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Senators Quibble While Poor Starve

Seek Ways to Cut Relief and W.P.A. Still Further in Order to Swell Fund for War Preparations

ADMINISTRATION WHIP DISCLOSES AIMS of

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 9.—The shameful role of the Roosevelt Administration in slashing appropriations for W.P.A. and diverting the funds to the war machine, sanctions against any nation. became still more obvious during debate in the Senate yesterday and Friday.

AT FINK HALLS

On Action, Says

Lundeberg

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Harry

Lundeberg, leader of the Sail-

threw the threat of a west-

coast shipping strike into the

face of the Maritime Commis-

sion which is going ahead with

its plan to establish govern-

The union, which has its own

In answer to the Commis-

ours is the only union."

ment-run hiring halls.

halls in Seattle.

union men.

to swing all the New Deal Senators behind the \$100,000,000 appropriation bill which came up from the House of Representatives, instead of fighting for the \$150,000,000 appropriation demanded publicly by demagogue President Roose-

This agreement with the re-"economy-minded" actionary Senators strikingly clarified the President's maneuver of asking for a sum larger than that granted by Congress in order to appear as the champion of the poor. Senator Barkley is well trained to carry out the President's wishes and his attempt to line up New Deal votes for the "economy" measure shows exactly where the President really stands - back of the war machine and against the unemployed.

Not "Another Cent"

Senator Carter Glass, archreactionary, lined up immediately with New Dealer Barkley and demanded that not "another cent" be given to W.P.A.

Publicly, President Roose velt declared at Warm Springs, Georgia, that unless the full \$150,000,000 supplemental re- hiring halls, has consistently vocate a "holy war for democlief appropriation is granted, it fought the government fink- racy' atmosphere—like the will be necessary to drop 400,-000 workers from the W.P.A. rolls by the end of June. He declared that even his full estimate of what is sion's claim that a government needed for W.P.A. does not take into consideration the 850,000 unemployed workers certified by Roosevelt relief bureaucrats as in dire need of W.P.A. jobs. (Socialist Appeal, March 21). But under cover. the President apparently instructed Barkley to accept the estimate of the "economyminded" Senate group.

Senator Borah characterized the \$50,000,000 slash as follows: "No one need talk to me about economy. When there is no sign of economy at Washington except where distressed men and women are asking for food and shelter.

People Starve

Senator Norris declared that "there is something more involved than the \$50,000,000 difference. There also is something more involved than balancing the budget. It is a question of mercy. It is a question of helping suffering men, women and children.'

"We vote through battleships that cost \$100,000,000 each," asserted Senator Lundeen, "but we quibble over \$50,000,000 while people starve.

It has been Barkley's tactic in fighting the small group who advocate appropriating the full \$150,000,000 to call the vote on the measure before mass pressure against Congress can develop on a nation-wide basis. The advocates of the full \$150, 000,000 have succeeded nevertheless in postponing the vote until Monday.

Circles close to the Administration report that Barkley has been considerably embarrassed by the task imposed upon him of agreeing with the "economy-minded" group. If the Roosevelt administration really wished to vote funds to the unemployed, it could do so without the slightest trouble. But Roosevelt's war plans demand that every possible cent, no matter what the human suffering involved, be dumped into the war machine.

"Economy · minded" Senators, greatly encouraged by Senator Barkley's position. hoped to cut relief appropriations still more.

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Baruch and H. Stimson Push FDR War Plans

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) WASHINGTON-In the name "Caucasian civilization," Hoover's Secretary of State, Henry L. Stimson, called for legislation giving the President complete and unlimited discretionary powers to use economic

Stimson's proposals came at the carefully-staged opening of the Senate Foreign Relations Senator Barkley, Roosevelt whip in the Senate, attempted | Committee hearings on proposed revisions of neutrality legislation. That he, a leading Republican, was invited to open the hearings by the committee chairman, Roosevelt's spokesman, Key Pittman, was taken here to be a public demonstration of Republican-Democratic unity against the antiwar forces.

Stimon's support for Roosevelt's war policy, expressed as "private citizen" in even West Coast Men Vote more pointed terms than those employed by the administration, followed by declarations the next day for the administration's revisions of neutrality legislation by Bernard Baruch Wall Street financier, constitute an expression of the "sacred union" of Republicans, ors Union of the Pacific, today Democrats and Wall Street on the war question.

"Caucasian Civilization" Stimson's reference to "our present Caucasian civilization' in his prepared statement was not further defined, but it was widely commented on in Wash-The S.U.P., said Lundeberg, ington circles afterward,

There is a difference of opins taking a secret strike vote in preparation for action should policy supporters on the type ion among Roosevelt foreign the Commission open hiring of propaganda best suited to secure public support. The "left wing" New Dealers adhalls, which would be used to Communist Party's support of administration's discriminate against militant the

moves. Stimson More Frank The Big Business advocates agency is necessary in order of the Roosevelt policy, howthat there be no discrimination ever, while recognizing the between unions and individuals usefulness of the "democracy Lundeberg declared, "There is talk in lining up the workers, no danger of discrimination be- are fearful of its effect on the cause there are no non-union small businessmen and farmseamen on the west coast and ers, who have traditionally

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Akron YPSL Campaign Goes on Despite Arrests

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

AKRON, Ohio, April 10-Akron branch of the Young People's Socialist League (Fourth International) this week prepared to extend its fight for jobs for youth after blasting a police attempt to suppress the organization. The cases of five Y.P.S.L. members arrested for distribu-

ting leaflets at a high school were continued until April 15, when they will be defended in court by Eldon Young, lawyer for the Toledo A.F. of L. and C.I.O. and member of the Board of Education of that city. Formal charge is trespassing. press the Y.P.S.L., Alpeter

A packed court-room heard backed down and said "I don't the judge continue the case aft- want to be placed in the posier Burr McCloskey, Y.P.S.L. tion of persecuting these five Organizer and defendant, spoke members of the organization. for the defendants. The spectators later gathered around the five Yipsels at the entrance to the police station where The tribute leaflets on school prop-Challenge and pamphlets were

Investigation Collapses

An open investigation of Y. P.S.L. activities in high schools collapsed when Police Prosecutor James Alpeter withered under the fire of the Yipsels, who ment for aid in establishing its announced they were investigating him, the Chamber of Commerce, school system and, particularly, J. Ray Stine, principal who instigated the

Refusing to attend a starchamber session called by the police to determine "the backers' of the organization, the ed occasions in Akron. defendants announced they would "speak to the working notice in the labor movement, class and at the proper place.'

"We refuse to recognize the authority of the police to grill. us in secret sessions," an open Workers Party to the attention letter to the prosecutor de- of many militants.

Backs Down

After blustering about a "red is being linked with the curprobe" and threatening to sup- rent W.P.A. layoffs.

He later stated "I'll gladly furnish them a soap box for their talks. But they can't diserty as long as there is a law against it.'

The Y.P.S.L. will fight the charges and stand upon its democratic rights to distribute literature. Support has been solicited in the labor movedefense fund.

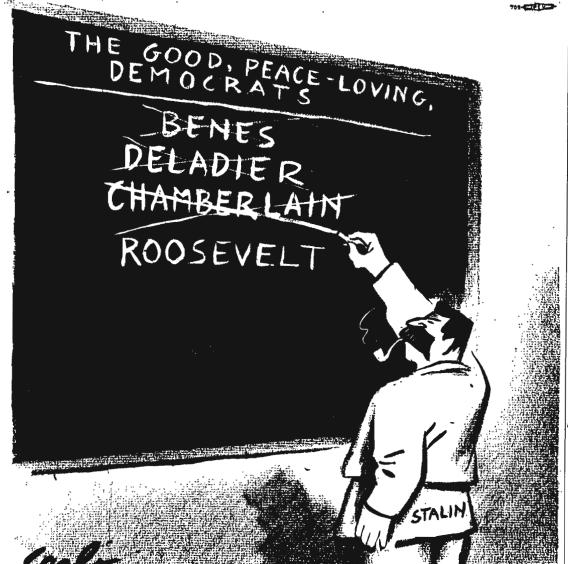
Wide Notice

The importance of this case to organized labor is being stressed. The right of unions to distribute their literature has been interfered with on repeat-

The case has attracted wide and the publicity has brought the Y.P.S.L. and Socialist

The campaign for jobs for youth is being intensified, and

Three Down, One to Go!



Court Attacks Menace Labor's Right to Live and Fight

merce.

Determined to protect the interests of the employing class to the bitter end, the courts have swung into action. In the last few weeks three different judicial tribunals have delivered powerful blows at organized labor.

The decision by the U. S. Supreme Court in the Fansteel case, the instructions of the U.S. District Court in the Apex case and the judgment of the California District Court of Appeals in the Howard case mean that the judicial servants of the bosses have once again come through for their masters.

It is an old story in the history of the class struggle. When the bosses see that their representatives in the legislatures are unable, because of the pressure of the masses on these representatives, to stem the progress of the working class they turn to judges who, in most instances, feel no need to respond to any pressure exerted by the working class.

When the legislative and executive bodies are compelled to make concessions to the working class, the capitalists run to the judiciary to have these concessions destroyed by judicial interpre-

It is necessary for the workers to understand clearly the significance of these latest decisions. And then to take proper measures to show both the courts and their masters that the progress of organized labor cannot be stopped by decrees or deci-

The Fansteel case took the heart out of the Wagner Laber Act. Whatever benefits the workers achieved through that act were almost completely destroyed by the decision in that case. The judges gave the bosses the right to discharge any workers for any alleged illegal act no matter how slight and insignificant that act may be. If a worker on strike should step upon the premises of the boss, he can be fired with loss of his rights under the

In the Apex case the judge went a step further so that in addition to having the right

Wagner Act.

to discharge the workers on strike, the boss has the right to sue and collect damages from the union on the alleged ground that the strike inter-

And now comes the California District Court of Appeals with a decision that threatens the very basis of the trade union movement. The court in granting an injunction prohibiting peaceful picketing, did so on the theory that it is illegal for a Mobilization Day Draft Plans Are All Prepared union to attempt to get a closed shop.

Should the American workers abide by the three decisions mentioned above they would practically be thrown back to the early period when they first began to organize and struggle for their elementary rights. And that is absolutely out of the question. The workers are determined to go forward and they should not permit anything

or anybody to bar their way. What is to be done? Shall the workers attempt to elect new judges? Yes if that means trying to elect judges on a Labor party ticket. But that is not enough, especially since in the Federal Court the judges are appointed for

What is necessary is a militant struggle against these decisions in court and out of court. If it is necessary to violate an injunction there should be no hesitation to do so. If it is necessary to disregard a decision it should be disregarded.

To wage a successful struggle against these decisions it is necessary to have labor unity. Both the A.F.L. and C.I.O. are involved and should be interested in the struggle. It is also necessary to have militant unity.

