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## F. D. R. PUSHES DRIVE ON JOBLESS

## DANZIG NEW FOCAL POINT OF WAR CRISIS Lops Another Billion Off

## Powers Ready to Cede "Free City"

But Poland Balks at Yielding to Hitler **Demands** 

RUSSIA UNCERTAIN

The "Free City" of Danzig becomes now the latest focal point of the European war crisis.

Hitler has announced his intention to restore Danzig to the Reich. By omitting Danzig from his list of nations in his recent "plea," Roosevelt tacitly recognized that Danzig would have to go. The politicians in London and Paris feel the same way.

Only the Poles feel differently about the Danzig grab and the prime question of European diplomacy became one of getting Warsaw toagree not to make a war issue out of the return to the Reich of a citý that is overwhelmingly German and whose local regime is already Nazi.

Ominous Comparison` In his speech before the Reichstag last Friday Hitler compared Poland's position today to that of Czecho-Slovakia a year ago-and this parallel holds in more ways than one, especially in the fact that Poland's "friends" in Britain and France are trying to get it to give up territory to the Reich without forcing the French and

British to go to war. Britain and France were bound by pledges to Czechoslovakia. The abandonment of the advice and counsel of antito crumble into the dust. During the past few weeks the British and French, by a new series of sweeping pledges and pacts, have erected the rough beginnings of a new bloc directed at Germany and Italy If they should let Poland ride to a fall as they did Czechoslovakia, this new half-formed Mr. Green and his associates structure would be in turn have been prepared with the

Yugoslavia, one foot already in the axis camp, would jump | Association of Manufacturers in with both feet. Rumania, already badly singed between actionary and anti-labor corpotwo fires, would be sure to plunge headlong towards Berlin and Rome for fancied safety. Greece, Bulgaria-all the Balkans, would follow suit. Most important of all, the Anglo - French "come-up-andsee-me-some-time" flirtation the asserted link between with the Russians would come Green and the anti-labor eleabruptly to an end.

Potent Reasons These are some of the reasons why the Poles are in a position to put the screws on their new guarantors in London and Paris. Because it therefore becomes quite possible that Danzig could become the starting point of a general war, Hitler, on his part, is stepping quite gingerly. If this were not the case. Danzig would have been swept into the Nazi bin long ago together with Bohemia, Moravia, and Memel. The incidental irony in this is that Germany is more "entitled" to Danzig than to almost any of the other territories it has added to its swelling frontiers in the last year, for Danzig was part of the territory wrenched out of the Reich by the Versailles Treaty.

For the Poles, however, it is a vital issue, for they realize quite clearly that if Hitler cuts across the Corridor and takes Danzig, he will have Poland economically, as well as strategically, at his mercy. Warsaw is therefore putting up the strongest front it can muster. Part of this process is tightening the already rigid military dictatorship by placing extraordinary powers in the hands these fourteen young Socialists

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### **British Democracy**

As a part of their conscription campaign the

But the 400,000,000 workers and peasants of India will have nothing to do with

In a small native state near the city of Bombay a group of workers and peasants staged a demonstration against recruitment.

ish police was to open fire on this unarmed crowd and kill 65 people. Another Amritsar massacre has taken imperialism has again shown its close kinship to Hitlerism in practice.

## LEWIS CHARGES GREEN ACTS ON

Offers Proof Bosses Amendments

That A.F.L. President William Green proposed amendments to the Wagner Act with those pledges caused the whole labor manufacturers and reprepost-war diplomatic system of sentatives of the National Aspacts and alliances in Europe sociation of Manufacturers, was the grave charge made by John L. Lewis on April 28 in a letter to the Senate Committee on Education and Labor.

"I charge publicly that these

aid, advice and counsel of representatives of the National and of several of the most rerations of the country.' Has Proof

Lewis asked the Senate committee, which is holding hearings on Wagner Act amendments, to address a series of questions designed to reveal

"In the event Mr. Green and answer this charge or the questions suggested, or evade or path of the heroic Russian deny the same," Lewis concluded, "I am prepared to present to your Committee at any upon the world system of im

## At Work in India!

British "democrats" have launched a drive to enlist Indians as soldiers in their

The response of the Brit-British democratic

## BOSSES' ADVICE

Inspired Wagner Act

charge to the committee.

amendments recommended by

his associates either refuse to other general war and called time documentary proof of my perialist oppression.

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The New Deal





## 1,500 New York Workers at Anti-War May Day Demonstration

Three Cheers for

Red, White, Blue"

When the Communist

Party in New York paraded

for the Founding Fathers of

Wall Street on May Day, the

Workers Alliance contingent

As the members of this

alleged unemployed organ-

ization threw out their left

feet and began marching,

the band struck up that well-

known patriotic air, THE

EVER which ends its chorus

with the words, "Three

Cheers for the Red, White,

No doubt this song was

selected by Workers Alli-

ance officials as particularly

appropriate for the unem-

loved of America since it

is their funds which Roose-

velt has patriotically taken

to build a bigger and better

army and navy.

ARMY AND NAVY FOR-

ioined in lustily.

and Blue!

### **ALL WAR FUNDS** Lewis offered to provide documentary proof" of his S.W.P. CALL

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK, May 1.-Striking the only militant anti-war note of the day, the Socialist Workers Party rallied 1,500 workers to a colorful, enthusiastic May Day demonstration at Columbus Circle.

While the Stalinists seized on the May Day turnout of the workers to ballyhoo their support of Roosevelt and his war budget, speakers for the Socialist Workers Party sharply castigated the drive towards anon the workers to follow in the workers who in 1917 made the first revolutionary assault

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The undersigned comrades

are resigning from the Social-

ist Party and its youth section

to join with our fellow-revolu-

tionists in the Socialist Work-

ers Party and the Young Peo-

ple's Socialist League (Fourth

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International).

"We Break With The

Socialist Party!"

the Socialist Party and its orientation toward the Social Demo-

cratic Federation, fourteen militant left-wingers chose May Day

to declare openly their complete break from its cowardly poli-

All of them joined the Socialist Workers Party and the Young

Peoples Socialist League (Fourth International), declaring that

they were convinced the program of revolutionary overthrow

cies in the face of the approaching war.

of capitalism and establish-

ment of socialism advocated by

these two organizations is the

only one in the whole labor

movement which honestly and

genuinely represents the inter-

The complete statement of

ests of the workers.

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
NEW YORK CITY, May 1.—Sickened by the degenration of

BULLETIN

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK, May 2.-All three defendants in the Robinson-Rubens passport conspiracy trial were today found guilty as charged after the jury had deliberated for three hours and forty-five minutes. Declaring that the "defendants probably have foreign connections," Judge Goddard raised the bail bond from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Sentence of the three convicted men was set for Tuesday, May 9, at 10:30 A.M. in Federal Court.

By NAT LEVINE

NEW YORK - Summations by the defense in the passport As long as we considered conspiracy trial involving Os-

## C. P. STAGES A STAR-SPANGLED JINGO PARADE

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK .-- In the name of the workers' holiday which was carved into American history by the martyrdom of eight labor leaders at the hands of a 'democratic'' government, the Stalinist May Day parade whooped it up for our priceless American heritage of democracy. Social - patriotism and a pre-war hysteria were the order of the day.

Carrying fifteen star-spangled banners for every red one (with the red one hidden in the middle), they chanted "Up Democracy," and here and there lifted banners proclaiming that such triumphs as "Housing Projects and W.P.A. are the AMERICAN Way." Little children carried little American

Mild labor demands ("Support the National Health Pro-"Build Unity in the Working Class-Defeat Tammany in November") shared space with placards and banners proclaiming the vital sections of international Stalinist policy. The main slogans of the demonstration were the war-breeding, "Stop Hitler Now!" (not by workers' action, but by boss war); and 'Support President Roosevelt's Peace (!) Policy!

Labor Demands Absent A lone cigar-worker at the ail end of the procession lifted a small placard saying that 'American Labor Wants a Thirty-Hour Week." Wage demands were nowhere present. In sympathy with the "good" capitalists they urged: "Break Wall Street Sabotage-Put Labor Back to Work.'

The biggest war budget in (Continued on Page 3)

## Appropriations for Relief

## Jobless Want Jobs, Not Battleships!

President Roosevelt continued his leadership in the drive against the unemployed with the relief message which he sent to Congress last Thursday.

For the entire fiscal year beginning July 1, Roosevelt proposes a total W.P.A. appropriation of \$1,477,000,000. This sum is exactly \$773,000,000, or more than one third, less than the total appropriated during the current fiscal

W.P.A. during the past year has been shamefully and pitifully inadequate. Providing, on the average, only 3,000,000 jobs, it has left millions of men who are able and willing to work on the sidelines. Its rate of pay is far below the level necessary for health and decency.

The only possible conclusion that could be reached by anyone genuinely interested in the welfare of the people of the United States would be to expand W.P.A. so that it could give every unemployed worker a job, and to increase its rate of pay at least to a minimum of \$30 a week.

That is not Roosevelt's conclusion. Roosevelt has other plans for the future of the unemployed. He is getting his war machine and his war ready to absorb them.

His present proposal on relief, meanwhile, is to cut the W.P.A. rolls at least to 2,000,000. 2,000,000 jobs is the maximum that his \$1,477,000,000 can provide during the next fiscal year, and these at an average wage of around

This is not the proposal of Republicans or Tories or fascists. This comes straight from Franklin D. Roosevelt, the smiling white father of the New Deal.

Will Roosevelt get away with this outrageous assault on the unemployed? If the unemployed themselves don't wake up, there is a good chance that he will.

Roosevelt is trying here the same trick that he has so often used successfully in the past.

Some of his opponents in Congress, led by Representative Woodrum and Senator Byrnes, want even more drastic reductions than he calls for. In fact, some of them would like to eliminate work relief altogether in favor of the dole, and to turn administration of relief over to the States and municipalities.

. In his message to Congress. Roosevelt pretends that his big fight is with these people, that he is trying to protect the unemployed against their onslaught.

This is nothing but a cheap piece of shadow-boxing. The only dispute which Roosevelt has with his Congressional opponents is over what method and speed to use in driving through the campaign against the unemployed. Roosevelt. Woodrum and Byrnes, each in his own way, are all carrying on a joint fight against the unemployed.

