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# Dies Committee Adjourns Coughlin-an Enemy Seafarer's Union Ties Fake Investigation of Fascist Activities in U.S.

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ganization of Indiana. They al-

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tween Campbell and John D.

M. Hamilton, chairman of the

Republican National Commit-

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Committee Fails to Call Main Witnesses But Evidence Disclosed is Enough to **Show Extent of Fascist Organization** 

Declaring that his committee will soon ask for a \$50,000 increase in its \$100,000 appropriation so that "we can go into subversive activities more thoroughly," Congressman Dies (Democrat, Texas) adjourned his committee indefinitely on May 25 without calling new witnesses for questioning in his pseudoinvestigation of fascist activities in the United States. The committee may not meet again until August.

In questioning witnesses during the week, the Dies committee shifted the center of its interest temporarily from "communism" to fascism. The move was astutely designed to accomplish the following objec-

1. Without really uncovering the extent and danger of the fascist movement, to gain an aura of impartiality in preparation for a renewed onslaught on working class organizations.

2. To make political capital the Republican Party with the movement for fascism in the United States.

3. To show that the present government is taking care of the problem of fascism, and so head off any move of the masses to meet the fascist danger with actions of their own.

Attention Shifts That nation-wide attention is shifting somewhat from the ever attempted, will be held in war danger back to the internal problems which are more 2. At the initiation of two sec acute than ever after six years tions of General Drivers Union of the New Deal, is indicated Local 544, the Federal Workers not only by the Dies committee turning its attention to fascism. but by the wide publicity given by the press to a feature article in the Saturday Evening Post dealing with the minor fascist groups in the United

The arrest during the same week of Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund, on criminal charges, is significant in this respect, as is the investigation initiated by Army officials into Maj. Gen. George Van Horn Moseley's connections with movements to estab lish fascism by violence.

Main witnesses of the Dies committee were Dudley Pierreport Gilbert of New York City, James Erwin Campbell of Owensboro, Ky., and George Deatherage of St. Albans, W. Va. All advocated a military nationalistic form of government, and all of them were pro-fascist and rabidly anti-Semitic.

Wide Publicity

The Dies committee began its questioning of these men with elaborate maneuvers to gain publicity. It announced deep secrecy for its hearings. It transported witnesses across narrow ledges five stories above ground so that they would not meet one another and would be seen by no one but representatives of the press. It announced it had uncovered a well - organized anti - Semitic campaign which had attracted the attention of Maj. Gen. George Van Horn Moseley.

Then it gave long releases to the press and admitted reporters and spectators to its hearings. At the end of the week it adjourned indefinitely without calling the most important wit ness, Moseley.

investigation upon the anticommittee's questioning, was organized as follows:

Dudley P. Gilbert, wealthy New Yorker, learned "highly inflammatory details of conversations" in the Harmonie Fourth Internationalist P.O.I. is about to descend with par-Club of New York through an informer, alleged to be a wait- ty) and the J.S.R. (Revolution- because the 4th International- crets!) punishable by a fine of er. He sent statements about ary Socialist Youth), was ar- ists are the only ones carrying 3,000 to 30,000 francs and/or 3 these conversations to James rested two weeks ago by the on a consistent and aggressive months to 3 years of forced E. Campbell, 42-year-old re- French authorities, it was anti-war activity among the labor. serve army captain at Owens- learned here today, for anti- workers and the soldiers. The In order to do everything boro, Ky., who in turn sent militarist activity among the them to a select mailing list. mobilized troops. The charge abominable, and Rigaudias' from a long prison term and Campbell also speeches by Moseley and Fath- kind and, if proved, is punish- furiated the army martinets. urgently needed and an appeal er Coughlin. These mailings able by death. were financed by Gilbert.

er of the Knights of the White is permitted to visit him. He friends are tied to a large ex- defense of Rigaudias.)

#### Nazis Join Coughlinites

ST. LOUIS - A German branch of the Union for So-Justice has recently established Louis, and is now holding regular weekly meetings.

This German branch was organized by the local Nazis. members of the German-American Bund. The chairman of this branch is Albert Mueller, "fuhrer" of the St. Louis Nazis, who has, in the past, presided at many Nazi meetings.

It is possible that the Nazis in other parts of the country are also entering Coughlin's organization.

### Twin City Unions Call for for the Democrats by linking the Republican Party with the

United Front Meeting, Set for June 2, Is Expected to Be Largest Ever Held in Area

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. - A united front W.P.A. demonstration, the largest of its kind the Twin Cities on Friday, June Section and the Independent Truck Owners Section, a Joint worked out all details of the monster demonstration, which will take the form of a motorers and truck drivers are expected to participate.

