes billions for airplanes and lifts taxes from big business? Not the Reichstag, but the Congress at Washington.

Who sends in the National Guard or even the regular army if labor seems to be on the point of winning a really major victory? Did you ever hear of cops or soldiers being called to throw lying, criminal, exploiting bosses out of the plants?

While for the Future?

Who put across the anti-labor amendment in Oregon. and aims to duplicate it throughout the country? No one has pretended that Associated Farmers is a Nazi

Who has drawn up the Industrial Mobilization Act. which will clamp down on the people a totalitarian military dictatorship over night? It was not thought of in Berlin, but in the private offices of the American War Department.

Who will be in charge of the concentration camps low being prepared for American workers who will be bold enough to resist seriously the onward march of reaction? Not Brown Shirts with swastika armbands, but home-grown fascists paid for in good

American dollars from good American bosses. What Liebknecht Meant

These questions are simple, and not hard to answer. They explain what revolutionary socialists mean when they repeat, following the words of the great and noble German, Karl Liebknecht, that the main, the first

enemy is in your own country. In each nation, the main enemy of each worker is the boss at home, and the bosses' government. To win freedom for himself, and to aid best in the world-wide fight for freedom, he must fight first against the

bosses at home and their government. In the United States today, the bosses and their government—the Roosevelt government, and all their liberal and reformist and Stalinist tallies, are asking the workers to forget the main enemy. They are saying: Forget the lessons of your own experience, forget what we do to you. Turn your eyes on Hitler. Give us your liberties and your lives, so that we can protect our profits against the claims of our boss-rivals in

other countries. Kill your fellow-workers, for our sake.

With their voices shouting everywhere, is it not

time, more than time, to remember the voice of

Labor Looks Through The Press

By ARTHUR HOPKINS

Last year over 30,000 churches in the United States closed their doors because of lack of leadership and

Japanese are giving free medical attention to mothers and new-born babies. (U.P. dispatch from Tokio.) In Japan, as in the great "democracies," one must risk one's life on the child bed or the battlefield to get anything "free" from the boss class.

"According to new labor promulgations of the Nazi labor office, employees must have permission to quit their jobs. Owing to the acute shortage in the building trades and in agriculture, workers know they will. not receive such permission," says Edward W. Beattie, U.P. Berlin correspondent.

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Dear Comrades:

Please send me more information on the activithe older people who have been ties and publications of the Socialist Workers Party.