But Roosevelt thinks that by this shadow-boxing, and with the help of his Stalinist and labor bureaucrat agents in the camp of labor, he will again turn aside the wrath of the unemployed from his own head. Lewis and Browder, he figures, will once more end up yelling for support of Roosevelt and the New Deal in the fake battle against the bogeymen Tories.

That is, Browder and Lewis will end up yelling for support of a one-third cut in work relief. This is how Roosevelt reasons, and he thinks the unemployed as a whole will finish by lining up behind him and his pals: the unemployed will help cut their own throats.

Is he right? The unemployed have got to answer that question for themselves.

If the unemployed don't fight back, and fight hard, everything will go through as scheduled. That is a foregone conclusion. And the fight is first of all against Roosevelt and the New (War) Deal. It is Roosevelt and his War Deal that are smashing the unemployed — not Herbert Hoover, who is a long way from Washington these days.

Roosevelt's budget figure for war is twice that for W.P.A. There's the real Roosevelt for you; not the one you read about in the Daily Il orker.

So let's fight.

#### IN THE NEXT ISSUE . . .

Will the Ukraine be one of the cockpits of the coming World War? What is the situation in that country? What are Hitler's present and future intentions? What role does the Soviet Ukraine play in the bureaucratic set-up of the Kremlin clique? What do the revolutionists propose with regard to the Ukrainian problem?

The next issue of the Socialist Appeal will print an ex tremely important and timely article on the subject;

## THE PROBLEM OF THE UKRAINI By Leon Trotsky

The article, just received from the author, promises to arouse widespread comment throughout the entire world!

Red Baiting Barrage Levelled at W.P.A. Workers \*

DROP P.W.A. FUND

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
WASHINGTON, D. C. Encouraged by the lead provided by President Rooserelt's message to Congress ast week, which proposed alnost a bidion dollars less for elief during the coming fiscal year than was spent during the current year, a series of new assaults were launched against the relief system.

Roosevelt's proposed appropriation for the year beginning July 1 was \$1,477,000,-000 for W.P.A. as contrasted with this year's figure of \$2,225,000,000.

W.P.A. officials immediately began steps to drop about a million W.P.A. workers from the rolls which now stand at

No P.W.A. Appropriation The President's message proposed to merge W.P.A., housing, P.W.A. and other construction agencies into one unit, but provided no approprition for P.W.A., thus in effect liquidating this form of emoloyment.

A barrage of red-baiting against W.P.A. workers was initiated on May 1, in the form of hearings by a House Appropriations Subcommittee. H. R. Burton, a notorious reactionary attorney, retained by the subcommittee as its investigator trooped a line of stool-pigeons and patrioteers to Washington to paint a lurid tale of radical control of W.P.A. projects.

Although Congressional legislation specifically protects W.P.A. workers against inquisitorial investigations into their political affiliations, Burton had attempted to force New York W.P.A. workers to di vulge whether they belonged o unions or radical parties. When he reported to the sub committee that he had been balked in this attempt, Representative Woodrum, chairman, and other committeemen joined Burton in seeking ways and means to circumvent the existing law.

"Hearings" Attack Workers Ostensibly the hearings were to provide information for the House of Representatives on the administration of relief, to guide that body in drafting further legislation, but from the opening gun the hearings were manipulated to smear W.P.A. workers as radicals. unionists. incompetent and overpaid.

Meanwhile Senator Byrnes chairman of the special Senate committee to investigate unemployment and relief, announced that he would press for legislation providing that states contribute one-third of W.P.A. funds — a proposal which means that wherever reactionaries are firmly in the saddle in a state government. they could practically put an end to the W.P.A.

The senator, a Democrat from South Carolina, stated that he thought the President's statement in his message asking "a substantial amount of administrative discretion," did not indicate opposition to a Congressionally-drafted formu la such as Byrnes proposes.

Figures Contradict President Figures released by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics give the lie to the President's declaration in his message that employment prospects were improving. The Bureau's estimate for March, 1939 was that 360,000 more persons were employed in non-agricultura. industries than in March, 1938, but the increase was admittedly only the normal annual increase in the nation's working forces in relation to the

growth of population. (Continued on Page 2)

# In the Irade Unions

Two significant straws in the wind of the trends in the labor movement in relation to the coming world war were revealed last week.

From Buffalo, N. Y., came news that the S.W.O.C. had signed a contract with the J. H. Williams Steel Co. which included a clause guaranteeing continuation of seniority rights to employes drafted for conecription in war.

Now every unionist is in favor of observation of seniority rights under all circumstances. What is disturbing is the calm acceptance of the idea of conscription during war-time.

It remains to be seen if this is an offical S.W.O.C. national policy or whether it was done purely on a local scale.

The steel company's acceptaince of this clause was a clever maneuver to pacify the resentment still felt by workers from their experiences after thie world war.

Thousands of soldiers restayed behind," as they were

#### r'urge Aliens

A report from North Tarryits policy of purging alien em- print), while another wished to ty. They may even have to clropped from the pay-roll per- than that of the reprint. inanently because they were not American citizens.

with the approval of the autothe Nation, December 17, last

Columbers union Joseph Columber 17 workers union. Joseph Gal- of James Wechsler's article grano, financial secretary of "Twilight at Teachers College" Local 118, U.A.W.A., made it and the subsequent exchange very clear in his comments to and publication, in the Nation reporters that the union was and the Post, of letters from not taking any stand against John L. Childs and others on the dismissals

gone with War Department ap- utive Board and various offia ration for M-day.

from another area informed us of the Union on the part of its that a similar purge was being officials, and personal defenses charges and allegations." He carried on in many steel of the integrity of Professor plants. Unfortunately, the S.W. Childs on the part of his friends questions propounded by the O.C. is doing nothing to prevent at Teachers College. this terrible kind of discrimibrings howls of disapproval.

is in line with Roosevelt's pol-'cy of throwing all "aliens" off indignant reference to attacks ciated the A.F.L. from amend-W.P.A. and home relief.

of protest over this coldbllooded plan of starving every Dies Committee all the way to and Senator Holman of Orenon-American citizen living John L. Childs", has provoked gon, which he termed "dehere from those who shed croc- new response in the press, structive of the purpose and cidile tears over the fate of the refugees in Europe.

#### Wealthy Don't Suffer

It is not the petty-bourgeois or wealthy "foreigner" who suffers from this purge policy. Only the workers who came from Europe and plunged into the factories will suffer - the vorkers who toiled so hard that exhaustion at night prevented ally activity but sleep in preptration for another day's hard

It is these workers who are treing blacklisted from all jobs. They face outright starvation! They can't even get on relief! Acceptance of this policy riappens, among other things, to be a violation of the constituion of the C.I.O. which solemn-Ly pledged to organize and protect an workers irrespective of raice, creed, color, etc., etc.

More fundamental than this, it is a direct expression of the development of chauvinism and its deliberate extension by the bosses among the workers in an effort to divide them and also whip up their patriotism. To those of us whose very

life, and ideas stem from the spirit of internationalism, shi irpest struggle in unions to prevent this blow at working class solidarity is an elementrary duty.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME THE 14 EX-S.P.ers into the S.W.P. at a social this Saturday at the home of Norfolk St., N. Y. C., 9 p.m. Admission 20c. All welcome.

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College Teachers' Union Opposition Weakened Plans Are Committee Organizes Picket Line against Jim By Vagueness of Program and by Individualism of Leaders

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

NEW YORK-With the writ- the most part. Righteously iring of an opposition slate of of- ritated individuals like Dr. icers and national convention Childs and Louis Hacker, lelegates for the coming year, George Counts and George people of New York State? used in the employment of Ne church, and fraternal organizathe Stalinist majority of the Hartmann, have been "forced" New York College Teachers' to spread their complaints signed in one form or another Branch of the American Fed abroad, Encking the time or to implement the voters' decieration of Teachers, Local 537, the resolution or a sense of sion, are up for consideration faces organized opposition for trade union technique, or all by the legislature. Why has no only 391 jobs have been given mocracy" where no rights are he first time since it was three, to organize an effective action been taken upon them? to Negroes. Not only have few- given to Negroes is no democformed out of the college sec- bloc within the local. ion of Local 5. Vague Program Whether the new "opposi-

At the nominations meeting 21, a sufficient number of anti- ciplined and resolute to cam-Stalinists were nominated to paign effectively for its slate successful.

attacks on the formation of an point-"Such conduct of the opposition and elaborate at- Union's affairs that membertempts at character assassina-ship therein shall not be, or be tion of the opposition leader, considered to be, tantamount Dr. George Hartmann, In a to membership in any political milder moment, the chairman party or partisan organizaturned to U. S. A. and found saw fit to characterize as "ab- tion" does not give a positive that their jobs had been taken surd" the recent letter in the and specific program for acpermanently by those "who New Republic written by Dr. tion. Hartmann and offered for dis-This fact was the tribution to the membership, take the place of constant and source of considerable agita- Obvious tricks to prevent the active participation in union aftion among the ex-service men. mailing of this letter to the fairs. To compete with the members were resorted to, one Stalinists, the august and indimember pointing out the ab- vidualistic liberals at the colsence of a union label (the New leges will have to take on some town; N. Y., indicates how far Republic has a union label but of the onerous hack work that General Motors has gone with it does not appear on the re- is fundamental in union activi-Ployes. Over 175 out of the limit the size of the paper for attend union meetings. 3,000 employes have been the enclosure to one smaller

Whitewashing the Union Anti-Stalinist forces had be-Regrettable is the fact that gun to crystallize in the college the Teachers College faculty He added that the purge was and statements from the Execp roval. It was part of the prep- cers of the College Teachers Union. These statements con-As leading steel progressive sisted of general whitewashing nial of Lewis' charges, and

More recently, an article by swered in a direct and definite riation. In fact, even mention Jerome Davis, national presi- way." of this subject in some unions dent of the A.F. of T., in the Green committed the A.F.L. to rings howls of disapproval.