The two Local 544 sections will mass at 257 Plymouth and Marshall. Local 544's Independent Truckowners' section will furnish trucks to con- men. vey all demonstrators. After marching on the district W.P.A. offices in Minneapolis, the mo- tion. torized demonstration will proceed to St. Paul, where it will been warned to declare June 2 be joined by another large contingent of workers from St. be lost by the workers. Paul. White Bear. Hastings. Isanti and Anoka, to bear down

Joint Action Committee call, in

part, for: Bread-Not Bullets

Open the Idle Factories-Let Us Earn a Living.

Reinstate all discharged W.P.A. workers and provide funds immediately to employ all employables continuously at trade union wages.

We insist upon Our Right to Work-Decent Jobs for All. For a Twenty Billion Program of Housing and Public

No Competitive Bidding for W.P.A. Trucking - For the Lesinsky Bill.

Enlarge the N.Y.A. Pro-

State demands call for a special session of the legislature to provide for an immediate slum clearance and housing Action Committee has been set act; a tax on corporate wealth up. This Action Committee has to provide for the unemployed; cash relief; larger old age pensions: abolition of the Stasser ized parade. At least five thou- Labor Slave Act; provide a sand W.P.A. and relief work- State Youth Aid program in proportion to the need.

City demands call for no sales tax; a housing program Avenue at 9 a.m. on June 2. to provide jobs and rat-proof The Workers Alliance contin- homes for workers; the W.P.A. gent will fall in line at Eighth budget for single N.Y.A. workers; and no camps for single

Many unemployed youth are

State W.P.A. officials have

# Of Trade Unionism

he consistently carries out the anti-labor policies of the bosses. His pretended compassion for the underdog is just so much eyewash.

Coughlin favors the abolition of all real trade unions. He plugs for the company union in preference to the authen-

This is Coughlin's real program, just as it is the program of America's Sixty Ruling families.

For the time being the radio priest is forced, in the usual fascist manner, to conceal his true aims behind high of the strike is being weakened sounding, but deceptive, phrases. For were he to state his by aims openly, his support would vanish overnight, and he would cease to be of use to his Big Business backers.

Coughlin's unsavory labor record bears looking into. Back in 1935, before the successful unionization drives in the auto industry, a semi-company union, the Automotive Industrial Workers of America, was set up in the automobile industry. Its greatest strength was in the Chrysler Corporation, but there were branches elsewhere, including a local in bunker dock and take 1,000 barthe Motor Products Company at Detroit.

This "union" received Father Coughlin's blessing, and was known as a "Coughlin union.' It was created, as are company unions generally, to prevent the formation of a real, fighting union, and to force the workers to agree to the

Blesses a Company Union

But something in the plans of the Coughlins and the Chryslers and the Fords went wrong. The workers decided to strike for better conditions. On November 15, 1935, all the members of the Motor Products Co. local of Coughlin's Automotive Industrial Workers union downed tools. This union comprised the majority of the workers in the plant. Another union represented there—the Mechanics Educational Society of America (an independent union) went out in sympathy with the Coughlin unionists. Not a man reported

Tremendous pressure was exerted by the bosses, the National Metal Trade Association, the A.F.L. bureaucracy, and the police, to break the strike. Squad cars and motorcycle details patrolled the plant gates daily. Other squad cars carried scabs to work. Strikers were harassed and attacked.

Faced with this powerful, unified opposition, the strikers thought they could turn for aid to their "protector," Father Coughlin. A delegation of strikers was sent to call upon the priest to present the strikers' viewpoint and enlist his help. What did Coughlin do? Coughlin flatly refused to see

the strikers' delegation! He refused to intercede with the bosses in behalf of the union he had once sponsored. He refused to utter one word in his radio broadcasts in defense of the strikers and in protest against police infimidation And with Coughlin's help, the bosses smashed the strike.

More than three years have passed since then. Coughlin's expected to join the demonstra- policy today is as much, and more anti-labor, as it was in the Motor Products strike.

Harlan County, Kentucky, is again the arena of a labor they have refused to take any workers throughout the world a holiday, so that no time will conflict. Governor Chandler has called out the National direct action to stop the move- What of the United Fruit Com

# Up 14 East Coast Ships; Father Coughlin poses as a friend of the worker, but consistently carries out the anti-labor policies of the Tanker Strike Continues

But NMU Leadershp **Endangers Strike by** Policy on "Hot Oil"

By DAVID COWLES

With the tanker strike in its seventh week, the effectiveness the Curran leadership which refuses to take steps to stop the shipment of "hot oil" by the large oil companies, such as Esso and Standard.