A united militant struggle against the courts and their decisions is the only thing that will bring successful results.

Not one cent should be paid on the judgment of \$711,932 assessed against Branch 1 of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers. If any money is to be collected from the working class it should be for the purpose of fighting against the judgment and not for paying it. The sit-down strike must

still remain in the arsenal of weapons used by the workers Legal or illegal the closed shop is something that the workers must insist on.

If the workers use their power intelligently and forcefully no decisions of any court will be able to stop their progress.

By HAL DRAPER

refer to the draft of men's lives

for the battlefields of Europe.

tomorrow 300,000 trained sold-

immediately. Thirty days later

we would hope to have avail-

able a force of 500,000. At the

end of four months we would

expect 1,230,000 men to be in

uniform and under arms." (As-

sistant Secretary of War John-

son in the. Coast Artillery

Behind the backs of the peo-

ple, the draft machinery has

Over a year and a half ago.

while Roosevelt was "hating

war" in speeches, Colonel San-

ford Jarman made a speech to

the National Guard Associa-

tion (reported in the Army and

Navy Journal). He undertook

to rejoice the hearts of the as-

sembled doves of peace with

an account of the War Depart-

ment plans for "selective ser-

vice," which is the War De-

partment euphemism for the

New Deal Efficiency

rice are complete," he said.

The Committee Ispecial com-

mittee of seven representing

the army, navy and marine

corps-H.D.] has prepared the

draft of a selective service

law to submit to Congress if

carry the proposed law into ef-

fect; it has the necessary

forms for printing ready. It

printing 50,000,000 copies from

"The plans for selective ser-

been set up and oiled.

Journal.)

The draft is all prepared. We New Deal isn't efficient?

that "if hostilities should start operate the central mechan-

iers could be put into the field national draft headquarters.

committee."

Albanian Seizure Is Pretext for Action

Try to Whip Up War Spirit Although Country Was Sold Years Ago to Italy by British Secret Agreement with Mussolini

ENGLISH AND ITALIAN NAVIES MOVE

The sparks of war came closer to the European powder barrel when Mussolini, chief bandit of Italian fascism, acting in apparent concert with his axis-ally, Hitler, virtually completed the forcible annexation of Albania, without bothering too much to offer a pretext for the armed invasion and the

bombing and shooting of the resisting population. Rival imperialists with headquarters in London and Paris

CALIF. JUDGES **CLOSED SHOP**

Use Labor Won Code to Outlaw Union Contract

Howard Automobile Company of this city against Auto Salesmen's Local 1067, A.F.L. The appeals court ordered Superior

court gave similar rulings. It tion. upheld an injunction prohibiting the A.F.L. warehousemen's union from picketing a San ried out with the utmost cyn-Jose wholesale grocery for the icism, again offered the "Great purpose of obtaining a closed- Democracies" an occasion for shop contract, and affirmed a pious outbursts of indignation, restraining order prohibiting accompanied by heavy poundthe Amalgamated Meat Cutters, A.F.L., from picketing a (Continued on Page 2)

weeks to days." Who said the

The colonel went on to say

that 95 reserve officers have

ism, and provisions made for a

now on file with the joint army

and navy selective service

Colonel Jarman continued:

"To enact the selective service

laws, to set up the necessary

selective service organization

of some 150,000 men and wo-

men, to register millions of

men, classify them and induct

hose selected into the army of

the U.S. will require time-

probably from 45 to 60 days.'

New Deal Democracy

It is your guess what por

tion of this time is allowed for

discussion and action by Con-

gress-not to speak of the peo-

ple! War Department officials

their attitude toward Congress:

be denounced as a traitor.

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were concerned over the seizure of Albania being only one step in the direction of Italian occupation of the Greek island of Corfu, which is off the southern tip of Albania. The taking

decisions, when the union contracts are illegal. The lower courts had refused

Judge Dooling to reopen the injunction hearing, and its decision in actual effect ordered so being approached through him to issue the injunction.

of the island would give Italy a dominant position not only in the Adriatic but also in the

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) SAN FRANCISCO—The California judiciary made its the independence of Greece latest contribution to the verwave of anti-labor State District Court of Ap-

Mediterranean Sea. British Threaten War Reports were current that the Earl of Perth, British Amthe Italians that Britain would

bassador to Rome, had advised "consider any attempt to seize Corfu as a casus belli" (cause for war). Also, that the British Cabinet is supposed to have decided to "offer to guarantee and Turkey" much in the same way as it has already acted with regard to Poland.

At the same time, emergency fleet movements of the British navy were observed all peals on April 7 ruled that along the Mediterranean which is British imperialism's life-line to her colonial empire to issue an injunction for the in the East. Similarly, important troop and naval movements were reported in Italy's Dodecanese Islands, which lie off the southwest coast of Asia Minor, that is, within striking distance of Greece, which is al-Albania, on the northwest, by In two companion cases the the Italian troops of occupa-

Pound War Drums

The seizure of Albania, caring on the war drums.

The most vigorous measures are being employed to whip up pro-war spirit among the nasses, for the purpose of jusifying in their eyes the colossal armaments expenditures which come out of their hides. and of preparing their minds. which are still filled with suspicion of the "democratic" as well as the fascist war-mongers, so that they will plunge readily into the slaughter.

The classic role played in the last war by "poor little Belgium," is now being worked with The War Department reports been given special training to Little Czechoslovakia one day. Little Memel the next day, and Little Albania as the latest "Forty-eight state plans are

The capitalist press very carefully hides the fact that even before the military invasion of Albania, that country enjoyed as little independence as it did democracy. It was brutally ruled by a small gang of tyrants, headed by the former mountain bandit, "King" Zog. He held power only by grace of Mussolini, who had complete economic and political control of the tiny, oppressed land.

England Sold Albania

Moreover, the British imperialist hypocrites, who are now dripping with tears over Albanlia's "loss of independence." in have made no bones about the hope of arousing support for their coming war to protect when the draft law is intro- England's world-wide loot from duced after the declaration of rival gangsters, take care to war, any Congressman who remain silent about the fact thinks it calls for at least as that they themselves literally much consideration as a Su- handed Albania over to Mussepreme Court appointment will lini years ago in a cynical deal for which Il Duce promised to Last October there took keep hands off Ethiopia.

place a regional conference of The Anglo-French war with army, navy, marine and Na- the Berlin-Rome axis has as tional Guard officers of the much to do with democracy, Midwest, the first regional con- the independence of small naference of the kind. The New tions, and the freedom of nathe emergency shall arise; it York Times reported: "Army tionalities—as it has with the has prepared regulations to officers rehearsed on paper to-theory of relativity. The milday the national set-up of a lioned-masses are being plungcivilian-operated selective ser- ed into a new world holocaust vice act, and estimated that it in order to determine which has reduced the problem of would cost between \$6,000,000 crew of imperialist pirates is to be boss of the world.

By B. J. WIDICK=

One of the powerful men behind the scenes in the deadthe C.I.O. and the A.F. of L. is Bill Hutcheson, czar of the Carpenters union. He is one of the main obstacles to labor unity as leader of the die-hard clique of reactionary craft unionists controlling the A.F. of L.

When Bill Hutcheson took a sock at John L. Lewis in the 1935 A.F. of L. convention during the discussion on industrial unionism, he was simply living up to his best traditions, that of a slugger. For Hutcheson's career is one of the blackest in the American labor movement.

Expelled 75,000

His hatred of industrial unionism was revealed most clearly in the minutes of the 1936 Carpenters convention. Here it was that Hutcheson threw out 75,000 timber workers because they wanted to become full-fledged members of the Carpenters union and because they endorsed the principles of the C.I.O.

Hutcheson gave them the privilege of paying dues in the Carpenters union but when they wanted to be represented at the convention, that was asking too much. And when the representatives of the timber workers objected, Hutcheson's right-hand men told them every state recognizes and retimber firms employing the re- einty of every other state" and calcitrant unionists would re-

the timberworkers joined the C.I.O.? The bloody battle in the lumber camps last year between the C.I.O. and the A.F of L. had its origin in the ruthless, dictatorial methods of Hutcheson in the 1936 conven-

Hutcheson is a Republican. His open alliance with the notorious Dupont-sponsored Liberty league was one of the scandals of the 1936 presidenof Labor if Al Landon had won.

Republican strategists in unified labor movement would neutrality hearings. make this more difficult. It is with the C.I.O.

Like all other labor bureau- man bill now. higher stakes than only a dommovement Hutcheson visualizes himself as the fair-haired boy of a Republican regime in 1940, somewhat in the position that John L. Lewis once occupied with the Roosevelt re-

And in Washington where only two subjects are on everyone's mind-war and the 1940 elections—many authoritative observers feel that Hutch- put into the record any comeson has a fair chance of ment on "rumors" that he was achieving his aims

Speaking of war, Hutcheson's attitude was defined back in ested in the munitions business 1918 when he arbitrarily called or because he was an internaoff a strike of carpenters in the tional banker or had invest-East Coast shipyards at Presi- ments in Latin America. Bardent Wilson's request. A mem- uch took the opportunity to bership demand for a vote on read into the record a formal the question was tossed into the denial. wastebasket.

A Fine Start

gave his first major demonstra- | war." tion as a "business unionist." succeeded in bringing this in- wartime. crease to 14,000 of them. A strike was called a few months later to extend the agreement to the other 3,000 men.

eson demanded that it be called off. His order was disregarded. So he came to the city and signed an agreement with the employers that invalidated the fifty-cent increase for the 14,000 who had already won it!

Naturally the rank and file rejected the contract by a vote of over 11,000 to 100. Hutcheson retaliated by expelling 65 Locals with 17,000 members. and aided the employers to hire scabs on the jobs. Incidentally, in subsequent court action the employers testified that this service cost them \$85,000!

However, the court action forced Hutcheson to reinstate the locals which had won the strike despite his scabbing! He is a dangerous foe of labor unity. Let there be no mistake about it.

Stimson, Baruch Support F.D.R. War Line

In the Grade Culture' To Be War Cry

(Continued from Page 1) been isolationists, and Southern industrialists who are not primarily interested in foreign locked negotiations between trade and investments. Stimson's reference to "Caucasian civilization" - i.e., the white man's civilization-and his numerous emphases on America's "national interests" were designed to further the latter conception of the type of propaganda deemed to be necessary.

To the question put by Farmer-Labor Senator Shipstead, "how this country could punish an aggressor without going to war," Stimson was evasive, but finally said that "the aggressor will be so busy he won't be able to attack us."

Stimson went even further than the Pittman bill, which permits sale of munitions in war-time, or the Thomas amendment to it which empowers the president with Congressional consent to name one of the warring groups as the aggressor and sell munitions only to the other side. Stimson was for permitting the president to do so without Congressional consent.