New Republic of Tarch 15, the amendments to the Wagner of course, this purge policy with its flat denial of charges Act proposed by Senator Walsh of Communist control, and its of Massachusetts, but disassoon the Union from a "miscel-We have heard not one word laneous assortment of sharp- Burke of Nebraska, Represenshooters stretching from the tative Hoffman of Michigan from Dr. Hartmann, who re- theory" of collective bargaincently resigned the chair of the ing. Columbia Chapter in protest against the Stalinist control of the Executive Board of the lo-

cal. In the New Republic of April 26. Dr. Hartmann, a Socialist, puts forth a series of specific personnel of the National Laproofs of Stalinism in the bor Relations Board and em-Union, which are denied in the powering a new "Federal Lasame issue by Jerome Davis in | bor Board" to permit employa manner which may with ers to initiate elections to desome understatement be de-

scribed as flimsy. **Avoids Main Question** Dr. Davis, well-known crusader against Stalinism, dis-tions. Green emphasized that the past few days. misses the essential question of it would be merely "discrethe relation between the Union | tionary" under the Walsh and the C.P. with "In regard amendments whether the Fedto alleged Communist control eral Board would order such an himself. of the New York Unions, ask election in any specific case. Ned Dearborn, Dean of the Di- but the proposal, as the C.I.O. vision of General Education of | contends, would provide bosses | iel, 14, were attacked by rats New York University." The with an opportunity to attack in the middle of the night. Both compelling logic of this reply unions at their lowest ebb and girls were bitten on the foremust be apparent to the most to reopen the question of union head; Muriel in addition was skeptical. Dean Dearborn, in- recognition whenever it suited gnawed on the arm.

sidentally, is the most recent the employer. the prize lambs to walk 2. The Walsh amendments olindfold into the pen: having would prohibit the new board Sunday night, Arthur, a son, joined the Union this March, and being too busy and too im- contract. This provision is thumb by rats. portant to be an active member, he may be looked on as A.F.L. practice of signing the number reported to have an authority on its affairs.

and the Columbia Chapter since December have revealed drive of a C.I.O. union. In were attacked. Last Monday great nervousness on the part practically all cases of this morning another Minneapolis of the administration and its type, the A.F.L. has signed up child, little David Swanson, 3, supporters. Although control- without having any member- son of Harold Swanson, memling a large majority vote on ship and on terms inferior to ber of the Federal Workers refused to establish a state every motion except one made those demanded by the C.I.O. Section of Local 544, was bitin the Columbia Chapter (in-Anne Russell, Apt. 19, 100 sisting on retraction of charges amendments, Green blasted of anti-labor bias against Pro- away at the National Labor Re- Sumner housing project, an isfessor Childs), the leadership lations Board as being in an land in the center of the worst now living in habitations unfit resorts to every device to fore-

stall genuine discussion of the C.I.O. dangerous questions. On the other hand, the opposition group has been, until the | ing the Teamsters Internationganized, its attacks on the Stal- from the Green - proposed At the Newsstand ly, and in the public press for Act.

# Forgotten

What has happened to the \$300,000,000 housing appropriation voted last year by the Various bills, five in all, de-

That the problem is one that demands immediate and drastic action is once again proved of the local on Friday, April tion" will be sufficiently dis- it further proof were necessary -by recent reports of wide spread profiteering by land form an almost complete op- remains to be seen. Its plat- lords in slum areas. This profposition slate, the nomination form, while avoiding a mere iteering is of the most ruthless of Alonzo Myers for President blanket charge of "Stalinism," and meanest sort. Some 750 being uncontested. As a result is vague. Two of the four families on the Lower East of the proportional representa- points offered, concentration Side have been ordered to vaion system, there is hope that on professional problems and cate their premises by May 6 some of the nominees will be rapid expansion of member- so as to clear the site needed ship, are so generally given for the new Corlears Hook The meeting was marked, lip-service as to be without building project. But these however, by virulent Stalinist special meaning. The crucial families have no place to go.

"Tenement owners." declared Emeric Kurtagh, Henry Street Settlement director, a few days ago, "are cashing in on the housing shortage. Landlords are offering them (the families that have to clear out) worse slums than they now live n—at unheard of rentals."

But no written program will Miss Jean Brand, executive secretary of the Tenant Union. asserted that rents have been raised as high as 50 per cent. 'Owners of nearby tenements," she stated (N. Y. Post, April 26), "have not only set ridiculous figures on vacant apartments but have even boosted rentals in occupied

These 750 families cannot pay the increased rentals. What is to become of them? And how does it happen that the city authorities (don't forget, Mayor LaGuardia is the people's friend) permit profiteering at the expense of human misery?

Action Needed The Corlears Hook problem

(Continued from Page 1)

Green began testifying be-

Monday. Prior to his appear-

ance he issued a general de-

ments introduced by Senator

Favorable to Boss

Among the Walsh amend-

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Committee"

is not an isolated one. The same problem has occurred before and is bound to occur frequently in the future. It is a fore the Senate committee on clear indication that the question of slum clearance and erection of low-rental homes cannot be handled piece-meal. challenged Lewis "to prove his Comprehensive plans must be laid and executed at once if promised that "any and all the existing evil is to be cor-

The legislature remains inac-

Unless some action is taken quickly, there is every likelihood that the whole matter of

## Teachers Propose Rents Rise Opposition Slate as Housing Jobs for Negroes

Crow Policy of New York World's Fair Corporation

More than 500 persons pick-ployment has been fighting eted the New York World's Grover Whalen's anti-Negro

er jobs been given to persons racy at all. sounding title for toilet clean-

No white collar jobs or skilled paid position to the Negro.

have been turned down because they are Negroes.

Committee Organizes Fight

Fair on opening day to protest policy. This committee, which the discriminatory practices represents 207 trade union, friend in Habana, Cuba. groes by Grover Whalen and tions in New York City says his World's Fair Corporation. that "Democracy means De-Although the Fair is now em- mocracy for all, Negro and ploying thousands of people, white alike." The sham of "de-

of the colored race, but these | During the past week the jobs have been only the most Committee has kept a picket menial ones. Of the 391 jobs line in front of Grover Whalthat have been given to the Ne- en's office at the Empire State groes. 191 of them are 🌣 "san-building. Nothing could change tary attendants." The term the callous attitude of Whalen 'sanitary attendant" is a high- and last Thursday night thousands of Negroes demonstrated in Times Square against the Almost all other Negroes continued discrimination of the hired are employed as porters. World's Fair Corporation.

On Saturday afternoon, at a labor has been given to color- meeting of the Committee, the ed people. Whalen has assigned | delegates voted unanimously to | every day.

A demonstration protesting Whalen's attitude was sched-The Greater New York Co- uled to take place Tuesday, ordinating Committee for Em- May 2, at City Hall.

## De Valera Cancels U.S. Trip As Masses Balk at War Plans

startled members of the Daily America.

plans on the part of the Irish machine. premier lies the dramatic story of Ireland's renewed fight for the British Empire.

ambitious scheme. De Valera. was to convince Roosevelt to use his influence and authority with the British rulers to abolish partition and allow the unit-Free State.

guarantee Ireland's uncondi-The people of this state have tional support to the British raging endorsed the expenditure of war plans and cheerfully to against conscription. Northern \$300,000,000 to meet this need. provide air Lases for the Brit- Irish Nationalists demanded of ish air fleet off the western De Valera to "mobilize the

New Anti-British Ferment The events of the last few weeks have dynamited out of housing will be scuttled. Evi- existence this over-clever indently this is the legislators' trigue of the Irish Premier. plan. It is also the plan of the The recent bombings have profiteering landlords whose brought to the attention of the interests the "people's repre- whole world the fact that an sentatives" are so eager to English army of occupation is terrorizing the northern Irish

Premier Eamon de Valera | population, that the Irish Reannounced last week to the publican Army still exists and commands the support of large Eirann that he had cancelled sections of the Irish people and his much publicized trip to that the Irish people are determined not to support or give Behind this sudden change of any comfort to the British war

The bombings showed the whole world that De Valera freedom and her deadly enmi- was not undisputed master in ty to the war preparations of his own Irish house, and that he was not in a position to It is well known, in Irish cir- pledge Irish support. The incles in America, that de Valera troduction of conscription by planned to enlist the support Chamberlain knocked the botof President Roosevelt in an tom out of the whole policy of Irish-British cooperation Fight Against Conscription

On April 27. Viscount Craiga von, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland; requested of ing of north Ireland with the Chamberlain that the conscription measures be made to ap-In return, De Valera was to ply to Northern Ireland. Within 24 hours a campaign was throughout Ireland Irish race at home and abroad immediately" to resist British conscription. The powerful Irish Republican Army threatened further punitive action. Even the "Irish Press," de Valera's own newspaper, took cognizance of the public outery and answered Vincount Craigavon that conscription 'would be resisted by every means.

Eamon De Valera explained his sudden decision to cancel his American trip as follows: 'Certain grave events . changed the situation and I have deemed it necessary to alter my plans and postpone my visit.

Today's war preparations and war plans of the British empire have hit their first snag: Irish resistance. The actual outbreak of the second imperialist World War will see the determined resistance of Irish people to that war and heir strong battle for national freedom.

Colonial peoples throughout the world will act with the courage and determination Irish revolutionists. .

## lower income brackets. According to a recent survey, NATIONAL COAL TIE-UP DELAYED

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Extension of the Anthracite coal other week temporarily averted a nation-wide coal industry shutdown.

Meanwhile, John L. Lewis. would boomerang on them.

Three-year-old David was the Socialist Workers party is Secretary of Labor Frances not once during the trial did came apparent that the proseions and central bodies, includ- playing in the yard and fell demanding a \$20,000,000,000 Perkins in a private telegram it use any evidence pointing to cution was avoiding a political past week, completely unor- al, have dissociated themselves dow well. His cries attracted ing program to eliminate the U.M.W.A. had a perfect case defendants. the janitor who pulled him out. slums of the country and against the operators and they inists coming individualistical amendments to the Wagner "A rabbit bit me," sobbed Da- along with them the slums of should sign the contract calling for the defendant Garber, defor a union shop.