On the Gulf Coast, the N.M. U. crew aboard the F. J. Luckenbach took the stand that "if its finky to go into a filling station and take on five gallons of gas-then it's finky to go to a company to stop taking hot oil. The N.M.U. membership under the militant Houston leadership forced the Lykes Brothers when the company's operatine Eastern Steamsnip Co. Dut Steamship Co. to use only fair oil. (N.M.U. Pilot of May 12, The membership of the S.U.

P. and the S.I.U. was reported in the official N.M.U. Pilot as giving them whole-hearted cooperation in the fight to stop the hot oil. From Houston came the report that the crew of the West coast ship Lena Luckenbach had come into the N.M.U. hall and announced "they never, under any circumwould accept hot bunkers until the N.M.U. had won their demands." And the same report said, "The same kind of solidarity was evidenced in New Orleans, where four S.I.U. ships in a row offered to tie up rather than take on hot oil." (N.M.U. Pilot, May

One week later the report was printed from Galveston that "A.F.L. Ships Refuse to Take Hot Oil Bunkers" and the 'Result was the ship was moved to a fair dock for fuel." (N.M.U. Pilot, May 19, 1939).

**Deceive Members** Stalinist machine behind it, are which however, cannot fail but nowever, trying to deceive the to see the blatant hypocrisy of membership into believing that such propaganda. the S.I.U. is trying to break the tanker strike. They continue aware of the long standing in this deceptive propaganda in vasion of the shipowners into order to hide the fact that on the living standards not only of the all-important East Coast east-coast seamen, but of all (Continued on Page 2)

Seafarer's International Union Wages Most Thorough Strike Action of Year"— Strengthens Cause of Militant Unionism

A fresh breeze of progressive maritime unionism hit the East Coast as the Seafarer's International Union completely tied up the 14 vessels of the Eastern Steamship Company, in what the boss press correctly describes as "the most thorough strike action of this year," on Friday, May 26.

Failing to get their demands for improvement in overtime and hours, and in wage increases of \$10 to \$15 for the deck, engine and stewards departments, the S.I.U., after a

strike vote, ordered the 1,000° seamen from the company's countries? They are not opvessels and left the ships mo- posed to "invading" when they tionless in ports from Port- do it. What they oppose is the rels of oil." And they forced the land, Maine, to Richmond, seamen to invade the swollen Virginia. The strike was profits of the plutocrats who called at the strategic time dominate and control not only tions were nearing the peak cal life of the country. of activity.

Blow at Class-Cooperation The strike strengthens the organized power of militant, class-struggle unionism and deals a blow at the employercooperation unionism of the Curran-Bridges N.M.U. ma chine.

Realizing that the victory of the progressive S.I.U. on the East Coast would be the beginning of a great wave of organizing on the East Coast, the bankers, railroads, and other plutocrats, some of whom are financially interested in the Eastern S. S. Company, have begun a propaganda offensive to put the S.I.U. on the spot.

The front-page stories in al leading metropolitan dailies re flect their alarm at the appear ance of union militants on the Atlantic waterfront affiliated to the same international as the Sailors Union of the Pacific They have built up a picture of the S.U.P. "invading" the east coast, in order to raise a bogev man before the eyes of the pub-The Curran leadership and lic, the intelligent section of

What informed person is not pany's "invasion" and domina

tion of whole Central American S.U.P. helping the east coast the Eastern Steamship Co. but

Brazen Attitude The next act of the bosses and their press, performed with

an air of injured innocence, is to say that they really, really, cannot afford to pay the increases demanded. The implication is that the seamen ought to be, you know, "more considerate." This is an utterly brazen attitude. Just how much consideration is the company showing when it lays the men off during the slow season? Perhaps the men can afford to take the wage losses?

Their last act however is guaranteed to bring the house down, especially if it should happen to be a seamen's audience. To live to see shipowners weeping about the "lack of democracy" in the S.I.U. is to have lived to some purpose. It might be suggested to the company-union-loving shipowners that, should they turn the millions of dollars they spend annually to smash unions through the employment of scabs, thugs, stool-pigeons, and other such democracy-lovers, toward increases in wages, installation improvement of their filthy food menus for the seamen, their crocodile tears might, perhaps, begin to affect us.