Stimson's "Ideals" To provide "idealistic" justification for his proposal, Stimson declared that "Caucasian civilization" has been "based upon the foundation stone that an economic boycott against spects the independent soverthat "it is in our Western Hempishere that that principle Is it a wonder that in 1937 and practice has reached its fullest flower of consumma-

> Yankee imperialism's lack of nespect for the sovereignty of Cuba, Nicaragua, Porto Rico and of all Latin America, in fact, is presumably justified by Stimson on the basis that these are not part of "Caucasian civilization."

Baruch Fathered Bill The next speaker at the hearings was Bernard Baruch, Wall tial election. He had an inside Street financier, chairman of track on the post of Secretary the War Industries Board during the last war, and the proud father of the Pittman bill. Washington are counting heav- whose so-called "cash-and-carily on Hutcheson to swing a ry" method of selling munilabor vote for them in the 1940 tions in war-time was first propresidential elections, and a posed by Baruch at the 1937

At that time, however, antinot at all excluded that Hutch- war sentiment was so strong eson would pull out of the that it failed to carry. The A.F. of L. if it makes peace main purpose of the present hearings is to put over the Pitt-

With unctuous hypocrisy Bar ington he is playing for much | uch repeatedly declared himinant position in the union ings toward one or the other when pressed by isolationist questioners, whether the proposed legislation was neutral. Baruch declared cynically. 'There ain't no such animal as neutrality.'

Evidently by arrangement at the outset of the hearing, Chairman Pittman asked Baruch whether he would like to tnying to lead the United States into war because he was inter-

Although Baruch's policy led in the same general direction as Stimson's, both being designed to facilitate Roosevelt's. It was in New York in 1915 pro-Anglo-French orientation, that Hutcheson, just elected Baruch was frank enough to president of the Brotherhood, say that "Sanctions are acts of

Baruch went beyond the Pitt-Some 17,000 carpenters voted man bill, calling for permitting to fight for a fifty-cent daily American ships to carry conwage increase. Negotiations traband of war anywhere in

Y. P. S. L. SCHOOL

12:30 to 1:30 P.M.-Elements

2:30 to 3:30 P.M. - Three

The classes are being held at 51 East 7th Street (basement), New York City, the headquarters of the Sedoff

Who Is Bernard Baruch, Give Cold New Neutrality Expert? Reception

Record of War Profiteer Exposed; Traded Tol Martin
Worker Soldiers' for Personal Gain Worker Soldiers' for Personal Gain

By NAT LEVINE

public relations counsel. A promoter for the Guggenneim Copper interests and a Although Baruch owned no cents a pound. stocks in companies that filled conducted stock operations for his own account, the associapersonal profit to him.

BERNARD BARUCH

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protests from the unemployed

mass demonstrations and pick-

et lines do not compel Roose

velt to reverse his agreement

with the "economy" group.

they will go forward with their

plans to slash to the very bot-

W.P.A. Inquiry

In the House, Representa-

dubbed "Lord High Execution-

ers" of W.P.A. by fellow Con-

gressmen, have asked for \$25.-

has been absolutely relentless

in his fight against W.P.A. and

relief under the banner of cut-

ing its "waste and inefficien-

cy," is expected to head the in-

Behind closed doors he ex-

writers and theater projects.

and administrative accounts

Protest Vital

to save themselves from star-

and inefficiency.

employed

quiry.

SCANDALOUS RECORD OF KNAVERY

Baruch's activities as Chairwhich investigated profits magnate for his patriotism. made during the war, is a NATIONAL SCANDAL scandalous record of knavery. DUE TO BARUCH collusion and, according to this treason."

The special Congressional tives Taylor and Woodrum, long Committee, known as the Gra-J00 for an "inquiry" into the

W.P.A. set up. Woodrum, who DEVIDE UP GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Through Baruch as it's chair the winning of the war. man, the War Industries Board part of the National Defense upon a vast building program pects to conduct his inquisition along the following lines: (1) An inquiry into costs and meth- ous chairmen of America's trates." The Graham Commitods of W.P.A. construction pro most powerful corporations, tee charged that this national jects. (2) An inquiry into the the government's business was scandal was "directly tracenaturally divided up among able to Mr. Baruch.' them, while the prices which NO SHELLS (3) An inquiry into budgetary they had the power to fix were REACHED LINES (4) Inquiry into the "glaring eventually paid by the government-to them. examples" of alleged "waste

profits proved itself a complete lines." signing of the Armistice, the operations.

| underlings of the Schwab Cor-During the last three decades poration in the Board were so Bernard Baruch has acted for satisfied with "government suthe leaders of American fin- pervision" that they urged its ance and industry as their spe- continuation "for the present cial contact man with the gov- as highly desirable!" ernment and as a semi-official MAGNATES MAKE

HUGE PROFIT The Graham investigation adequately proved how well the Wall Street speculator in his War Industries Board "cooperown right, Baruch's rise to 'i- ated' with the magnates to the nancial eminence goes back to latters' huge profit. For examthe last war when as Chairman ple: In March 1917 the copper of the War Industries Board of producers, represented by Gug-National Defense Council, he genheim, agreed to furnish the worked hand in glove with the government for a twelve langest and most powerful cor- months' period with 45,510,000 porations in the United States. pounds of copper at 16 2/3

Guggenheim claimed that his the government's war needs or quotation was an average price over a ten year period. Yet according to a report by the tions he established in 1917 and Utah Copper Company to its 1918 have proved of immense stockholders, copper could have been furnished to the government at 51/8 cents a pound and loaded on cars free of charge. Notwithstanding this enormous man of the War Industries profiteering by the Guggen-Board under the Wilson admin- heim interests, Mr. Baruch, on istration, as made public by behalf of the government, ful-Congressional Committee somely praised the copper

The Graham Committee fursame Committee, of downright ther established that \$116,194,-974 were spent by the government on a giant nitrates construction program, as proposed ham Committee, held Baruch by the War Industries Board. individually responsible for the Although this staggering sum outrageous profiteering that was spent by the government, no nitrates were produced prior to the Armistice, thereby contributing nothing towards

Furthermore, the Commithad the power to extend gov- tee's report reads that "there ernment contracts and make was no national necessity at the fact that the Board was a War Department to embark Council, in which sat the vari- for the construction of ni-

The greatest scandal revealed by the Graham Commit-According to a report made tee was the placement by Mr. by Representative Graham on Baruch with the Bethlehem July 7, 1919, these men secretly Steel Company of 1,786 con-Barkley has shown where and illegally worked out the tracts totalling over a billion Roosevelt really stands. Only details of the Président's war dollars for the manufacture of the militant protest of the un- program months before the shells. The report officially themselves can actual declaration of war. declares that, "None of these change this stand. If they are But that their little scheme for shells ever reached our firing

vation, demonstrations and success was revealed by Ba- In the words of John Kenpicket lines must express their ruch himself who on November neth Turner in his book Shall resentment before every 14, 1918, made public a report It Be Again, "not only did Wall STALINISTS FACE W.P.A. headquarters in the which revealed that at a joint Street promote the war, but self against sentimental lean- | country. The only language the | meeting of the War Industries | Wall Street directed the war in President and Congress under-Board and the Iron and Steel nearly all its phases outside side in existing quarrels, but stand is the language of the Institute two days after the the purely military and naval

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) SOUTH BEND, Ind., Apr. 7 -Homer Martin came to town last night to start his long-rumored invasion of the ranks of the auto workers in South Bend. He hired the Palais Royale Ballroom, which doesn't rent for a widow's mite. He was scheduled to speak at 3:30 p.m. but shortly after eight a crowd of close to 500 were in the hall, the overwhelming majority of them loyal members of the United Auto Workers. Delegates just returned from the Cleveland convention spoke briefly from the platform on the results of the convention. At 8:30 they left the platform

to Martin. Immediately he tried to speak he was booed so loudly that he could not be heard. Leaders of the U.A.W. then told Martin that he would not be permitted to speak in the hall, but that if he came down to the Union Hall, he would be given time to present his story. But Martin did not see fit to do this. For close to an hour Martin stood on the platform, repeatedly trying to speak, but the audience was determined that he should not, and continuously booed him, sang songs, and shouted "go back to Detroit," "go back to "we want no rats in Henry.' South Bend." Martin was continuously bombarded with shouts of "Heil Hitler" and the

Nazi salute. Martin tried showmanship one of his supporters stood with an American flag which Martin saluted, but this made no impression on the workers, who continued booing. Martin then decided to try a meeting in the basement hall of the Hotel Lasalle, in the hopes he purchases for it. In view of any time which required the could keep C.I.O. supporters out, but the crowd followed him to the hotel and packed the lobbies. Finally the hotel management called the police, three or four showed up and after a few minutes it was announced that the hotel would not allow a meeting. The crowd left the hotel.

> While the Stalinists undoubtedly inspired the action, it represented a genuine feeling on the part of the rank and file against efforts to disrupt the U.A.W., and blasts Martin's statements that he could get a majority to vote for him in an impartial referendum, for it was evident that far less than 100 of those in the hall were Martin supporters.

cials of the Southern Tenant The Generals Have Already Worked Farmers Union have filed a suit charging libel and asking suit charging libel and asking \$150,000 damages against the Daily Worker, official organ of

John R. Butler, president of al purposes.

charges, declare that these and other statements made by Murphy in the Daily Worker are "wholly false and untrue" and were published with the intent and purpose of bringing disgrace upon the union, which has a membership of 35,000 tenant farmers, sharecroppers and field hands in the South, because the Stalinists were unable to foist their reactionary policies upon the union.

PENNY PARTY! Another riproaring swing fest Saturday, April 15, 8:30 P.M. Lower Norfolk Street. HOT musicgames — songs — refreshments. Subscription: 21c.

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Unit of the Y.P.S.L.—Saturday, April 15, 3130 Brighton

WATCH FOR PRIZE WINNERS

will announce the final results sympathizers of the Appeal.

Appeal. In the meanwhile, your matters, branch still has a few days to BRANCHES inish up its quota with a last TAKE NOTICE: minute rush!