"Please find enclosed a year's subscription to the Ap- think of the May Day Appeal. peal. The paper is for a friend

"I will try to get new subscriptions among my friends. The single copy I have been getting has a circulation of 5 or more. The people that read it find it very fine indeed."-A

MAY DAY ISSUE SUCCESS:

Preliminary reports from all over the country indicate a real reception for our 8-page May Day Appeal. Many friends

We urge all readers to write money order for \$3.00 for a in and let us know what they

#### STATEMENTS IN THE MAIL

We are mailing out the regular Appeal statements to branches this week. As usual. action is the key-word and we expect every single branch to make a substantial payment immediately on its bundle or-

#### APPEAL POSTER OUT:

The new Appeal poster is finished and will be mailed out have called it one of our best this week. Watch for yours in issues to date. The entire sup- the mail. And if you want ply of the May Day issue has more let us know immediately as the supply is limited:

### ON THE WAY TO THE TRENCHES

only the most lowly and low picket the Fair grounds. If (1) to increase trade turnover speech by Winston Churchill to | Whalen does not stop his "Jim | with Germany by 25 per cent; | the House of Commons. Speak-Qualified persons who have Crow" practices, the picket (2) to revise commercial trea- ing in praise of Britain's spy applied for employment in ev- line will be continued in front ties with Great Britain and service, Churchill indicated ery other category of work of his ofice from 12:30 to 2 p.m. other countries to give certain how the Empire's spies are Kaunas, capital of Lithuania, use of the War Office. for buying foodstuffs in the open market. The object of the demands, it is clear, is to im- greater than any since the U.S. pose a German monopoly on the economic life of Lithuania. ditionary Force for the last World War, administration

defenses in answer to Hitler's step up the national "defense" Reichstag speech.

trained in Canada according to Committee for \$790,429,453 for an agreement reached between the navy. The Naval Supply Bill the two governments. The which comes before Congress Canadian Defense Department will superintend the training two 45,000 ton battleships, and schools. \$6,000,000 will be spent an item for \$65,000,000 to be on the scheme which does spent on naval air base conmuch to show the insincerity struction. of the Canadian government when it pronounced it would not be part of England's armies in a "European" war.

Troops which would ordinarily not enter their training period until next fall have been called to service by the Danish government. 9,000 troops will proceed to garrisons on the South Jutland German frontier

Denmark has created a war risk marine insurance fund of 40,000,000 kroner (about \$10,000,000), half of which will be subscribed by the State, ployment at 11,200,000. Its figand half by shipping, banking ures have always erred on the and industrial interests.

Secretary of War Woodring will ask Congress in a few days ers are employed than in 1929, for legislation to remove from despite the fact that since then the army's officer rolls the five to six million have been aged and physically unfit. The added to the potential working purpose is to give the War De- population, according to the partment the power "to apply Bureau's own figures. to the army's officer personnel the same rigorous vitalization ness index stands at 86—where which is now taking place in it stood in October, 1938. Yet its organization and arma- at that time 3,350,000 were on

In preparation for its use in the production of warcrafts, tober, and the 900,000 to be General Motors has begun the lired by July 1 are being dismissal of foreign born work. thrown into the streets withers in its Chevrolet and Fisher out the faintest prospect of Body plants at North Tarry- getting jobs. town, N. Y.

That the British Secret Service knew about the invasions is reminiscent of the Hooverof Bohemia and Albania well ian period of Give-A-Job and

(Continued from Page 1) sip Garber, Aaron Sharfin, graphic studio. Nathanson had Edward Blatt and six fugitive Garber stand before the jury defendants, among them the box and pointed out to the ju-Moscow-imprisoned Robinson- rors the defendant's frailty Rubens couple, were begun in and honest face. Federal Court on Monday, A last-minute effort was be-

ing made by the defense to save the three defendants from nied all three motions. conviction. M. Michael Edelstein, attorney for Sharfin, in order to spike the soft-repeated charge that the defendants government will secure a conwere underlings of the G.P.U., viction, especially in view of agreement covering 100,000 declared to the jury, "This is the fact that the defense avoidmembers of the United Mine a criminal case and should not ed placing the defendants on Workers of America for an-admit of any other evidence the witness stand. than that which has been legally introduced.

Defense Lauds Prosecution Edelstein began his summapresident of the U.M.W.A., told tion with a eulogy of American tial comment concerning the the soft-coal operators in be- justice and American ideals. half of 320,000 strikers that all lauding the conduct of the govefforts to break the U.M.W.A. ernment prosecution as "exem- case continued to be heard, through a prolonged shut-down plary." Edelstein's praise of sometimes dragging along the prosecution is understand- wearily, the correspondents It was also revealed that able when it is recalled that fell off one by one, as it beto the operators said that the the G.P.U. affiliations of the expose of the defendants.

> George Nathanson, counsel scribed Adolph Arnold Rubens

Germany on April 26 made in advance of the actual operathree demands on Lithuania: tion leaked out after a privileges to Germany; (3) to busily engaged in collecting establish a trade agency in military intelligence for the

Despite war appropriations organized its American Expe-Poland is bracing its border leaders are now seeking to program to even greater speed: It is expected that Roosevelt British war fliers will be will ask the Appropriations this week includes an item for

## DRIVE TO CUT W.P.A., RELIEF

(Continued from Page 1) The American Federation of Labor estimates present unemconservative side.

More People-Less Work Today 4,250,000 fewer work-

The New York Times busithe W.P.A. rolls, which now stand at 2,800,000. The 550 000 who have been fired since Oc-

Roosevelt piously dedicated the week of April 30 as Employment Week. This mockery Apple Weeks.

as "the mystery man in this case, whose alleged relations with Garber are entirely open to question." It had been previously established by the prosecution that Rubens, under the name Richards, had occupied desk space in Garber's photo-

On Friday, the three defense attorneys made separate motions for dismissal of the charges. Judge Goddard de-

Conviction Expected Close observers of the trial were of the opinion that the

At the beginning of the trial the bourgeois press was well represented in the court room. Each of the papers made ini-"possible" Stalinist affiliations of the three men. But as the

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## ments those which the C.I.O. MORE PEOPLE BITTEN BY RATS IN MINNEAPOLIS

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 27.—Four more Minneapolis residents who have been comtermine whether a union has the majority in a given plant. pelled to live in vermin infest-Under the Wagner Act, only have been bitten by rats during

> Three of them are children of Mr. and Mrs. Harris J. Stevens, the fourth, Mr. Stevens

Two daughters in the Stevens family, Mildred, 16, and Mur-

Tuesday night the rats at tacked Mr. Stevens, and last from ever invalidating a union was severely chewed on the

These cases bring to seven the "union contracts" with fright- bitten by rats within the past Stormy sessions of the local ened employers who are faced 14 days. Two weeks ago two by a successful organizing babies of the Jacques family

> In defending the Walsh ten by a huge rat. The Swansons live in the "unholy alliance" with the slum district in the city. "Rabbit Bit Me"

vid, pointing to his thumb | Minneapolis.

which was streaming with blood from a deep bite.

The janitor investigated the we'l and found a huge rat the size of a house cat. David was ed districts because of poverty rushed to the hospital. The rat was killed and sent to the Health Commissioner for examination. It had apparently crossed to the Sumner project

> Unions Demand Housing Union forces are waging a battle to force authorities to that has been displayed by the clean out the infested areas and provide decent houses for families on relief and in the 11,000 persons in Minneapolis are living in homes unfit for

human occupancy. At the same time hundreds of Home Loan houses in good condition in Minneapolis are vacant because the banks that own the houses refuse to rent

The recently-elected Stassen state administration, thoroughhousing authority which could have made some \$20,000,000 of to build decent homes for those

The Minneapolis branch of into a shadow casement win- Federal public works and hous-

from the infested slum area.

them, hoping to force prospective tenants to buy them.

ly anti-labor, has shamefully federal housing funds available for human occupancy.

## In the World of Labor

By Paul G. Stevens =

#### French Teachers Uphold Militant Anti-War Tradition

These days bear witness to the fact that history does repeat itself. Sadly enough, little seems to have been learned by humanity as a whole to take advantage of the repetitions quickly. It is all the more gratifying to find that certain sections of it have at least not unlearned their correct reaction to events such as are recurring now in new form. Among the teachers of France a strong tendency is today repeating the valiant anti-war stand of the unionized teachers during the last war. It is still a minority today, but substantial enough to carry important local unions like that of the Ardeche region by big majorities.

The Teachers Union of the Ardeche has recently adopted resolutions which not only denounce the war preparations of the French bourgeoisie in the abstract, but also call for concrete resistance to the campaign of the government which is enrolling the educational personnel of the country in the war machine under the sign of "passive defense."

"The (Ardecha) section," says one of the resolutions, "true to its past of intransigeant struggle against war, affirms that 'passive defense' is a sinister deceit and that it is meant to lead to nothing else but passive accon ance of war. The section calls upon the national union to denounce most energetically the criminal lie of 'passive defense'; it protests against the scandalous attitude of the C.G.T. (the General Federation of Labor) and the Federation of Functionaries who are not only not doing anything in this sense, but on the contrary, are complacently doing the dirty work for the General Staff. .

"Its attention having been drawn to the Ministerial Circular of February 4 relative to the teaching of 'passive defense', the section contests the right of the minister to introduce new teaching material by means of a simple circular announcement into the schedule; remarks that no legal compunction exists obliging the teaching personnel to participate in the teaching of 'passive defense'; observes that the application of the Ministerial Circular leads to a militarization of academic life similar to that practiced in the totalitarian states

At the National Council meeting of the union early in April, the organized minority called for similar action, proposing in addition, a public propaganda campaign to be conducted by the union in its traditional anti-war spirit. The resolution of the minority recalls the past actions of the union against capitalist war and continues:

"The particular task of the teachers is to revive the hatred of the popular classes against the war which become impossible the ful Y.P.S.L. contingent in uni- repeat their profits of twenty Marshal Edward Smigly-Rydz, day on which the proletariat refuses its consent or simply its resignation to it. . .

"(The union) denounces energetically the imperialist character of the present international tension which is laying the ground for a conflict between various capitalist group interests camouflaged as ideological blocs. . Reaffirms its complete hostility to the threatening war and refuses to follow the lead of the governments engaged in a policy of intense preparation for the massacre.'

Of course, the bureaucratic machine succeeded in defeating the resolution and the practical motions flowing from it, but the agitation along the lines described is widespread among the teachers and through them, reaches vast layers of the working population.