The facts are: Two out of three departments voted strike, therefore, the deck and blackgang men were called out. The Eastern Steamship Company thereupon cooperated by firing the steward's dept. (Very considerate.) They are therefore, locked out.

What the shipowners are really afraid of is just that democracy that does exist in the S.I.U. They know that it is a guarantee that their stooges will not be able to bore from within for very long. They know that it means rank and file control of the union, which means that the union will fight for what the seamen think is worth fighting for, and not for what the shipowners might think they should not fight for.

It is that democracy which was a principal factor in making a small group of 6,000 seamen (S.U.P.) such a mighty force on the West Coast, ready and able to challenge the government itself. That is what the shipowners are really afraid of. And they better be, because the membership of the S.U.P. and the S.I.U. are determined to keep their union democratic, seamen's style. The class-struggle unionism

of the S.U.P. is now on the East Coast, with a great future before it. Having the assured cooperation of the longshoremen and the teamsters, the strike should be a success. The S.I.U. is demonstrating the kind of real unity that brings shopowners to their knees.

WAR NOTE

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The U. S. Army is about to start the most feverish recruiting campaign since the World War. To line up the suckers who will be first to get shot, bayonetted, blown apart, or gassed, "high-pressure salesmanship" will be used, says Major Gilbert, in charge.

# Isanti and Anoka, to bear down on the state W.P.A. offices in downtown St. Paul, and thence to the state capitol to Governor Stassen. Militant Demands The demands adopted by the

June 26 in Washington against Leagues, Allentown, Pa., the the W.P.A. cuts were announced this week in a call signed by a number of W.P.A. of Milwaukee, and the Peoples and relief workers organiza-

The call, addressed to unions and unemployed organizations, was signed by the Workers Relief and W.P.A. Union of New-

Plans for a demonstration on | Lehigh County Unemployed Unemployed and Project Workers Union of New York, the American Workers Committee Unemployed League of Mil-

ark, Unemployed Workers Un-sibilities of building a militant ion of Wilkesbarre, Project national organization of unem-Workers Union of Harrisburg, ployed and W.P.A. workers.'

waukee.

The call also states that, preceding the demonstration, there will be held on June 24-25 a conference "to explore the pos-

### The committee centered its Leading Militant of French Fourth Int'l Semitic campaign. This campaign, as brought out by the Faces Death for Anti-Militarist Work

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) audias, leading militant of the sent out against him is of the gravest agitation against them has in- possibly execution, funds are

The Dies committee seized the fortress of Metz under strict with the defendant—the army the correspondence files of army conditions, held incom- prosecutor being under no obli- glad to forward to the proper Campbell and found letters municado so that not even his gation to prove guilt. from George Deatherage, lead- intimate family or his lawyer

The axe of imperialist justice makes even mention of the fact (Internationalist Workers Par- ticular force upon Rigaudias son (betrayal of military seconditions of the latter are It is significant that the bur- is made to workers everywhere Rigaudias is imprisoned in den of proof of innocence lies to furnish financial aid.

The hands of Rigaudias' dressed to it by readers for the

will not be tried by a civil court | tent by the fact that a new law PARIS, May 24.—Leon Rig- but by a military court martial. in France (two months old) of his arrest a crime of trea-

possible to save Rigaudias

(The Socialist Appeal will be bodies in France all funds ad-

First returns from the emergency call to branches for the payment of delinquent bundle order accounts to save the Twice-a-Week Appeal came in during the past week.

The results so far are coming in too slowly to ease the situation. As a matter of fact the crisis has deepened and unless the branches show more speed and action, we are soon coming to a blow-up. There are no two ways about it. Our reserve fund is exhausted. Either the branches must pay their bundle order bills-and pay them right now!-or we can't have the Twice-a-Week Appeal.

The following branches are setting the pace Quakertown—sent in \$4.50 to pay their bill

Lynn, Mass.-Paid \$4.00-up to date. Worcester, Mass.—Paid \$4.80-up to date.