THE MAY DAY APPEAL

Appeal. We hope your branch is

working as hard on the May Day Appeal as our staff is. Plan for the following:

(1) Send in your May Day right now!

lection lists from progressive The next issue of the Appeal trade union groups, friends and

of our subscription campaign (2) Place your extra bundle in addition to the names of order now. Remember that the those Branches winning the deadline for extra bundle orprizes we have offered. Look ders is on Saturday, April 22nd. or these names in your next | Many branches have still to be heard from on the above two

Your regular Appeal statement is now in the mail. Many branches have been falling be-Our editorial staff is hard at hind in their payments on bunwork planning the special 8- dle orders and we must warn page May Day issue of the them that they must act now to

clear their balance up. We can issue the May Day special Appeal only if there is a sharp increase in our income. Branches! Send in payments

ON THE WAY TO THE TRENCHES

The U.S. War Department outbreak of war (their lives appealed on April 5 to ex-sol- are of course perfectly safe) diers to join a new enlisted re- are not influenced by sentiserve as. "minute men" who ment or propaganda-only by will be ready for immediate hard, cold, undeniable facts. service. Members of this spec- And these hard, cold facts have lal reserve corps will receive evidently convinced the war-\$24 a year, but will not drill, riskinsurance underwriters that Enlistments, said General Malin Craig, are being speeded rates. Insurance underwriters

mine-layer to be known as the on the likelihood of a certain Terror will soon start at the series of events occurring. The Navy's Philadelphia yard. The crew that handles the bets on Terror, which is the first ship war-risk is most concerned built especially for its purpose, over the "possible imminence (mine layers are usually made of a European outbreak," acout of old ships) will carry five- | cording to the N. Y. Times on inch guns. The Terror will be April 6. They are especially used to lay mine traps which worried because they expect will blow up any ships coming the war to break out without in contact.

during the last World War, are to come "in the form of bombs being reconditioned at the Na- dropping upon London." vy's destroyer base in San Diago. \$1,000,000 is being expended on the reconditioning job. Defense Council on April 9, it The destroyers will be equip- was decided to speed military ped with triple torpedo tubes preparations along the Mediand five-inch guns.

trator of Puerto Rico, has an- consist of has not been made nounced that Puerto Rico will public. The whole French na include in "her" program of tional machinery was kept rural development the product working during the Easter tion of materials of strategie week-end which is ordinarily a war value, such as alcohol, holiday period. camphor, nitric acid, hemp, jute and palm oil. The War Department's commodities di- Regiment Armory in New York vision will supervise produc- on April 10, will feature the

Ask the profiteers, they will also have an opportunity lose, or gain financially by the gas attacks.

the time is ripe to raise their are the great gamblers of capitalism; they take and place Construction on a 6,000 ten | bets, with proper odds given, any formal declaration. As one underwriter put it, their first Forty nine destroyers, built knowledge of the war is likely

At a meeting of the French terranean coast-line of France, in expectation of conflict with Miles H. Milbank, adminis- Italy. What these measures

An army display at the 71st latest methods of protection against gas attacks. Spectators

California Judges Aim at Outlawing Closed Shop

(Continued from Page 1) butcher workmen to join the illegal.

strike for a closed shop.

its union-smashing decision on tracts. two grounds:

al choice is a substantial right bor Code, which was written o be protected by injunction." under union pressure for the Fhis "principle" is even broad-purpose of outlawing yellow er than its application against dog contracts which forced the closed shop, for it would justify issuance of an injunction to prevent strikers from picketing on the grounds that they were interfering with the strikebreakers.

he judges to be insufficient. they interfere with the claimed tion. rights of others. Outlawing Peaceful Picketing

ed to a judge-made rule, in-East Side Headquarters, 163 vented in the 1880's, which demade to apply to one type of nied that peaceful picketing is legal. According to this rule, peaceful picketing is legal only when the object of the picketing is justifiable — i.e., if the judges approve the union's de-

> 7 St.-Apt. 4K. Refreshments, entertainment, etc.

ALLENTOWN, PA. Max Shachtman, Auspices

Workers

of the Socialist

mission 25 Cents.

Having got this far, the Los Angeles meat company for judges proceeded to find that the purpose of inducing its the object of the picketing was

2. How could the judges de-If these decisions stand, they fine the closed-shop contract, mean that injunctions will be in use everywhere, as illegal? issued in any strike which may By the simple device of interbe defined by the judges as a preting the existing labor law so as to construe it as outlaw-The appeals court justified ing closed shop union con-

And for this purpose they "The freedom of individu- used Section 921 of the 1933 Laworkers into a company union!

"Types" of Unions

By dishonestly assuming that a labor union is "one type of 'freedom of choice' of the labor organization' and a company is another type, the This "principle" was felt by judges were able to say:

"It is manifest the statute evidently. And with good reas- went far beyond that (outlawon. For it is a long-established ing the yellow-dog contract) rule of law that legally justi- when it denounced a contract fied actions of a union cannot requiring employes to join be enjoined merely because some specific labor organiza-

"It may be doubted whether it would not have been subject The judges therefore resort- to the constitutional objection of discrimination if it had been labor organization.'

In plain English, this is notice by the California judges that they will nullify the will of the people if the Legislature now seeks to clarify the previous law by expressly outlawing company - union yellow-dog contracts!

This vicious decision was made possible, in part, by the ASCISM AND THE AMERI fact that the cases in question CAN SCENE, including a involved jurisdictional squabreport on Madison Square bles between the A.F.L. and Counter - Demonstration by C.I.O., so that the court could embellish its anti-union deci-Party, Friday, April 14, 1939 sions with indignant comment at 8 P.M., Hotel Allen. Ad- on the harm done by jurisdic-

Just before the strike, Hutch CHANGES SCHEDULE

Note: There has been a change in the schedule of classes of the Karl Liebknecht School of the Y.P.S.L. The new schedule is as follows and is effective this Saturday, April 15:

of Marxism-E. ERBER

1:30 to 2:30 P.M.—Organizational Problems - M. S.

Revolutions-F. MORROW

Unit of Y.P.S.L.

Out Mobilization Day's Draft Plans (Continued from Page 1) and \$10,000,000 to mobilize are considered to be more use-300,000 men in the first month ful at home. The local draft for slavery," and "It will desof a war. . . State election board—appointed by the Gov- troy democracy at home while machinery would be utilized ernor and to consist of "lead-fighting for it abroad"; and the phis correspondent, which for the registration of citizens in a citizens" of the town will House passed the draft by the claimed that Butler "has been for the registration of citizens ing citizens" of the town—will House passed the draft by the in war-time and the possible consider each man.

"It will then be the task of a 000,000 able-bodied fighting The War Department sees no irony in the use of election shall serve his country as a like LaGuardia and Lehman machinery for the draft registration. Newton D. Baker, he is of more value to the Gov- conscription. "Progressive"-in Wilson's War Secretary, who conceived the idea in 1917. thought it was a brilliant stroke to sweeten the pill of conscription. "Just like going to vote, you see . . ." Presumably the Sec'y of War Johnson.) Negroes in the South should be A worker who insists on enthusiastic about the prospect higher wages to meet the sky-

of getting into a poll-booth at Nobody Safe

induction of 9,000,000 or 10,-

According to the War Department's plans, all men between 18 and 45 will be subject to the draft. But don't be relieved if you're over 45-you will be required to register anyway. Why? Well, in the third year of the World War, Germany drafted all men 17-60 for "auxiliary service," and the Roosevelt Junkers are not missing any tricks.

Perhaps the reason was given by the President of the Brit- main enemy was at home. ish Institute of Chemical Engineers when he said: "A middle-aged man can drive a tank mechanized units. Graybeards acter has come to stay." should constitute the storm troops. . . . Science has made war a much more suitable oc- James Reed, with his ear close they own most of the country cupation for middle-aged peo-

ole than it was in 1914.'

Congressmen — as during the of the Reichstag, because he told the workers that their

> to the ground, said: "The now." streets of Missouri cities will

ening experiences of the

rocketing cost of living, and

who is so foolish as to organize

his fellow-workers for this un-

close vote of 199 to 178. General March is probably

board of local citizens in six right in thinking that these thousand communities to de- voices will not be heard again cide whether their neighbor on Capitol Hill. "Progressives" soldier or a sailor, or whether have already publicly endorsed ernment as a munitions work- chief Franklin D. Roosevelt er or a farmer. . . . Plans for the installation of this system time conscription for the are ready.... One thing alone is lacking—the law." (Asst. the World War and the postwar years

Voice of Revolt But in 1917 there were other voices raised against the draft. In Oklahoma and Arkansas an organization was formed of patriotic objective, will discov- tenant farmers, Negroes and er that he has ceased to be of Indians to resist the draft. The industrial value to the Govern- country was scoured for highment. His boss on the local powered rifles. This isolated draft board will be the first to movement was eventually so inform him. The same crushed, though not without threat can be used even for difficulty.

"Uncle Lige" Harp spoke war Germany sent into the ar- for these working farmers: my Karl Liebknecht, member "We didn't have no right to send folks over to Europe to voted against war credits and fight; 'taint a free country when that's done." And his neighbor Frank Sturdgill was General Peyton C. March has likewise reported in the Kansas said: "It is one of the heart- City Star as saying:

"It's war for the benefit of as well as anybody. In the (World) War that the system them silk-hatted fellers in New next war the oldest people of obtaining men by draft in a York. We don't want our boys should drive the fastest major emergency of this char-fightin' them rich fellers' battles and gettin' killed just to When the draft was before make a lot of money for a Congress in 1917, Senator bunch of millionaires. Why,

Before the draft comes to There will be no exemptions run red with blood before the stay, the workers and farmers from this draft. There will only people will submit to such a of America have still to speak.

LIBEL CHARGE IN SUIT BY S.T.F.U.

(Special to the Socialist Appeal).
MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Two offithe Communist Party.

the union and H. L. Mitchell, executive secretary - treasurer. charge they were libelled by articles published in the Daily Worker by Al Murphy, a Memworking in the interests of the rich planters against the evict ed sharecroppers" and that "relief money and supplies collected to aid the Missouri sharecroppers were used by Butler and Mitchell for faction-

Butler and Mitchell, in their

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Sol) Thomas, Jr. will imitate Norman (Abe) Thomas Sr., imitating Norman Thomas! Saturday, April 22nd-Jamaica Labor Center—50 Beaver Road. Auspices of Jamaica Y. P. S. L.—Admis-

Swing with the John Brown

In the World of Labor

By Paul G. Stevens =

Fruits of the Popular Front in France

Readers of the Appeal are acquainted with some of the results of the People's Front policy in France on the living conditions of the workers and the life of the labor movement. They already know that the institution of the sixty-hour week in place of the forty-hour week achieved by the June 1936 strike wave is practically a fact; that the unemployed are to be regimented for forced labor in the best style of the Fascist countries: that the militants who took the general strike order of last November seriously are filling the jails of Daladier's "democracy".

New fruits of this rotten and treacherous policy are coming to light every day, however. On March 1, 1939, the government issued a decree affecting the shop delegate system the system of grievance committees established in June 1936). The decree sharply restricts the rights of the workers in the shops to elect delegates of their own choice, withdraws the right to recall an incompetent or renegade delegate and practically gives the bosses a free hand to dictate the election by ordering that "the chief of an establishment or his representative shall always have access to the voting place"—that is, the right to inumidate the voters. Not only have the Stalinists, socialists and trade union bureaucrats not taken any measures to fight the decree, but their press does not even see fit to denounce it.