#### Two New Revolutionary Organs: In France and in Argentina

In recent weeks two new publications have at the expense of those who can seen the light of day which are in every sense least afford it, at the expense powerful contributions to the international ar- of the unemployed. Over a bilsenal of revolutionary Marxism. They are the lion dollars has been slashed magazine "La Voie de Lenine" in France and from the federal relief budget the newspaper "La Internacional" in the Ar- and that enormous sum is be-

"La Voie de Lenine" (Lenin's Road) is Army and Navy." The crowd At May Day Meeting to German and Italy as much edited by comrade Jean Rous in collaboration broke into cheers when Shachtwith Fourth Internationalists and other com- man made the demand that rades belonging to the P.S.O.P. (the French Socialist Workers and Peasants Party). De- to the unemployed." voting a good deal of its space to theoretical articles by Trotsky and to polemics by Rous and Craipeau, its literary section is conducted | declared, "The sordid imperial-

"La Internacional" is published in Cordoba, Argentina by one of the groups working for the constitution of an Argentine Section of the Fourth International. The first number features the interview between Trotsky and the well-known Latin American trade unionist Matteo Fossa and includes excellent material on Latin American as well as on international

Both publications are well balanced and full of the punch that revolutionary papers should have. We greet them heartily into our midst and wish them the success that their efforts

## On the Line . . . with Bill Morgan

"Dear Comrade Morgan

"I was with the Pinocchio Company of the Federal Theatre from its inception. I was one of the first ones to audition for it, on the basis of which I was prominently cast in a dancing and speaking part. I was with the company for six months and received favorable comment

"When it became clear that the pink slips were coming the director assured those that had been in the company from the first that they would not be affected. That assurance held for everyone but me and my partner who shared a dance number with me. It all seemed mysterious since our number was a vital part of the show for which there were no understudies. At least twenty walkon extras and voices were retained but we were

#### Director's Manner Changes

"A prelude to what was in store for me was indicated by the director's sudden change of manner toward me. From complimentary approval of my work he suddenly changed to destructive criticism. On one occasion he ordered a change in my part immediately before the curtain rose. I pleaded for an opportunity to run through the new routine but he refused, choosing to hurt the performance in an effort to make me appear incompetent. Further persecution was proved by the fact that our names were crossed off the programs handed to the critics to be sure our names would not be mentioned in reviews of the show. (They overlooked one daily, "Women's Wear," in which we were singled out for our dance num-

"I also learned that a few weeks before I was fired two other girls were secretly rehearsing our number - both good Stalinists. This was a maneuver to secure their jobs. The unit manager decided that they were a detriment to the show and insisted on our reinstatement. The producer was willing to reinstate us providing that two non-essential workers were fired; he admitted that our firing was an administrative error. The steering committee , which was all Stalinist, refused. But when it became a question of reinstating Stalinists — completely unimportant to the production—the committee did not function. I know of two such people whose pink slips were almost immediately rescinded and in each case someone else was fired.

"My next move was the Workers Alliance. As a member in good standing and a contributor to its various causes (including Lasser's trip to Russia) I felt entitled to their assistance. At the Alliance they would have nothing to do with my case unless I paid a four dollar service charge. Unable to pay the four dollars in a lump sum my request to pay it in installments was rejected - so I gave them my last cent.

"They did absolutely nothing for me while in the meantime my partner who was not a member of the Alliance was reinstated.

"Marion Stevens of the Alliance (who has since made good and has a job in Washington) became interested in my case, especially since my partner got back, and promised to arrange an immediate hearing for me with the Labor Relations Director, Reiss, and a jury, on the basis of discrimination. For some mysterious reason his interest in my case suddenly ceased. He informed me that he couldn't bother with individual cases and that I'd get my hearing in time. After many weeks I was finally called for the hearing. When I arrived, Reiss had me put out of the office saying, "Put that woman out! I know too much about her case. She has wasted too much of every-

one's time around here!'

"The Workers Alliance representatives who were there, said nothing in my defense.

"The producer, Ankrun, promised to reinstate me upon the first resignation from the company. The Workers Alliance used this as a graceful exit from the case. Proof that this was merely a maneuver is the fact that three people have since resigned and I was not noti fied. The producer simply refused to see me The first resignation, whose place I was to fill, was filled by a Stalinist who never had anything to do with our show; she had spent the winter in California. . .

"A fantastic and monstrous case is being built up against me to forestall my efforts of reinstatement. In typical G.P.U. fashion my entire past is being investigated and the most unbelievable stories about me are being circulated on the project. I am accused of everything—of having sabotaged a rent strike and squealed to the landlord way back in 1933 (I was a Stalinist in good standing then) to being a stool pigeon for the Dies Committee. . .

"For the past three months I have been working continuously for my reinstatement. I have met with nothing but rebuffs. All doors are closed to me. With every passing day the case against me becomes more colossal—to the point where even non-Stalinists steer clear of me for the sake of their own jobs. .

"I charge that my firing was perpetrated by the Stalinists because I refused to subscribe to their continuous scabby political activity on the job.

"I further charge that there is collaboration between the union officials of the Workers Alliance and the officials of the Federal Theater Project to prevent my reinstatement.

#### (signed) Bronka Stern' Not the First Such Story

This is not the first such story to be told about the activity of the Stalinists and their G.P.U. activities on the job. There are hundreds of them. Many workers are afraid to expose these conditions for fear of hurting their friends who have been overlooked by these "rule or ruin" wreckers.

But this is not the way to fight back. The one fear they have is daylight. When they are exposed they run for cover like rats. And unless they are exposed they will continue to bleed the working class by blackmail and bribery, by every underhand method known to gangsters-including murder. Wherever the Stalinists operate the stories are the same. And it is time to bring these scoundrels to account for their crimes.

Every worker who finds himself discriminated against in the shop because he cannot stomach the filthy line of the Communist Party, should immediately expose the set-up and carry it to every worker on the job. The Socialist Appeal will publish the facts if workers send them in.

#### THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH

Says the Rev. Chester B. Emerson, dean of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Cleveland, opening speaker in a "Crusade for Christ" sponsored by a group of Twin City laymen: "The church cannot tell society how to improve its economic and political systems. The church is not intended for that. Its role throughout the ages has been to develop men who can do the job in a Christian spirit." And just let the bosses see you try. You and the other sky pilots would be on the streets begging for the "salvation" you try to sell us.

## S. W.P. Holds Anti-War Poles Balk At Ceding Danzig May Day Demonstration To Reich; Powers for Yielding

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speaker system carried the ad- program." dresses of the speakers into every part of the Circle. Slogans read: "Smash Hitlerism At Home," "Jobs Not Guns," 'For Workers Defense Guards, Hooligans," "For the 6-Hour Day," "All War Funds to the Unemployed," and other militant planks in the program of the Socialist Workers Party.

Jobless Pay for War Speaking for an hour to an attentive crowd, Max Shachtman, editor of the Socialist Appeal, declared, "The American war machine is being built ing put at the disposal of the "All war funds be turned over

Analyzing the imperialist drive towards war, Shachtman by the noted proletarian poet Henri Poulaille. istic aims of the world-powers are being shrouded in noble slogans for democracy. Yet even prior to the outbreak of war, democracy is being abrogated step by step."

Shachtman received enthusiastic applause when he calledfor the masses' getting the right to decide on the next war. 'Let the masses decide their own fate through a People's Referendum on War," Shachtman said. Outlining the opposition in Congress to a popular referendum on war, Shachtman counselled the workers to strong, but because you are not

The Sixty Families

scribed how the Stalinists and Thomas outfit. he social democrats are steering the workers into the camp of the 60 families. "These families," Shachtman

Democratic Federation's pro-

evening at the Hippodrome.

form. The speakers' stand was years ago." "Expropriate the rules with an iron hand. surrounded by a color guard of 60 families," Shachtman defifty girl comrades of the youth clared, "Their money will be organization. The Yipsel chor- more than enough to finance a Russia in the diplomatic-milius provided songs and a loud 20 billion dollar public housing

Shachtman pledged a ceaseless Against Hague's and Coughlin's struggle against every form of jects of their wrath. capitalist reaction. The speakers also included

> Bert Cochran and E. R. Mc-Kinney for the party and Louis Becker for the Y.P.S.L., with William Morgan as chairman. Becker declared, "This May Day, as never before, we, the revolutionary youth, renounce all ties with capitalism." He denounced the conscription of British youth into the army and

## Y.P.S.L. Gains Recruits

the Y.P.S.L. fighters.

Following the demonstrainists.

The spirit and morale of the hands. "You are weak," he greeted by the membership assecretary in his address.

In addition, the Y.P.S.L. welcomed into its ranks as fight-Contrasting the disunity with- ers against war and fascism before the Russians have to n the ranks of labor and its six youth who, until yesterday, consequent inability to make were members of the decrepit common cause against the reformist substitute for a Y.P. class enemy, Shachtman de- S.L. attached to the Norman But such ironclad guarantees

> Join the Socialist Workers Party

of George Washington's mau-

#### (Continued from Page 1) said, "are united in a common of the puppet president, Ignace The demonstration was effort to send millions of work- Moscicki, behind whom the flanked on all sides by a color- ers to their death in order to army oligarchy, headed by

Russian Position Meanwhile the position of tary set-up remains as uncertain as ever. At the May Day Declaring that the Socialist celebrations in Moscow Mar-Workers Party had nothing but shal Voroshilov and other Socontempt and hatred for fas- viet spokesmen were just gencism and anti - Semitism, erally bellicose, but failed to be very specific about the ob-

In London a very crude attempt was made to cover over the obvious inconclusiveness of the parleys with Moscow by spreading reports that the British were worried about what Portugal, the Vatican, or Japan might think if England went into an alliance with Russia. The fear was expressed, with regard to Japan, that conclusion of an Anglo-Russian alwarned against the impending liance would drive Japan firmconscription of American ly and finally into a military pact with Germany and Italy. Japan's Place

bunk. Japan is already bound as she ever will be. Japan's Inspired by the militant anti- only reservation is that she war spirit of the Y.P.S.L. at a European war except under the New York May Day dem conditions from which the Toonstration in Columbus Circle, kyo militarists think there is ten youth joined the ranks of some immediate advantage to be gained. In considering this is not yet consummated, it is possibility, the Japanese have to remember that they will the exact shade of pink they tion, the Yipsels held a brief have to deal in the future not prefer. meeting where the national only with England. France and secretary delivered an analysis | Russia but with United States of the importance of the only imperialism as well. Roosevelt's move in sending the Paanti-war demonstration in the cific fleet back into the western streets of New York this May, ocean was by no means lost on and contrasted it with the dis- the saber-rattlers in Tokyo. gusting parade advertising the That is why publicly, at least, World's Fair held by the Stal- the Japanese are being cautious about any European commitments.