Berkeley Yipsels-\$4.50-almost up to date. Cleveland sent in \$10.00 on account and promises to clean up the back bill as quickly

Los Angeles is paying cash for each bundle, plus \$6.00 weekly on their delinquent

From Newark, organizer George Breitman writes: "We decided last night to divert half the proceeds of a social affair scheduled for this coming Saturday evening as part payment on our Appeal bundle account, and to do the same thing in the near future, in the hope that by the end of next month, by the

time of the convention, we shall have liquidated our account. We are taking other steps to build up the circulation of the paper here; comrade Stanley, will notice a rise in the amount of subs we are sending in this week: we shall continue to get renewal subs whereever possible; we are going to contact our entire party contact list personally within gone month in an attempt to get more new subs; we are now going out onto the streets of the city, into the heart of the city, at least once a week. The Appeal noted that last Saturday we did good work in disposing of the Appeal at the city's busiest corners. This is a turn for the better in Newark, and it is only the beginning. The rest of the summer I am positive will see us increasing our bun-

From Boston, literature director, John Taber writes: "Boston owes only for the last six issues. I just received the bill and will send comrade Stanley a money order to pay for it in full."

The following branches are the outstanding hold-outs who have thus far not responded to the emergency call: Philadelphia, Chicago, Toledo, Akron.

Get busy comrades! Bundle order accounts must be paid right now or the Twice-a-Week Appeal is going down. Branches which are back in their bills must find the ways and means to pay them by emergency action. Other branches must make special efforts to pay a few issues in advance to help us over this desperate emergency.

# In the Labor

By B. J. WIDICK=

Ohio Federation of Teachers, affiliated with the A.F. of L., recently held its state convention. In contrast to other localities, the Ohio Fed eration reported considerable organizational progress.

M. J. Ecke, Secretary-Treasurer of the Ohio Federation, reported that the rast year was the most successful year of the Federation since its organization in 1934.

Gains were made in membership, affiliation of new locals with the Federation and the organization of new locals in the state of Ohio. Then new locals were organized in the past year, bringing the total to twenty-six for the state, of which eighteen are affiliated with the state organization.

Despite undisguised pressure of Ohio State Federation of Labor officials, the convention went on record against any changes in the Wagner Act.

One state official openly told along with us (amend the Wagner Act) we'll withdraw support from your organization.' After a motion to table the resolution defending the Wagner Act was defeated 19 to 61, the convention voted 68 to 13 to oppose any amendments to the Wagner Act.

#### For Labor Unity

L. to submit a national refer- was brought to their attention F. of L. was also made by the

The referendum would be on two questions:

'Shall a department for inwithin the A.F. of L."

"Shall all bona-fide labor unions, not now affiliated, be invited to affiliate with the A. F. of L., on exactly the same to stop all and any movement terms, and to enjoy the same rights, benefits and cooperation erable extent this was in the in the Federation as the unions now members of the same."

A blast at all the anti-alier bills pending before Congress was made in a special resolution which condemned the vic- Arbitration on ious persecution of minorities embodied in those bills.

All Stalinist-supported candidates lost in the elections. E. Glenn Baxter of Elyria was twenty weeks of striking the chosen president, George Ham- Brass Rail in a crucial strugmersmith of Toledo, vice pres- | gle with the Restaurant Guild, ident, Eugenia Couden of the members of Waiters' Union sure from the men in the tankfield, sergeant of arms. Eck ance of compulsory arbitration, was re-elected to his post of the Stalinist leadership's prosecretary-treasurer.

#### Trainmen Meet

Another convention in Ohio tion that is expected to last at a \$5 strike tax. least two months!

sions are closed. Anyone talk- local has tried to cook up a ing to a newspaperman is sub- settlement based on the Guild's ject to expulsion. But despite main demand. Meeting after these steps to keep absolute meeting has repudiated such a silence over his moves, Presi- line; and as recently as a dent A. F. Whitney is having a month ago, President Lee was little trouble.

falling out between Whitney organized in a group, made and George Anderson, secre- substantial headway in weaktary-treasurer. Anderson pub- ening Stalinist control. lished a small pamphlet. charging the Whitney admin- by the inter-local Stalinist maistration with exorbitant ex- chine in their attempt to offset penditure of union funds. He progressive influence in Local claims that expenditures in- 16 is the action taken by Harry creased \$990,000 during the Reich, C. P. leader in Cooks past ten years, compared to a and Kitchen Workers Local 89, that a close friend of Whit- controversy with the Restau ney's who handles the union | rant Guild. Reich has officialinsurance business, got nearly by proposed acceptance of the half a million dollars in com- Guild's terms. Because no ef International is just off the missions.

was reprinted by a Cleveland passed without a ripple. newspaper, Whitney, instead of replying to the accusations. threatened to take the conven- which should arouse the protion to another city where the gressives in Local 16 and the power and his revision of the press would be more favorably militant membership behind traditional Marxist doctrine of

Later on Whitney declared A grave responsibility rests that the increase in the union upon the shoulders of the Pro- estine are treated in several revenue by \$10,000,000 in the gressive Group of this local. If articles by writers from Palespast ten years justified the in-the arbitration provisions are tine and this country. This creased expenditures because jammed through, its ranks will question is of special importhe union had grown from 57,-| dwindle and become demoral- tance in view of the recent de-000 to 123,000.

over the convention and its one whose outcome will affect lin's fascist movement. proceedings. Anderson, for ex- the fate of the foodworkers ample, got the axe because of fighting C.P. betrayal in all tents of the June number folhis opposition to Whitney.