For the first time in French labor history, we learn from Paris dispatches, the trade union movement is not to order the traditional May Day strike.

But, more indicative even than these political set-backs are the declining figures of trade union membership. In the Paris region alone, the "Union des Syndicats" or Central Labor Union, controlled completely by the Stalinists, reports that the membership there declined, in the period between September 1938 to December 1938, by more than 200,000. The workers are voting against the Popular Front with

Only a drastic push by the revolutionists organized in the minority movement in the trade unions known as the "Class Struggle Circles" (Cercles Lutte de Classe) can reorient the French workers and prevent the rout of the People's Front from becoming a defeat

This movement is supported, and in many instances led, by Fourth Internationalist members of the P.O.I. (Internationalist Workers Party) and the P.S.O.P. (Socialist Workers and Peasants Party). Their immediate objective is the creation of a network of factory committees to take the initiative wherever it is impossible to get the regular trade union organization to act.

An Admission of Bankruptcy From the Anarchists Themselves

To Marxists, the role of the C.N.T. (anarchist trade union body) and the F.A.I. (anarcist political organization) in the course of the Spanish civil war has from the first confirmed the bankruptcy of anarchism. If a theoretical analysis of the petty-bourgeois character of this movement could only convince hundreds, the actions of the Spanish anarchist organizations clearly demonstrated to millions the uselessness of anarchist doctrine as a weapon of working class struggle.

To the very last, the C.N.T. and F.A.I. leaders pursued the old reformist policy of hang ing on to the coat-tails of the capitalist poli ticians and to the People's Front which supported them. Their continued collaboration justified every atrocity committed by the Stalinist G.P.U. gang in Spain. When the "Loyalist" bourgeoisie in order to finally make peace with Franco, used the Stalinists as scape goats and shot down the rank and file Communist party members in cold blood in Madrid and Valencia, the anarchists condoned that action too. As is well-known, Val and Marin of the C.N.T. served as official members of the Miaja-Casado "Defense Council" which arranged for the final burial of the People's Front and the capitulation to Franco.

Revolt, an anarchist organ published in England, prints the declarations of the "Defense Council" and concludes its editorial comment as follows:

"Having to choose between a Negrin (who. they claim, still worked with the Stalinists-P.G.S.) and a Besteiro (who worked with Miaja) the Spanish anarchists have chosen the latter in order to shorten a useless war. This is the lamentable situation, the result of having allowed the Stalinists for the past two years to crush the revolution and lose the

If there has ever been a more patent declaration of political bankruptcy, it has still to come to our attention.

On the Line . . . with Bill Morgan

Once there was a poor farmer who owned but two thin cows. And in order to prevent his belly button from becoming permanently attached to his backbone, the poor farmer had to sell whatever milk he could squeeze from the thin beasts to the Big City Milk Company.

One frosty morning, after milking both cows, the farmer saw he had only half the usual amount of milk necessary to meet the contract with the Company. And so on the way to the City he stopped beside a pretty little brook which bubbled and sang with endless quarts of nice fresh water. He quickly scooped up enough water to fill the contract and continued on his journey.

Now it happened that two small frogs had been caught and poured into the can where it was very dark and where there was no place

Frogs Hold a Conference

After swimming frantically in circles and after making every effort to climb the slippery sides of the can, the poor frogs huddled together and held a conference.

"We are doomed," cried one, "there is no escape from this awful prison. We may as well face the fact and not waste our time or prolong the agony . . . " With these words he slowly sank beneath the dark swirling waves of milk.

The remaining frog, however, decided to make one more effort to save himself. He continued to swim about. 'Round and 'round he swam - faster and faster. Soon his breath came in gasps. He gasped and he kicked-he kicked and he gasped. 'Round and 'round. . .

When the farmer reached the Big City Milk Company and removed the cover of the can what do you suppose he saw? Why there was the second little frog, a big smile on his foolish little face, sitting on top of a large chunk of bright yellow butter! He had kicked so much and so hard that he had churned the milk into a floating mass of fine butter and when the lid was off he immediately hopped out and away to his home in the brook.

'You see," said the farmer after he had figured out what had happened, "no matter how terrible things look—no matter how dark the future appears.-no matter how tough the situation, if a fellow just keeps on kicking as hard as he can without any letup—he will find a way out.'

Who Are Our Enemies

That story is as old as the hills but it is just as good today as when my grandfather first heard it in 1886 during the May Day Parade for the eight hour day. Today on every side the enemies of the working class are all ganging up in the hope of striking a death blow to the trade unions just as they were in 1886. From all sides the blows come and while the heat is turned on let every worker look about and see who his enemies are-and mark them well for future reference.

On the one hand we have the boss courts. See the Roosevelt-appointed justices on the Supreme Court hand down a decision outlawing the right of workers to sit down on the job when they are refused decent wages and conditions. And see the quick follow-up by a Federal judge in Philadelphia in the Apex Hosiery Company case. A judgement amounting to \$711,932 is awarded to the company in payment for alleged damages to the plant during a sit-down strike. The jury had decided that \$237,301 was enough although the Company has asked for more than a million dollars. The judge tripled the jury's figure and holds the American Federation of Hosiery Workers liable for the payment of this gigantic sum of money. Using the Sherman Anti-Trust Act as a basis of his decision against the union the

judge did not mention a word about the thousands of Big Business Trusts which today bleed the workers and farmers by price-fixing.

Awful Kindhearted of the Judge

And to top it off the judge explains that with the company's consent the individual members of Branch 1 of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers will not be held accountable for the debt. No, the union must pay. But who the hell is the union if not the membership? But the judge knows his onions. Hold the union officials responsible, says he-that is one way of smashing the union. Another is to force the officials to raise the money by taxing the membership. That will also do its share to create division in the ranks which will break the union's power.

And then there is another ace in the hole for the bosses. Recalling the international storm aroused over the Danbury Hatters case when the courts forced the workers to sell their homes and other belongings and to pay a part of their wages every year to settle a judgment brought against them by the bosses, this judge in Philadelphia is forcing the union to collect the dough in order to throw the blame on the labor movement.

This case must be fought to the end by labor and not one cent must be turned over to the bosses. This blackmail must be fought by a renewal of the militant struggles which built the great industrial unions and established the union in every mass-production industry in the

An End to Academic Discussion!

And see Roosevelt. His huge tears which flowed so freely on the question of the two billion for mere incidentals like airplanes for N.Y.A. youth and guns for the C.C.C. boysthose tears were entirely absent on the question of funds to keep the unemployed at work on the W.P.A. One million workers are being sacrificed for the sake of the Sixty Families' taxes and the Sixty Families' investments in other countries.

Then there are the rising fascist movements which grow bolder with every blow delivered at the working class. These will be increasingly used by the bosses and now, before they grow strong, the workers must take the job of dealing in the proper way with them. Some misguided fascists can be reasoned with. Some can be isolated. But there must be an end to academic discussion before we reach the concentration camp

We Must Keep on Kicking

And last but far from least are the Stalinists. These filthy agents of the boss and the boss government are breaking all records in the race to lead the working class to the slaughter for "democracy". While they ruin every union they get hold of by first killing every democratic procedure and substituting their local brand of phoney Moscow Trials and gangsterism, they yell to high heaven about 'democracy" and the need to save poor little Belgiums and Czechoslovakias. They brand all honest workers as "fascists"—no one who objects to their smelly deals and racketeering escapes their pointing finger. And here too, the workers of America have a job to do. Driving the G.P.U. out of the trade unions and all workers' organizations is necessary if any gains are to be made against the National Manufacturers Association

Kick. Kick hard. Keep kicking. It is the only answer. And if we all kick together, in unison, we will win. If we stop kicking our enemies will start kicking us all the harder. We can churn up a nice lump of butter if we kick long enough. And we won't have to split it nine different ways if we kick the right people.

Why Doesn't the C. P. Social Democrats Insist on

Why hasn't General Jose Miaja been expelled from the Communist Party of Spain?

Why is this infamous traitor still tolerated in the ranks of the party which elevated him to the position of member of its Central Committee?

Revolutionists without stain or reproach are not only expelled from the Communist Party in the Soviet Union but murdered in the cellars of the G.P.U. Their places are taken by the Miajas.

We have proved by incontrovertible documents that Miaja was a C.P. member and leader. He threw open the gates of Madrid to Franco's hordes. Since then the Stalinists have openly condemned him. BUT-

They haven't said a word about his membership in their party. On that, they have maintained a significant silence. Why? Why do they cover up the truth. Why don't they at least announce his expulsion from their ranks?

Mental Blizzard Befogs N. Y. Pacifist Meeting

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
NEW YORK — That there is no interest in a "middle way" between war-mongering and revolutionary struggle against war was demonstrated when the "Keep America Out of War Congress' could only marshall 300 people in a colorless, poorly attended meeting in Manhattan Center on April 6 to commemorate the 56 Congressmen who in 1917 voted against this country's entrance into the

Although the "Keep America Out of War Congress" has a public program, each of the six speakers who addressed the meeting presented his own private panacea for maintaining American neutrality. The individual programs of the speakers ranged from acclaim for Neville Chamberlain and support of the Monroe Doctrine to a militantly organized campaign of postcard pressure on

The chief guest speaker of Congressman Knutson, invited in 1917 but who in the meantime has become a thorough reactionary, as Minnesota labor can testify, declared that he believed not only in "military defense of our shores" but also in defense of "the princi-

JOBLESS STAGE A NEW KIND OF EASTER PARADE

(Special to Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK—A new and sensational note in popular spring styles for well-dressed ladies and gentlemen was introduced nere this Easter Sunday during the traditional fashion parade up swank Fifth Avenue when 75 members of the Unemployed and Project Workers Union wearing the ragged and ill-fitting clothes which the relief and W.P.A. budgets provide and carrying banners demanding work for all at trade union wages and "All War Funds to the Unemployed!" appeared and joined the annual show-off of the "400" society parasites.

Hand Out Leaflets Marching two-by-two, the unemployed and W.P.A. workers slowly proceeded up the Avenue handing out a leaflet explaining the plight of the millions of unemployed and the firing of hundreds of thousands | rent when it fell due. of W.P.A. workers at the expense of Roosevelt's four bil- ard Avenue on Friday. It was returned, and the artery was lion dollar war budget. And the not the sort of place that gave severed at the wrist. well-groomed bosses in their much room for a person's soul new and expensive finery were to develop. By Edgar Guest's ther clasps Eugene to her shocked.