Of course this is so much

No, the real reason behind-Y.P.S.L. was conveyed to the the bogging down of the Anglotake matters into their own new members. They were Russian parleys is still the fact that the Russians are de-3aid, "not because they are sembled, and by the national manding the most iron-clad organizational disintegration. guarantees that Britain and France will be actually carrying out their end of the bargain move. If they don't get these, the Russians threaten constantly to seek terms with Hitler. the British are by no means willing to give. The English are used to doublecrossing, not being double-crossed. So the S. P. because we are left-wing stalemate continues.

## "We Break With the Socialist Party"

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stemming the drift of the S.P. we have drawn our conclu-

The S. P. is not and never | Social Revolution. will be a revolutionary party. Socialist struggle against war, organizer; ALICE FALIK, sec-On this May Day it tails after retary East Side branch; ROSavowed supporters of the pro- LYN FARMER, East Side war policies of Roosevelt and branch: STANLEY LANE, At the first shot of the war-if PAPCUN, org. East Side br., not before—the S.P. will crum- former National Organizer; ble away, together with the BILL PETERSEN. Newark pink-tea pacifists and isolation- br.; DAVE ROTH, Boro Park ists with whom it has identified | br. and Y.P.S.L.; DAVE

The S. P. will never be a no trade union line or disci-

merger with the Social Democratic Federation show the direction in which the S. P. leaders are faced. If the merger because they cannot decide on

The S. P.'s "internationalism'' permits it to be an uncritical member of the same Second International with the strike - breaking Blum of France, of the Negrins of Spain who shoot down the rev-

Finally, the S. P.—far from being a revolutionary party can be called a party at all. only out of habit. To its lack of a line, of discipline, of real leadership, add a deep-going

stream of revolutionary action, while you try to doctor the gal-NOW!

Socialists, revolutionists. We

S. P. Not Revolutionary

The S: P.'s overtures for a

olutionary workers and hand Spain over to the fascists.

To the Socialist Party leftwingers we say: How long will you wait, outside the main loping gangrene of the S. P.? The question is: For or against the revolution? If you answer 'For," you belong with US-

We leave the shambles of the

join the SOCIALIST WORKthere was any possibility of ERS PARTY because there we see the rallying center for all toward reformism and decay, militant workers who wish to we worked loyally within its raise their fists unitedly to ranks. This period is over and strike blows for the cause of the working class, to fight against the bosses in peace and

in war, and to ACT for the

(Signed): HARRY DIMON, The S. P. cannot carry on a Newark br., former Trenton of the arms budget—the S.D.F. | East Side branch; GEORGE SHARON, East Side br. and Brooklyn College Y.P.S.L.; Socialist force in the union and JULIUS DAVIDSON, East Side unemployed movement. It has Y.P.S.L.; DAVE KLEINMAN, C.C.N.Y. Y.P.S.L.; DON MUR-RAIN, C.C.N.Y. Y.P.S.L. (resigned January 1939); JEAN-NETTE REISEN, Y.P.S.L., Bronx: CYNTHIA WHITE. Williamsburg Y.P.S.L.; FRAN-CES WOLFE, Hunter Bronx Y.P.S.L.

## C. P. STAGES JINGO PARADE

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American peace-time history was nowhere mentioned. Only one slogan attacked W.P.A. slashes: "Extend W.P.A.-No Cuts." The unemployment and relief questions were dismissed with "Adequate Relief to the Unemployed.''

The most prominent banners of the day strove to create a war-hysteria: "Protect the Americas from Fascist Penetration"; "Unite Against Fas-cist Aggression!" "U.S.A.-U.S. S.R. Cooperation Against Fascist Aggressors." The quotation "United We Stand, Divided We Fall-Thomas Paine" Americanized a float labelled Collective Security - Poland Britain, U.S.A. - U.S.S.R., France, China." Another float. followed, showing this "Democratic Front'' destroying Anti-Semitism.

Whooping It Up For War With Waldman Semitism.

The youth summed up this approach with "Youth Wants." Peace, Support F.D.R."

WHY THEY CARRY GUNS

over 60 holdups, two Mil polis youths explain why they were carrying loaded guns. "We carried them to protect purselves." they patiently explain. "Against what?" asked the judge. "Why from interference, of course," they answer. ing to organize the singing of Which is exactly the reason for armies and navies; to protect The total effect of the meet- the bosses from interference ing was to act as a recruiting from the other gangsters who,

#### the naked eye. The Lovestone- i.e., revolutionary socialism. serve order. ites didn't even get a speaker. On the basic question of war, Esther Friedman, also speak-The meeting was held, de-| Waldman declared that the ing for the S.D.F., began with clared the high priest of the united party must be a supa eulogy of President Wilson Social-Democratic Federation, porter of the democratic capi-

What a humiliating spectacle for all of world labor is the performance of the British Labor Party in the face of

British Lion and the Draft

note at the "united" pre-May geois note set the tone for the

war-mongering keynote united party. Waldman made

difference was undiscernible to promise with communism,"

Day indoor meeting Sunday rest of the meeting.

Chamberlain's conscription plan! The Labor Party parliamentarians whine and plead in the House of Commons that conscription is not "necessary" at this time, that it will "cause bad feeling", that it ought to wait until the war begins, that at least wealth

might be conscripted a little at the same time. They think they can give Chamberlain advice on how best to fight British imperialism's war.

Chamberlain taunts them. You want the war, dont you, he says; you criticized me for "appeasing" instead of going to war. Very well, then: you've got to be serious about it, and you can't seriously get ready for this so-popular war of ours without drafting the workers into the armies under the threat of guns and prisons.

Chamberlain threatens a General Election if they don't stop whining. And these Labor Party cowards and traitors don't dare face the thought of an election.

When the entire British working class should be aroused to a flaming, nation-wide struggle on every front against this dictatorial plan of Chamberlain's to draft the workers for the imperialist slaughter, the Labor Party chiefs try to hide their miserable heads, and proclaim themselves better English patriots than Chamberlain.

They are only tasting the dregs of their own treachery. Since they long ago swung to the side of the war, they cannot genuinely resist any of the required steps in preparing for it. They are only the tamed eunuchs of Britain's imperialist rulers. And they have all a eunuch's softness and sterility.

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) | Louis Waldman, in commemo- | talist nations against the dic- | Not a word from Thomas, | NEW YORK. - The Social- ration of the 150th anniversary tatorships. "The whole nation not even indirectly, against must be benind Presiden war program was the dominant guration. This militant bour- Roosevelt," he declared. In the midst of Waldman's

war-mongering peroration his Waldman devoted his speech ears were assailed by boos The Socialist Party, the to a political lecture obviously from a group of Socialist youth Workmen's Circle and the In- addressed to the erring run- who were under the delusion dependent Labor League aways of the Socialist Party that their party was participat-(Lovestoneites) also partici- who, under certain conditions, ing in this meeting on the basis pated in the meeting, but if he would now permit to re- of an anti-war stand. they differed in any way from enter a party with him. In the squads of the Social-Democratic Federation, followed by speech of Louis Waldman, the clear, there "would be no com- a group of cops, surrounded the S. P. youth section to "pre-

and ended with a slightly-revised version of a slogan by Marx: "Nations of the world unite, you have nothing to lose but your chains." At this point, it is said, several S. P. youth fainted.

Algernon Lee, another S.D.F. speaker, declared that "our American democracy will use FORCE to break the dictator-

As, one after another, these jingoes came out for support of capitalist wars, there were those who waited hopefully for Reventlow and Doris Duke Norman Thomas to speak. He was the last speaker. Waldman made a straight political speech for the Social-Democratic Federation. The least that Thomas could do would be elry. to make a straight political speech for the Socialist Party. making clear that it did not accept the pro-war position of tween them, control \$100,000,the Waldmans and that this 000 made in American indusquestion was basic.

Thomas Lays Down. youth of his organization arose too. As he lifted his voice, they lifted theirs. They sang "No halt them before they finished. the U.S.A.!" It was as if they suspected that their leader might let them to night clubs, could match pear easily dispensable on its

to seal the bond of unity wih spare. the war-mongers of the Social-Democratic Federation. "We Socialists in both groups," he prophets wrong-it's not always it is one of the services which screamed, "must seek the the night club butterfly who can least be dispensed with unity of the workers of the can boast the snootiest collectit is expected that the budget

Waldman's jingo politics! Not even an explicit attack on collective security or the Roosevelt war government. The S. P. youth marched out

of the hall, in their workers' shirts and red ties, vainly trythe ''International.''

forum for the war-mongering | would peach on their racketeer-Social-Democratic Federation. ing preserves.

## SOCIETY NOTES

#### A Butterfly To Own Industry Who do you think ran smack

into each other a few nights night club, the "Monte Carlo" Cromwell!

and wore "sparklers" Peggy Sing. Hopkins Joyce would have scored as "road-show jew-Totally different in tempera-

ment and appearance are these two "Golden Girls" who, betries.

If Mrs. Matthew Astor Wilks As Norman Thomas rose, the had arrived and claimed the table between the two "Golden Girls." that would have been SOMETHING. For she, not More War." He begged them Barbara or Doris, rates the to let up, but he was unable to title, "The Richest Woman in

Mrs. Wilks, who never goes Barbara and Doris COM-He did let them down. For he BINED dollar for dollar and was here not to fight war but then have a few millions to new waves of unrest to be ex

tion of gilt-edged stocks!

#### You Don't Have to Be | Sometimes Economy Can Be Carried Just a Bit Too Far! Budget pruners in the New.

York State legislature who ago at New York's newest have been slashing away at special State services, appear -Barbara Hutton Haugwitz- to have accidentally done away with the most special of them all-the services of Robert El-Both were attired in black liott, the executioner at Sing

Attendants at the prison were amazed to discover that the Sing Sing "special service" appropriation has been dropped from the tentative State Budget.

The bulk of this appropriation, which was \$2,500 for the current fiscal year, is used to pay Elliott his fees of \$150 for each time he pulls the electric chair switch.

It was pointed out that the legislators at Albany could easily have been deceived by the blanket way in which the appropriation was designated and which would make it ap-

But with war coming on and pected from the radical fringe Which chalks up another directed especially against the point to prove the calamity- present form of government pruners will hastily reconsider.