One over-upholstered big- home than a house, because it It's the American Way, yessir shot in a top hat was heard to had sure seen "a heap o" say, "They ought to be sent livin"." Garbage was strewn back where they came from!" while his wife who wore a hat surrounding the place. The on all the clothes they could which probably cost a month's neighbors on either side were and tramped over to where rent in any tenement flat, de- junk peddlers and huge piles of Mrs. Jacques' sister lived. The clared, "How awfully disgrace- discarded doo-dads towered to sister was on relief too and ful! They have no respect for the roof. Sunday!'

Police Surprised The police were taken by

complete surprise—and with- most of them kept chickens, in out their usual "orders" they the pitiful faith they could pened by the hospital, got a stood with open mouths as the make a few extra pennies from line on the Jacques case, and workers marched from 43rd Street to 52nd Street, past all kids. In the Jacques home, the slipped by the city editor. ting for two gala events usherthe huge churches and the expensive shops where abundant accumulted filth of fifty years so often. The story was a one- which always occurs simultafine clothes were on display. At 52nd Street, however, a basement stairs had long ago gang of plainclothesmen, on duty to protect all the flashy basement itself was half-flood-following day that some womjewelry and furs of the parasites coming from church, arrived and forced the unemployed off the Avenue.

The parade then continued around the Rockefeller Center room with her six-months-old tage, etc. where thousands of visitors daughter. The other four kids viewed the marching workers slept in the second room. happen in Minneapolis any a flock of debutantes will atand their banners. More than a There was Billy, 6, Jacqueline, score of police and detectives 4, Eugene, 3, and Jimmy, 11/2. the sister's house, though the tion of Harvard's famous unescorted the parade to Broadway where again thousands of day it happened. Mrs. Jacques paper. people were made aware of the was awakened by screams determination of the U.P.W.U. from the other room. She to fight for jobs and clothing rushed in and turned on the islature in Minnesota turned Room will attend the performfor the unemployed of New

ples of the Monroe Doctrine, i.e., military defense of the en- away from the S. P. after the

tire Western hemisphere. Mr. Knutson supported the people's referendum on war. 'save in times of threatened or actual invasion," when he would favor the suspension of the referendum on war and declare for the dispatch of troops to troubled areas anywhere in the Western hemisphere.

Hooray for Champerlain

"I want to take this opportunity to acclaim Neville Chamberlain as one of the greatest apostles of peace in this cen- harried by self-styled "left tury," said Congressman Knutson. more and more lustrous with dog. They have been contemptthe passing of time and after uously excluded from all negothe people shall have had an tiations. At the committee's reopportunity to evaluate his cent meeting in Chicago, they to go on with joint confering Committee, C.I.O., against great accomplishment for the were, however, allowed to inpreservation of peace.".

logy of the British Prime Min- to the Social Democratic Fedister, Norman Thomas arose to eration. These points are a dithe evening, the Republican differ with him, pointing out luted solution of the already that "Chamberlain first, last water-logged "radicalism" of for having voted against war and always has only the inter- Tyler and Zam. With a vexed ests of the British Empire at heart, Thomas and Laidler, heart." The embarrassing epi- who opposed the "additional sode between Thomas and points," were nevertheless ob-Knutson is the latest commen-liged to present them to their tary on the confusion within the prospective partners of the 'Keep America Out of War S. D. F.

McAlister Coleman, the chairman, adequately summed up the program and the organization when he said at the born in the blizzard of 1888 and a blizzard ever since.

A Mid-Western Story

By CARL O'SHEA

Home, Sweet Home

led with a dirty liquor.

neighborhood was on relief and was no room.

was caked on the floor, the day sensation.

slums.

Expel Gen. Miaja? | Capitulation by S. P.

Norman Thomas and His Colleagues Seek a Face-Saving Device in Negotiations for Unity with Lee and Oneal Who Demand Full Public and Unconditional Surrender

latest issue of the New Leader.

It appears that in the course of the initial conferences be- are as emphatically rejected less reformists though they tween the two organizations substantial agreement was were in 1934 or 1936. reached on "a draft statement on socialist purposes and the relations between socialism and democracy.'

Statement a Victory for Right Wing

This statement was essentially a declaration of the discredited ideas of the right-wing social democrats who broke Detroit and Cleveland conventions at which the "Militants" established their control of the party.

There was no particular difficulty in coming to an agreement, since the S. P. negotiating committee is dominated merger with elements who hold entirely by conservatives like basically different views. Such Norman Thomas and Harry Laidler, anxious to restore their political fortunes by unity with another insolvent.

However, the Socialist Party's national committee is still wingers" like Tyler and Co., "His name will become who worry it like a toothless the S.P. really holds, or whethstruct the negotiators to pre-Following Mr. Knutson's eu-sent some "additional points"

S.D.F. Rejects New "Points" tional committee was not only They're dying for unity. They prompt, but far more prin- know that it can be realized break the strike. opening of the meeting, "I was Thomas or Tyler. The "addi-S.D.F., they know also that a tional points" called timidly good half of their own members have been wandering around in for opposition to capitalist wars already accept that program, and to capitalist politics—an and yet they horse around with

THE AMERICAN WAY

the miserable house or of be- rat, twitching his long bare housing funds to come in. The

The rats returned to the at

on his right hand was pretty

Look at the two as the mo-

After taking Eugene to the

didn't have room, but the

Jacques tribe had become ac-

A newspaper reporter hap-

Usually in such cases the

On Wednesday the state leg-

All the other houses that the tack in the absence of the Jacques were staying. They

ing without a roof over their tail, glared at Mrs. Jacques

Jacques and her five little slithered away into the wall

at 903 Girard Avenue, in the and hurriedly left for the gen

center of the Minneapolis eral hospital.

children moved into the place The mother grabbed Jimmy

welfare board had suggested | mother. Two of them, dripping

take reliefers," or "There's the bed where Billy, Jacky and

the landlords told Mrs. dren beat them off. Eugene

Jacques. The Jacques had wasn't able to defend himself

been ousted from their pre- very well because he had brok-

vious house because the wei- en a shoulder on Saturday and

fare board wouldn't pay the it was in a cast. The little finger

The Jacques moved to Gir- well gnawed when the mother

standards, it was more of a breast. Madonna and Child.

around the hard-packed dirt hospital, the whole family put

Almost everybody in the customed to living where there

eggs to buy decent food for the wrote it up. In some way it

been used for kindling, and the newspaper is able to report the

On Saturday and Sunday the has been touched, and has pro-

family got along all right. Mrs. vided the unfortunate person or

Jacques, a blond severe-faced family, as the case may be.

young woman, slept in one with a job or with a little cot-

heads — so Mrs. William from Jimmy's chest, and then terested

too many children," was what Eugene lay. The two older chil- family.

before his face. Three fingers which would have paved the

who have been negotiating for The answer of the S.D.F. com- maneuvers, and all the other unity with the right-wing So- mittee, which makes no bones devices of second-rate provincial Democratic Federation, to about its pro-war and pro-cap- cial politicians. They do not judge from the documents italist political position, char- hesitate to swallow their pride, made public by Algernon Lee, | acterizes the "points" as "alto- | their program and their pastspokesman for the latter, in the gether unacceptable even as a but they insist on saving their basis for further discussion." faces. "These views and policies

socialist work in the trade un- now, they say. ions, as an adequate contribution to a basis for unity' and followed. . . .

Conceptions "Fundamentally

Different" "The contradiction to which we refer is between fundamentally different conceptions of socialist thought and action. .

all desire an organizational a pseudo-unity would merely organized factions which characterized the S. P. from Detroit on.

"It is of course your function and not ours to determine which of the two conceptions er it is still divided on the subject. Until we are apprised of ences.

Sneaking under the wire won't be permitted by the S.D.- weeks. F.—it demands of Thomas. Tyler and Co. a public, complete and unconditional capitulation! It has its "principled steward, the strikers are deposition" and it is on that basis termined to fight on until victhat it will allow unity, not on torious. any other. One can have some respect

for people who take such a stand. But how can kind words the basis of the Supreme be said for the S.P. leaders? Supreme Court's decision out-They'd like to eat their cakes, lawing sitdown strikes, last The reply of the latter's na- give it away, and have it too. cipled, as it were, than either only on the program of the

cal 544 showed up where the

took Mrs. Jacques in the orga-

Mrs. Jacques wore a 544 but-

the car and she was undoubted-

Life is no bed of roses for the obvious concession to the re-two-for-a-penny tricks, theat-Socialist Party representatives maining militants of the S.P. rical gestures, unprincipled

The social democrats, hopeby the S.D.F. in 1939 as they are, have at least made their position as plain and categoric "We find an unexplainable as any ultimatum can be. contradiction between the ac- They're ready to do business ceptance by your N.E.C. of the with Thomas, Laidler and statement on purpose and de- Hoan, but they have no time to mocracy, the New Deal and its waste with such pseudo-radisignificance for socialism, the cals as Zam. It's up to the S.P.

The only choice that the earnest socialist militant can the 'additional points' which make now is not between one or another combination of capitulators, but between both of them and the straightforward revolutionary position.

ocialist thought and action. . . MERGOTT STRIKE STRONG DESPITE

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
NEWARK, N. J. — Despite the combined efforts of the company management and the A.F.L. to smash the strike, the strike organized by Lodge No. this it would seem to us futile 2023, Steel Workers Organizthe J. E. Mergott Co. is still going strong after seven Called in protest against the firing of ten workers in the lacquering and plating departments and one shop

> National given the strike when the Mergott management, acting on month fired 300 members of Lodge No. 2023 in an attempt to

Lodge No. 2023 had had a working agreement with the company covering recognition, hours, wages and working conditions won in September 1937 after a ten-week strike. In March, 1938 the company, which manufactures pocketbook frames and metal novelties, signed another contract with the S.W.O.C. local after the latter had beaten the company union in an N.L.R.B. elec-

With the time near for the signing of a new contract. the It was a question of taking were torn and bleeding. A huge way for some of the federal management called in two A.F. L. organizers who issued a big real estate men weren't in- Federal union charter, No. 21920, to the Mergott company Thursday the over-worked union. When the S.W.O.C. callcommittee from the unem- ed a strike on Feb. 23, the ployed organization, Federal A.F.L.-company union ordered Workers Section of Drivers Lo- its members to work.

The S.W.O.C. has published an open letter addressed to all members of the A.F.L. asking were not available. "We don't and slimy, crawled rapidly on nizer's car and drove around them to take action against the until they found a home for the viciously disruptive tactics of the two A.F.L. leaders which are jeopardizing the unity of ton when she climbed out of the labor movement.

Police, as usual, have been ly proud of it. She promised to doing their dirtiest to break the come down next Friday to the strike—assisting seabs to enter membership meeting. "You the plant, arresting strikers on know, my sister told me I false charges, and so forth. An ought to go down to that 544. injunction has been handed They're the ones for getting down by the Chancery Court things done,' she said to me," which prohibits any striker Mrs. Jacques said as she got from attempting to persuade scabs not to enter the plant.

SOCIETY ____

Two Gala Parties At Waldorf NEW YORK CITY. - The

out of the car.

Waldorf-Astoria will be the setpaper was off the walls, the Things like that happen every ing in the "Little Season"neously with the coming of Easter Sunday. In the Sert Room, Miss Co-

bina Wright, Jr., will start a en's club or some philanthropist return engagement on the occasion of the reopening of the handsome room for the Spring and Summer season.

In the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf, proud mothers, fa-That sort of thing doesn't thers, enthusiastic friends and more. No one came around to tend the 93rd annual produc-Shortly after midnight Sun-address had been given in the dergraduate dramatic society, the Hasty Pudding Club.

Many entertaining at dinner or supper parties in the Sert lights. Little Jimmy was cry-down a proposal to set up a lance, either before or after the ing, holding his right hand up housing authority in the state prandial events.

Another Victory For Congress

FORT LEE, N. J.—The impending slashes of W.P.A. rolls did not bring happiness to the home of Lester Ruark, 29-yearold W.P.A. worker. When police answered the

call of a W.P.A. foreman who went to Ruark's home to investigate his absence from work and smelled gas, they found all the gas jets were turned on in the kitchen, Ruark was dead with the body of his 6-year-old son clutched in his arms.

Last Tuesday Ruark had told police that his wife, Marie, 24, had disappeared on March 29. Police sent the bodies of Lester Ruark and the son he took with him to death to a Fort Lee morgue to await claimants. If no one appears, they will be buried in pauper graves.

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FIGHT WITH THE SOCIALIST **WORKERS PARTY FOR:**

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- 0-hour weekly maximum for all workers on
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- 10. An independent Labor Party.
- 11. Workers Defense Guards against vigilante and Fascist attacks

Kinks In The Cotton

Consider the business of growing and selling cotton and see if any sense can be made out of it. Page the defenders of the capitalist order and let them try to explain.

The Roosevelt brain trust wizards who were going to solve our economic problems and at the same time preserve the capitalist system intact are giving themselves and everybody else a headache with their schemes to solve a problem which cannot be solved under the present

In order to keep up the price of cotton, the Roosevelt magicians decided first to cut the amount of cotton planted and to pay the cotton grower for not planting cotton. That didn't help. so they then hit upon the plan of lending the growers approximately nine cents for every pound of cotton, the cotton being collateral for

Eleven million pounds were put in hock with the government. For a while the price was kept up, so well in fact that the foreign market disquite understandably-about Britain's ruthless appeared almost completely. Now there is another huge surplus and the price is down again.

To dispose of the surplus, to regain the foreign market and to get the government out of the mess, Roosevelt proposes a subsidy for exporting cotton. This conflicts with the Hull trade policies.

Some Congressmen, not satisfied with the Roosevelt scheme, insist upon letting the growers take back the storaged cotton at five cents a pound—the government to suffer a huge loss. Under this scheme the cotton growers must promise to cut their acreage still more.

Meanwhile there are hundreds of thousands of workers, their wives and children, who are in dire need of garments. Tens of thousands of workers are being dismissed from W.P.A. thus cutting down still further the market for cotton.

When will this vicious circle come to an end? Only when we put into practice the simple idea that cotton should be produced for the use of the people instead of for the profit of plantation owners. And that will be done by the

workers when they decide to take over all the

industries of the nation, abolish this crazy sys-

Curb Them at Home

tem, and establish socialism.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is now busily engaged in removing one more small pebble in the path of Roosevelt's well-lubricated war machine. That pebble is the present neutrality legislation which does not hand over to Roosevelt all the "discretionary" powers he wishes in the matter of labelling "aggressors," instituting economic boycotts, and declaring war without the consent of the American people.

As first step in revising the present neutrality legislation the Committee is conducting public hearings and inviting various, "witnesses" to point out what the Roosevelt Administration holds to be the defects in the legislation.

. First witness was Henry L. Stimson. The -American people should remember this spokesman of big finance without difficulty. He was Hoover. He has been an untiring and vigorous for the youth of America.

opponent of any and all popular referendums which would permit the American people to decide for themselves whether they want to enter the path of world war.

policy" on the part of American imperialism, the building of huge armies, the launching of military intervention in Asia and Europe whenever American imperialist interests are threatened. In the Committee hearing he again stated

The Daily Worker applauded Secretary Stimson. Like the Wall Street financiers, the Daily Worker editors believe that the American people should be sent abroad to die on foreign battlefields in defense of American imperialism and—incidentally—in defense of the Stalin regime in Russia. Stimson's statements naturally tasted like sweet honey on the bristling tongues of the Daily Worker editorial staff.

Stimson and the Daily Worker denounce the "war mongers" most vehemently. We too are against the war mongers. The first step in fighting the REAL war mongers, we suggest, is the establishment of a few curbs right here at home.

That is why the war-mongering Daily Worker and the war-mongering ex-Secretary to President Herbert Hoover are so bitterly opposed to a curb on the war mongers in the form of a popular referendum on war.

They want to send the American workers to die on foreign battlefields and they will leave nothing undone to accomplish that end.

German Gold

Mr. "Augur," who enjoys the reputation of being semi-official spokesman for the British government, asserts in an article dated April 6 that one of the factors which has changed Prime Minister Chamberlain from a "gullible" protagonist of "appeasement in Europe" to the "starkly determined leader of a movement to resist Herr Hitler by force if necessary" is—the Irish bombings.

Chamberlain's Cabinet, according to Augur, has discovered a "precise indication of a direct connection" between Hitler gold and the Irish revolutionaries who have been planting bombs throughout England in an attempt to free Ireland from British opposition.

Naturally Augur does not bother to offer the slightest proof in support of this slander of the brave Irish youths who have gone to prison shouting defiance of Great Britain. Augur accuses without facts or proofs in the traditional manner of a paid liar in the propaganda department of an "honest and upright" capitalist democracy. He is busily engaged in carrying out propaganda job No. 1-smearing revolutionary tendencies inside the nation with the black hues of the foreign "enemy."

Augur is very voluble about German gold financing Irish bombers. He is not so voluble bombings of women and children in Palestine and India. These gruesome and indefensible mass murders are all financed directly and precisely by British gold. Only direct and precise recipients of this same British gold are silent

Behind Barbed Wire

Harry Hopkins, Secretary of Commerce, and Roosevelt's ace appeaser of big business, has on his payroll as right hand adviser in carrying out the practical steps of big business appearement, General Robert Wood.

Last week at the Young Men's Supper Club in Boston, the Géneral expressed his beliefs on American youth and its place in the American capitalist democracy. "It might not be a bad idea to imitate one thing in the totalitarian states," stated the General, "and to FORCE every youth to give six months or a year of his life to the state, either in labor service or military service or both. Of course, the cry of regimentation would be raised, but I am convinced it would be a fine thing for our youth."

The New Deal's idea of the exact place for American youth thus becomes more clearly expressed as war approaches closer. American youth will be sacrificed as a burnt offering to appease big business, and the place selected by New Deal democracy for the sacrifice is either a forced labor camp like Hitler's, fenced off with barbed wire, or a rat-infested trench behind a razor-sharp, needle-pointed bayonet on a slimy battlefield.

If Roosevelt has his way, big business will be appeased and youth will end its days under the whip in a forced labor camp or suffer a foul death defending capitalist profits.

American youth can respond to this prospect in only one way-by openly and courageously taking for themselves the program of Socialism in America. Only revolution, the overthrow of the capitalist class, and the complete smashing of all the ancient bone-bags, who think youth is a commodity to be bought and sold for can-Secretary of State under President Herbert non fodder, can open up a new and bright future

Ireland Recalls Anniversary Stimson has always advocated a "positive of American impositive of Easter Week Insurrection

The Tradition of James Connolly, the Great Marxian Revolutionist, Who Led the Uprising Against Britain In Dublin, Still Lives in the Hearts of the People

iest snow storm in Ireland's

The Fenians continued to be

a force, however, and in 1913

fore realized that Irish bosses

It had been the Irish bosses

like Murphy in Dublin and the

reformers like the right wing

of the Fenians who were afraid

of this bold step. Connolly be-

came a Marxist and openly ad-

vocated socialism for Ireland.

When the World War began.

the Irish leaders knew their

chance was drawing near. The

reformers began to break un-

der the pressure of British de

nands for troops to fight for

democracy" and John Red

mond split the movement by

ecruiting soldiers for Eng-

land. Connolly stood firmly

against the war. He openly

denounced the imperialist pow-

ers and when the Second Inter

The Uprising was organized

not afraid of being called a

trance to Liberty Hall, the

hung a huge banner - "We

Serve Neither King nor Kai-

On the appointed day-Eas-

ter Tuesday-the notice for full

mobilization was countermand-

ed. Eoin MacNeill of the Irish

thought the time was not ripe

and that lack of arms from

Germany would doom the at-

tempt. But word did not reach

all the sections in time and

Dublin, under the command of

James Connolly, proceeded to

Less than 2,000 men took up

arms in Dublin. Some say only

carry out the plan.

cialism.

'NEITHER KING

OR KAISER"

the attempt.

their leader.

ally planned. But the isolation tion can be compared to the

history-all combined to crush den arms. On the judgment of

By BILL MORGAN

Easter Week! Red Easter! of Kerry and the arrest of terror which followed the Paris With these magic words on many leaders in Kerry, plus their lips thousands of Irish the lack of arms and the heavpatriots and revolutionists are this week—amid the bursting of bombs - celebrating the twenty-third anniversary of the 1916 Uprising—the Uprising, which in the middle of the Great War, set free the forces of revolution throughout the world and marked a new chapter in the 700-year-old struggle for the revolt which was inof the Irish people to free themselves from the most powerful and most ruthless landlord in the world — Great

There have been many atempts to explain the revolu- defense guards. Under the ton which took place in Ireland leadership of James Connolly in 1916. All give different reasons. To some it was a ro- armed themselves and trained mantic adventure of a few for military service. They went poets, while others claim it a step further than the Fenians, was a "putsch" engineered by however. They had learned the desperate terrorists—and still lessons of the Dublin strike others claim that it was a plot and realized that mere Home hatched by German Generals Rule would not solve the probto break the military front of lems of wages, hours and conthe Allies.

These explanations are not only false but reactionary. Any and English bosses were not study of the many attempts of any different. He knew that the Irish people to wrest na- not only national independence tional independence will reveal but a workers' republic would the development of the move- answer the pressing demands ment and will make clear as of the new Irish working class. day the real significance of Easter Week.