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

- 1. A job and a decent wage for every worker.
- 2. Open the idle factories—operate them under
- 3. A Twenty-Billion dollar Federal public works and housing program.
- 4. Thirty-thirty! \$30-weekly minimum wage-30-hour weekly maximum for all workers on
- 5. Thirty dollar weekly old-age and disability
- 6. Expropriate the Sixty Families. 7. All war funds to the unemployed.
- 8. A people's referendum on any and all wars.
- 9. No secret diplomacy.
- 10. An independent Labor Party.
- 11. Workers Defense Guards against vigilante

#### Gyp Artist

On Tuesday, March 14, President Roosevelt delivered a message to Congress in which he posed as the champion of the unemployed by demanding that Congress appropriate another \$150,000,000 for their benefit.

He admitted that "employment has decreased since the end of December" and that "the number of persons now certified as being in need and eligible for employment is actually higher than it was a month ago." THESE ARE THE PRESIDENT'S OWN WORDS.

If Congress did not grant the appropriation the President asked for, more than 5,000,000 people would be affected. THIS TOO WAS AN ARGUMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S AGAINST FURTHER REDUCTIONS.

In his speech on February 7, when relief needs were not as great as in March, according to his statement quoted above, Roosevelt admitted that if any cuts in appropriations were made "widespread want or distress would inevitably follow."

Congress proceeded to lop off \$50,000,000 from the President's request for \$150,000,000 and debated whether it should not lop more.

The President PRETENDED to be angrily aroused over Congress cutting down his request to \$100,000,000 and pointed out that not only was this amount absolutely insufficient for the needs of the unemployed, but it would greatly increase human suffering by throwing additional tens of thousands from the relief rolls into the

In justification for his demand that the FULL amount of his request be granted, the President pointed out that his own original estimate contemplated a huge reduction of the relief rolls—300,000, and especially did NOT take into consideration 850,000 people who had been certified by government agencies as eligible and who were awaiting government aid to relieve their misery. That is, IHE proposed eliminating 1,150,000 human beings from all consideration for relief, dooming them to hunger.

REMEMBER, according to the President's OWN argument, his OWN original estimates were completely INADEQUATE for relief needs. Even if they were granted in FULL, more than a million people directly would still remain uncared for.

Nevertheless, the President managed to pose as the champion of the oppressed and defender of the unemployed by ACTING ANGRY over the extra \$50,000,000 cut and OSTENSIBLY battling for its restoration. (Roosevelt's key lieutenant in the Senate, Barkley, maneuvered to help accomplish the slash.)

the Communist Party, etc., got behind him in this clever trick to gull the unemployed, and rayed at the come-on partners of Roosevelt's crafts, and new products. gyp-joint who fought to cut down the relief appropriations by a few million dollars more. It was a clever act and the suckers (the unem- unemployment problem in America. ployed) fell for it. They took their cut without PROTESTING MILITANTLY on a wide scale and the funds which should have fed them and their families were dumped into the war machine.

So successful was this trickery, that Roosevelt the streets to starve—a slash of three-quarters holders.

of a BILLION DOLLARS. Thus the President, if one adds the 1,115,000 human beings he has already doomed, has condemned more than 2,000,000 people to starvation in the IMMEDI-ATE future. By his own method of computation, this will affect not less than 10,000,000 Americans. This within a few days after his signing a bill for the largest OUTPOUR OF WAR FUNDS since the American Expeditionary Forces left the battlefields of the last World

The come-on partners haven't yet started their part of this new gyp-game. But they will and Roosevelt will again pose as the great champion of the oppressed and defender of the unemployed by furiously battling proposals to reduce relief rolls still further—that is, furiously battling with stern . . . words, and a sly wink for those in on the game.

Right now Roosevelt is going through the first maneuver of his gigantic sucker game. He justifies his latest tremendous slash with the casual nonchalance of a gyp artist who is an old hand at the game of fleecing the TRUSTING "forgotten" man by airily declaring that industry will absorb the TWO MILLION unemployed who are thrown off the rolls. This cheerful promise is no doubt based on the fact that since Roosevelt last pointed out the dire need of the unemployed for \$50,000,000 MORE, the index of business activity has DECLINED precipitously and employment has DROPPED far below the normal season upswing.

"I trust," said Mr. Roosevelt in his latest message announcing his latest slash, "that the people will not be deceived . . . and will not assume that the totalitarian methods of government are more effective than our own."

No, we are not deceived. We must admit that Roosevelt's method is highly effective. No doubt the unemployed will soon be feasting on cakethe gyp artist has a simple way of providing it. He just throws the unemployed off the relief rolls and turns them loose in the streets where, as every backer of Roosevelt knows, cake has filled the garbage cans since New Deal economy went into effect.

"What this world needs is a Christian revolution! Not by violence, but by social change compatible with the nature and purpose of God." Such is the proposal made by Dr. Ernest Fremont Tittle, pastor of the First M. E. Church of Evanston, Ill. It is now over 1900 years—ever since the first (and the last) Christian was murdered-that the sky pilots have been telling us how to make omelets without breaking the eggs.

#### Independent Action

One of the most remarkable shifts in public opinion which Dr. George Gallup's Institute has yet recorded, according to a survey just completed, is the shift in public sentiment away from the Democratic Party to the Republican

In 1936, right after the election, the Institute reported 30% of the voters expected the Republicans to win in 1940, 70% expected the Demo-

Now in 1939, after three more years of suffering under New Deal capitalism, 52% of the voters expect the Republicans to win in 1940, only 48% the Democrats.

The bankruptcy of capitalism is filling in the death certificate of the Democratic Party, but unless the workers begin to organize militantly on the political field and construct their own party, it will mean that the agony will be proonged for another period under the Republicans.

It is high time to cut away forever from the stockholder-owned capitalist parties. The road to a new era for labor in the United States lies only through independent political action.

Labor must build its own political party with a program of militant labor demands inscribed on its banner!

That is the only way to defeat Roosevelt's program of Old Deal dishes under New Deal labels—the only way to defeat the whole system of workers-do-all and capitalists-take-all.

Hearst's Cosmopolitan for May carries an "Autobiography of America-1939," dealing with "the much-maligned and often misunderstood American -the average businessman, as he works to feed us, shelter us, give us jobs and pay his taxes." Only teargas is missing to make it a sob story.

### Open the Gates!

Further evidence that refugees admitted to the United States are a valuable asset to the nation comes from Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches.

He points out in an article in the May issue All Roosevelt's friends, the Workers Alliance, of Current History that those already admitted, far from competing with American labor, have brought new businesses into existence, new

> He scouts the argument as ridiculous that a few refugees could seriously complicate the huge

We add to the learned Doctor's conclusions that not only could all the refugees of the totalitarian countries be provided with work in the United States, but our own refugees, the millions hounded out of jobs by the capitalist stockholders could have well paying jobs too if the has now come out for a new cut in relief appro- workers took over no more than the factories priations that will reduce the present enrollment—that are now idle and ran them on government by ONE-THIRD, and during the next few subsidies under workers' management for promonths throw 900,000 more unemployed into duction for use instead of profit for stock-

## Father Coughlin Favors Fascist Dictatorships In His Magazine

He Plays on Anti-War Sentiments of the Common People Now; When War Comes His Tactics Will Change, Making Him Roosevelt's Recruiting Agent

Father Coughlin, propaganizing prelate of Detroit, is -and a willing supporter of will further their aims and amat which he draws the line and refuses to tag along, namely, where his own personal ambiions clash with those of his

All those familiar with Coughin's demagogy are well acquainted with the similarity beween his program and that followed by Mussolini and Hitler prior to their accession to power. They are also aware of the fact that Coughlin supports virtually every reactionary demand supported by the European dictators, and that he mimics them slavishly in the anti-Semitic and anti-Communist hate that he spews forth.

Coughlin follows their program because he hopes thereby to create a strong fascist movement here, with himself, naturally, in the role of leader. He champions the same causes they champion because there is basically little difference between his ideology and theirs, and because he understands that the strengthening of the fascist tendencies in Europe will likewise strengthen the same tendencies in this coun-

It is not surprising, therefore, that the April 24 issue of embittered criticism of Roosefull-blown attack, it should be Rome and Berlin over the with Hitler and Mussolini. "meddling" President's able to Hitler's April 28 Reichstag speech.

preventing this country from German cause. Now, by ful- willing to do.

war. He is in no sense an isola- intervention in European aftionist. He has stated frequent- fairs, he can still serve his dual oth a faithful follower of his by that what he opposes is purpose—aid and comfort to teachers—Mussolini and Hitler merely American involvement his Axis friends, and exploita in what he terms an "unjust" tion of the isolationist senticauses and principles which war, and by that he means a ment in this country in order war which seeks to keep Ger- to enhance his own prestige. bitions. There is only one point many and Italy from making further grabs.

which is the same thing) states this again quite openly in a front page anti-Roosevelt of his paper. Says the edito-

either openly given or secretly promised—the nations of Europe will not engage in a general war. Without America. the nations of Europe will conduct their 'aggression' as they have done, by 'conquest and conference' but short of actual war.'

Apparently, since Social Justice places the word "aggression" in quotes, Coughlin is reluctant to call the rape of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Memel, and Albania by so harsh a word as "aggression." Apparently, too, he considers Mussolini's little set-to in Ethiopia a 'conquest'' but not a "war." We will leave to the facile pen of the radio priest the task of explaining the distinctions he so finely draws.

Whether or not his thesisthat without American help there would be no war in Europe-is a correct one, it certainly is true that America's aid to England and France his weekly magazine, Social would make immeasurably Justice, is devoted largely to more difficult the task of the Axis powers. And it is for this velt and his "peace" notes to reason, and for no other, that Il Duce and Der Fuehrer. This Coughlin so energetically opposes Roosevelt's policy. Nor noted. coincides exactly with is this the first instance where

European affairs. It was timed do, whatever he can to spike the budding fascist leader must to create an atmosphere favor- American aid to France and not follow an unpopular course, England, that is, until the regardless of the issues in-It must be borne in mind, of entering the war. But when however, that Father Coughlin that time comes, he will not demagogically corralled. And is not at all concerned with hesitate to scuttle the Italo-|this no fascist pretender is

embarking upon an imperialist | minating against Roosevelt's

longer about American partici pation in a European war Such a course would then be unpopular, and Coughlin is not amongst his followers for such stupid morality as consistency one's teachers.

Justice," after protesting angrily against Roosevelt's policy, remark: "Once war is declared it will be too late to protest. Under the emergency of war—whether a 'just' war or a common 'racket' as the last one proved to be-it becomes the patriotic duty of every American to support the government." (Our emphasis).

When war comes-let no one be deceived-Coughlin will be on the patriotic band wagon, and will be one of the loudest trumpeteers. He even has his alibi already at hand. Haven't I said all along, he will assert. that I didn't approve of everything that Hitler was doing? Well, now he has gone too far.

Father Coughlin has been an the resentment expressed in he has made common cause of nice sounding words like 'social justice' and "peace." Coughlin is doing, and will But he has also learned that United States is on the verge volved. To do this would be

But already a new note is creeping into his propaganda. He, or his editorial board When the United States does come out as a belligerent against the Axis powers, Coughlin will not be found in editorial in the April 24 issue the unpopular camp of German and Italian sympathizers. rial: "Without America's help Nor will he be concerned any

prepared to risk unpopularity to one's own past or loyalty to In the same article referred to above, the editors of "Social

apt pupil of his fascist teachers. He has learned the value to lose the following he has so

## Their By James Burnham Government

Senator Robert Taft, whose hat is well out in the ring for the Republican Presidential candidacy in 1940, last week repeated the familiar charge that Roosevelt is playing up the foreign situation in order to hide the failure of the New Deal at home. This charge, as an editorial in the Appeal pointed out at the time, is unquestionably true; but it is true in a sense far more profound than that intended by the Republican Senator.

Taft's differences with Roosevelt are 99% superficial, at bottom little more than a dispute over which set of office-holders shall draw down public pay. But the internal failure of the New Deal is not at all superficial. It represents not the ineffectiveness of the Democratic Party but the chronic. incurable malady of American capitalism. After all, Hoover had three and a half full years after 1929 to demonstrate that the Republicans are every bit as ineffectual as the Democrats.

For Roosevelt to concentrate on the "foreign situation"—that is, the war crisis, is no doubt from one point of view a clever party political maneuver. But it is a maneuver that corresponds not merely to factional needs but to the imperative requirements of the American bourgeoisie.

American capitalism is not working. During the past decade, nearly every sort of internal repair job has been tried, and the machine is more creaky and halting than ever. The only chance that the bourgeoisie now sees is an external device—is the war.

Moreover. Roosevelt is succeeding in his maneuver. He is actually turning the eyes of the people away from internal conditions: and no bourgeois opponent is hampering him to any degree, since they all fundamentally share his perspective.

#### A Few Facts and Figures

In the latter half of 1937, the business cycle turned downward. This was most alarming to the bourgeoisie, since the upturn preceeding had been brief and had failed by a long shot to equal the 1928-29 level. And the rate of drop in 1937 was twice as fast as the rate in 1929.

The economists and publicists took refuge in magic. They thought they could wish the renewed crisis away by calling it a "recession" instead of

They figured that it would last only a couple of months, and would be followed at once by a much longer, steadier upward movement. Instead, the curve kept going down for almost a year.

With a sigh of relief they watched it turn up again last Spring. Now the predictions were all for a number of years of expansion.

In December the Federal Reserve Board index figure, the key number for the government economists, based upon a weighted analysis of production, prices, purchases, credit turnover, etc., reached 104. The almost universal expectation was that the 1939 average would be well over this level: the government experts themselves predicted a slight fall in January and February, with a rise from then on to a level of from 108-112 in Decem-

Nothing of the sort has happened. The estimate for the April figure is 94, a drop of nearly 10% from December.

Other important indices show the same trend. The Times index, which is derived from the extremely interesting theory of R. Dana Skinner and based chiefly upon the rate of money and credit turnover, has since the beginning of the year dropped about the same percentage as the F. R. B. index. The Herald-Tribune index has gone from 85 to 73. Stock prices have dropped sharply (from a high for the year, in the Times average, of 107

#### Money on the Unemployed Rolls

The state of health of capitalism is revealed most directly by the amount of "new" financing (as opposed to refunding operations) that takes place, and particularly by the amount of such new financing that goes into capital goods. Never since 1930 has new financing risen to even half of the 1926-29 average and it has for the most part been held to a sixth or a seventh. The credit lies yawning and idle in the great banks and can be used only to buy the government bonds which try to fill in the empty gap left by the absent new enter-

Production, purchases and even employment, though declining, are still running substantially higher than the extremely low levels of the corresponding weeks last year. But new financing is averaging considerably less than even the impoverished rate of 1939. So far, the average in 1939 has been only \$27,000,000 monthly as against \$36,-000,000 during the same months last year. And, though the statistics have not yet been compiled, the percentage of this meager sum going into capital goods is apparently very low.

All this is happening in spite of the fact that the renewed program of government expenditures, voted last year after the period of curtailment, is just now getting into full effect on the market. The pump no longer primes.

#### Just Around the Corner

In short, as every serious business man knows, the situation on the internal front is hopeless.

Therefore every serious business man is lifting his eyes from the internal front. During recent weeks, all the "business services" have been returning again and again to the theme: how to get your business ready for the war.

The Tax Research Institute of America, to take a single example, is pushing its new encyclopedia, Adjusting Your Business (for the war) by direct mail advertising on most handsome engraved sta-

"How will your business be 'utilized'for wartime needs?

"To enable your business to function during a war emergency, the Institute has prepared an analysis to show you precisely what to do.

"This analysis of business during wartime will be ready next week, and it will help you prepare right now for problems such as these-

". . .(2) how can government contracts be secured during wartime? "(3) what will happen to labor costs, wage demands, unionization, strikes, and collective bar-

gaining?... "Few executives realize that the Industrial Mobilization Plan is ready to go into operation

almost overnight, if a war is declared. . .

#### French Empire Faces the Wrath Of Its Oppressed Colonial Masses | hold tight to France's prize | tains is spreading daily in an By SHERMAN STANLEY alarming manner. Tribesmen

No Empire in the world to- colonies. day rests on a more shaky and

In Central and Balkan Europe the entire system of postalliances created at Versailles smashed the encircling chains French Empire. of French imperialism.

In its world empire the America has taken over much interests. of France's influence in Mexits closest ally and "friend"the British Empire-has not hesitated to chisel away at the

declining Empire of France. But not their rivals alone have made the French capi-Primarily the French fear the volt. As in the case of Britain's facing a movement of 60,000,-000 colonial people who will use each and every difficulty one step further towards ireedom. Above all, when France seeks to drag them into another world war we shall see the bitterest determination.

#### SCOPE OF REVOLT AGAINST FRENCH MASTERS

Let us cite a few examples of what the French are facing even now:

(1) Tunis-Algeria: When the French Popular Front Governrevived nationalist movement in the North African colfreedom was at hand. Under the leadership of its partypeople of Tunisia, Algeria and French Morocco closed ranks. But they were disappointed. The Popular Front regime, actlords, established military rule ed by Roosevelt.

Since then the nationalist armed with two field guns,

people. When their time comes others who had been arrested.

(2) Indo-China: This highly ders. The French government important colony supplies notified the Syrian government French have likewise suffered France with its rubber supply. that they were taking over all neavy losses. Japan has chall its workers and peasants have powers necessary to preserve lenged them successfully in been completely at the mercy internal security. All police the Far East. Italy has made of the French plantation ownbig gains in the Mediterranean. ers, merchants and shipping ferred to the Mandatory Power

But there exists in Indoico and Latin America. Even China the strongest colonial by a series of general strikes section of the Fourth Interna- and mass protest demonstrafour years (1933-1937) it forced needle in the side of French the Communist Party of Indo- imperialism and is in the foretalists and rentiers (coupon China to have a united front front of the colonial struggles. clippers) feel the cold chill of with it, directed against death hovering about them. French imperialism. Only France's holdings in eastern when the Stalinists had com- and western Africa are experirising wave of nationalist re- | pletely exposed themselves as | encing the same general naworld empire, the French are was this united front broken African colonies. Reports innow look to the Trotskyists for negro sailors, dock workers, of French capitalism to march upon the Daladier semi-fascist too, the French fear for the government.

(3) Syria: We quote dispatches from Damascus and construct the French Empire Angora: "Reports from Syria with its 100,000,000 people It will these native masses fight with indicate that the rising of take a fraction of that time for

## Memorial Needed

vealed its determination to the organizing of a rebellion. freedom.

In Puerto Rico France.

Plans of a group of Puerto

order in Puerto Rico, a monu- overwhelming bulk of maning under orders from its in- ment in memory of the imperi- kind, will refuse to march in dustrial and banking over- alist oppression which is head- any war except one for their

Ricans to construct a monu- | We are the opponents of all ment came into office in 1936 ment to Roosevelt have been world imperial systems, be it turned down by the President. that of Britain, France, Ameri-Such monuments, says the ca, Germany, Italy or Japan. onies thought its moment of President, ought to be re- There is not the slightest difserved for the great dead, and ference between the fascist he specifically asked that imperialisms and the The North African Star-the Puerto Ricans pay no such cratic" imperialisms beyond tribute to him.

unsteady foundation than that movement has been forced to machine guns and modern carry on its work for freedom rifles have sent an ultimatum against fierce oppression. But to the French authorities denot for one moment has its manding the immediate repopularity declined among the lease of their chief and fifty by the French conquerors has the revolutionists of "France's "The police fired on crowds crumbled. The blows of India" will take a leading role this morning demonstrating German imperialism have in the final break-up of the against the action of the Syrian authorities to suppress disor-

> functions have been trans-(France). All of Syria has been swept tional. It has elected many tations against the brutal representatives to important French rule for the past year. bodies in the major cities. For This colonial people is a sharp

> (4) The African Colonies: loyal supporters of the French tionalist revival as the British off. The people of Indo-China dicate intense organization of leadership in a direct assault plantation workers, etc. Here, security of their rule.

> It took two hundred years to tribesmen in the Kurd Moun-lits destruction and replacement by independent nations of workers and peasants. Just as surely as the British Empire is doomed, so is that of

The position of the Fourth International is crystal-clear. the fact that each wants what Revolutionists believe, how- the other has. The oppressed ever, that one monument is in | colonial peoples, forming the own liberation. They will show in these colonies, outlawed the | The first step toward erect- the workers of Europe and North African Star, jailed ing that monument is not the America who the real enemy is hundreds of its leaders and re- hiring of a stone cutter, but and how they too can win their