Every effort of the Irish people to break the chains of British Imperialism can be translated in terms of their direct economic and political relationships. While Ireland was merely an agrarian country the main question was that of Home Rule. And many efforts to win Home Rule were made. Under O'Connell the people were led to believe that through purely legislative efforts Home Rule such as Scotland or Canada could be won. When these methods failed and the people were ready to fight, O'Connell abandoned his leadership.

Then there arose the Young Irelanders. They advocated revolutionary tactics. They adopted military drill and uniforms and their paper, "The Nation," urged resistance to Britain and made no secret of their belief that freedom could be won only by force of arms.

During the famine of 1848 when people were dying by the thousands, although there was enough food to feed them, the Young Irelanders worked un to argue continually with the tiringly to save the people. leaders of the Volunteers and The British then began to the workers' defense guards of crack down on them. Their the Irish Transport and Genthe state federation. leaders were shot and driven eral Workers Union. He was from Ireland. Their ranks were thinned by the famine. John German spy. Over the en-Mitchell, their leader, was arrested and sent to Van Die-headquarters of the union, there men's land for life.

In 1848 there was an attempted insurrection. In the ser!" and he let this speak for midst of famine and persecu- itself. tion, with people dying daily on the roadsides, Smith O'Brien in Tipperary rallied the remaining Young Irelanders and began the fight. But again Volunteers backed down—he Britain was prepared. The leaders were arrested and four of them sentenced to be hanged, drawn and quartered; but this sentence was later commuted to life imprison-

FENIANS WORKED FOR A REPUBLIC

After this there came the Fenians. They too prepared to 1,200. For six days and nights establish an Irish Republic. they held their posts against James Stephens was the chief a powerful and brutal British organizer. The Fenians grew army. The story of their braby leaps and bounds. Even very and courage is history the English Army and Navy never to be forgotten by revowere honeycombed with this lutionists the world over. They new revolutionary movement. withstood heavy bombard-A revolt was planned to take ments of artillery, even when place during February 1867. their positions were burning to It was postponed because of the ground. They held off a certain organizational difficul- force twenty or thirty times ties but word did not reach all their number. Men, women sections. Kerry rose in arms and youngsters fought with a and was isolated. Later the fury that impressed the world. uprising took place as origin- And when it was over the reac-

fighting, had to be propped up they once again organized in a wheel-chair to face the their ranks. This time, in the firing squad. 200 others were Irish Volunteers, they trained condemned to death and nearly the youth of Ireland to prepare 2,000 were deported or interned in Great Britain-all without evitable. John Redmond was appeal. NEW STRUGGLE IS At the same time, in Dublin, NOW AHEAD the great strike of 1913 led by Today the Irish are prepar-Larkin and Connolly made ing for another revolt. There clear the necessity of workers has been a renewal of the struggle despite the betrayal of DeValera and the others who and Captain White the workers have abandoned Ireland for British security. Within the old Irish Republican Army there has arisen the Irish Republican Brotherhood. And this I. R. B. carries on the fight not only against Britain but DeValera They have organized a series of bombings to attract attenditions. Connolly had long be-

Commune. A whole section of

Dublin was destroyed in the

house-to-house search for hid-

secret court martial sixteen

known leaders were executed.

Connolly, twice wounded in the

between Ulster and the South They are today burning the "Conscription Books" which England is planning to use for the defense of British "democracy." Long and severe sentences are being given to Irishmen who are arrested for what they may be thinking. And revolutionists must come to their support.

tion to the Army of Occupation

now in Ulster. They demand

the dissolution of the division

The Stalinists call it a Fasc st plot. But Marxists can only assist the Irish in their new struggle and not confine them selves to pious condemnations of the bombings.

Easter Week and its traditions belong now to the workers of the world. Honor to the memory of the men who gave their lives for a revolutionary

national collapsed and advo UNIONS DISCUSS cated support of the war. Connolly denounced the fake "socialists" and called upon the **ACTION AGAINST** Irish workers to make ready for revolution. He planned a revolt which he hoped would start the masses of Europe on **ANTI LABOR BILL** the road to revolution and so-

(Special to Socialist Appeal) or Stassen's anti-labor bill, and led by Connolly. He had more than 750 delegates came here on April 3 for a special They called on the people to push them to act in agreement convention of the Minnesota keep the food in the country. with the Irish Citizen Army- Federation of Labor-the larg-

> The bill, already passed by the lower house of the legislature, would establish in Minne sota the same anti-union pro visions as have been adopted in Oregon and Washington. The bill is to be debated in

the Senate this week. On March 31 it passed the house by a vote of 85-37. Representative W. F. Bennett, Farmer-Laborite, who has carried the burden of labor's opposition to the bill in the house, voted for the bill in order to be in a position to move for its recon-

Labor Pressure Begins When, while the state feder ation convention was in session Monday, Bennett moved for re consideration, he lost, but the vote was 72-53, indicating that pressure of the union movement on the legislature was beginning to tell

Stassen's bill contains a provision especially designed to destroy the famous Minneapo lis teamsters union. It would make it unlawful "to interfere in any manner with the opera tion of a vehicle or the operator thereof when neither the owner nor operator of said ve hicle is at said time a party to a strike." This would mean that any number of scab trucks could come in to break a driv ers' strike.

The bill also makes sit-down strikes illegal, outlaws any attempt to compel another person to join a union, requires a union to give twenty days' notice before a strike, and-if the strike is "affected with a pubshown how utterly corrupt and lic interest" such as public insincere the so-called commu- utilities. food establishments nists are. To think that they and (again aimed at the teamdidn't lift a finger against that sters) involves transportation crazy Bund meeting! Furious of delivery service—the union with indignation I went there cannot call a strike until 30 myself and words cannot des- days after the appointment of Although I was born and cribe how inspiring it was to a three-man investigation com-

These commissions will be

The state convention made tained several weaknesses. words rang out like a trumpet ity to these anti-labor provisions. Out-of-town delegates were busy during the ensuing MILDRED SH. days making their home-town legislators see the light.

Their By James Burnham Government

The present session of Congress is giving us a new, and very revealing chance to test out the theory of Labor's Non-Partisan League, John L. Lewis and the Stalinists as to how labor should intervene in politics. The results of the test are just the same as followed before in the history of this country and in the thousands of examples that could be drawn from other nations.

The advance of the L.N-P.L. policy over the older "reward your friends and punish your enemies" theory made famous by Gompers is to be found in the effort to build up an independent political organization comprising primarily workers and especially organized workers. At the same time, however, much of the Gompers theory has in other respects been retained.

The leadership of L.N-P.L. has resisted and fought any attempt to transform the League into a fully independent political party, that is, into a Labor party. They have restricted it. on the whole. to a labor appendage to the New Deal.

The tactic of L.N-P.L. has been to throw organized labor support to candidates on old party tickets who are held to be "progressive" and "friends of labor." This has usually, though not always, meant supporting the candidates of the Roosevelt wing of the Democratic party. .

Such candidates are not, of course, labor candidates. They are capitalist candidates, running as representatives of and on the ticket of a capitalist party, a boss party. The tactic of L.N-P.L. means, therefore, the organizing of labor support for certain selected boss candidates.

Ingratitude's Sharp Tooth

The L.N-P.L. tactic is advertised by the League's officials as the only "realistic" method of labor politics. How, then, does it work out, from the point of view of the interests of labor? Let us judge it by results.

The results were clear enough long before the present year started. In 1936, the tactic led to support for Martin Davey in his campaign for the governorship of Chio. The tactic was "successful" and Davey was elected. He rewarded labor, a few months later, by calling out his troops to smasn the Little Steel strike.

Exactly the same thing happened in Iowa. Kraschel was elected governor with the help of L.N-P.L., and last year proved his friendship for labor by smashing the Maytag strike.

These sobering experiences did not, however, discourage the realistic officials who direct the destinies of L.N-P.L. Last November they went right ahead with the same theory and the same

In Illinois, for example, they swung labor behind Scott Lucas, the bright young Roosevelt candidate for the Senatorship. Victory! Lucas was elected by a big majority, and took his seat in the august Senate chamber.

From that day until this, Lucas has in debate and vote lined up on the most reactionary side of every measure that has come before Congress. In his very first month, he played an important role in keeping the W.P.A. deficiency appropriation down to \$725,000,000. Needless to say, he is a prominent member of the economy bloc whenever it is a question of cutting off funds that might benefit labor or the unemployed.

An even more impressive example is that of Alben W. Barkley, Senator from Kentucky. Barkley is leader of the Democratic party's forces in the Senate. He is Roosevelt's own man, and got the post of leader only through Roosevelt's insistence. He was up for election last Fall, and was dutifully given L. N.-P.L. support. He won hands

Last week it was Barkley himself, in person, who arranged the deal in the Senate Appropriations Committee whereby the \$100,000,000 figure for W.P.A.—the figure that means starvation for hundreds of thousands of persons-was reported out to the floor of the Senate.

How Can Such Things Be?

Is there some mystery here? Why are "labor's friends" always stabbing labor in the back? Is everybody nowadays a "traitor"?

No, there is no mystery. The explanation of these incidents-and they could be multiplied indefinitely-is simple: in politics, class interests come first. In fair weather, when things are going smoothly, everybody can be friendly. Promises are cheap enough. But when the situation gets hot, when class lines are drawn sharp by a strike or a war or a revolution or a showdown between business appeasement and adequate relief, then a politician has got to fall into step with the class which he represents. This does not make him a traitor; he would be a traitor if he did anything else. These "friends of labor" are political represen-

tatives of boss parties and through those parties of the boss class. It doesn't make any difference who supports them at the polls or how much they promise. In every crucial issue they are and have got to be loyal to their class. And being loyal to their own class, the boss class, means striking blows at labor.

They are not traitors to labor. The traitors to labor are the Lewises and Browders who tell labor to support these representatives of the enemy, and hide from the workers the results which follow and will always follow from this tactic.

Labor will advance its own interests in politics only when it forges its own party. The only real labor representatives in politics will be those from labor's own party and labor's own ranks.

Labor Looks Through The Press

By Arthur Hopkins

Untold hardship will result from the reduction in W.P.A. workers scheduled to be made the first week in April, W.P.A. administrators of seven states agreed at a conference in St. Paul. But it won't be untold, with the Socialist Workers Party

Department of Commerce figures for 1937 recently released, show that Minnesota's industries employed 89,925 workers who received \$107,393,-009 in wages for producing goods valued at \$937,-462,797. Figures for 1935 show that 76,241 workers employed in Minnesota industry got \$77,974,350 for producing goods valued at \$746,350,564. Thus, in 1935 the workers got one-tenth the value of their product, while in 1937 they got one-ninth-an improvement of one and one-ninth percent. Evidently trade unionism doesn't quite answer all the problems of the workers; we have got to have a revolutionary party which will get rid of the exploita-

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