### CURRAN POLICY ON "HOT OIL" ENDANGERS TANKER STRIKE Militant Traditions of N.M.U. Membership Smothered by Class-Collaboration of Curran

Leadership as Strike Enters Seventh Week

companies.

The Curran leadership consome demonstrations. ducted of Commerce to become more careful in the aid they were giving the oil companies in issuing certificates of efficiency to their finks; it has even fined the companies a total of \$67,-000. But they did not stop the shipment of the hot oil by the finks who already had the certificates of efficiency.

Then there was picketing of the docks. This was good publicity, but it was difficult to stop the finks from getting aboard the tankers and this policy, by itself, could not stop the shipment of "hot oil". Gas Stations Picketed

Picketing the gas stations that were selling the "hot oil" was a method of warning the consumers that there was a strike on against the oil companies. But the strikers could of the gas stations selling the

struck oil. In all the rest the delegates, "If you don't go oil would be sold and the buying public would not even know of the existence of the strike. And in all cases, the oil had already been shipped and delivered so that all who wanted to buy, and aid in breaking the strike, could do so. Declaring the struck oil com-

panies "unfair" would help warn the union men and union sympathizers against buying A call to the national A.F. of their products — if the notice endum on the question of unity and if they then remembered between the C.I.O. and the A. the products. But the oil and the by-products would have been shipped to the market and those who had not learned of the strike or having learned did not remember the by-products, dustrial unionism be set up would unwillingly aid in break ing the strike.

Only Effective Way The only effective way to stop the sale of "hot oil" was of the struck oil. To a considpower of the Curran leadership. The freighter and passen-

#### C.P. Machine Forces Brass Rail Strikers

NEW YORK, May 23.-After posal for terminating the controversy. To date, the membership has held out against the deman of the bosses for comhas a different character—the pulsory arbitration despite the quadrennial convention of the phenagling of the Communist Brotherhood of Railway Train- | Party sell-out machine. At the men. While thousands of rail- union's last meeting on May road workers are walking the 18, the waiters crowded into

From the first, the Albert-What a convention! All ses- son-Lee administration of the voted out of office in an elec-There seems to have been a tion in which the progressives,

Significant of the role played fective opposition existed in press. When part of this pamphlet Local 89, the proposal was

Progressives Must Act That's a straw in the wind them to the greatest vigilance. the state.

00 to 123,000. ized. Their following will be velopments in Palestine.
Whitney can scarcely blame unable to feed their families The Editor's Comments con-

the locals.

(Continued from Page 1) ger ships take a large quantity of the "hot oil" and break of oil both for running the ships ment of the "hot oil" and break of oil both for running the ships the resistance of the tanker and as cargo. These are manned by N.M.U. crews. Curran had only to give the order and the men would have tied up the These forced the Department ships and stopped the movement of "hot oil."

Far from doing this, the Curran leadership has made it a policy to force the membership on N.M.U. vessels to move the "hot oil". When one N.M.U. crew refused to take on the "hot oil" the Curran leadership ordered them to obey and in this way, forced them to move the hot oil and help break the strike of their N.M.U. brothers.

Point to Agreement The Currans justify their action by pointing to the N.M.U. agreement which promises the shipowners that "there shall be no strikes, sit-downs, quickies, or other stoppages of work. Members of the union participating in such stoppage of work shall be subject to discharge by the company, and the union cover only a very small section | shall furnish the replacement of such employes. A violation of this provision shall render this agreement null and void at the option of this company.

According to this agreement if the men stopped work on the shipping of the "hot oil" the company was given permission to discharge them. Curran ordered the men to save this and the rich richer.' agreement even if it meant hot oil.

union man against union man finks, was shoved down the throats of the membership by eaucratic character of this machine is shown not only by this rent tanker strike.

Main Centers its main centers in Boston, New items of apparel. York, Marcus Hook, Houston and Port Arthur, was called on April 17 when the tanker combasic demand of the N.M.U.: panies refused to sign an agreebefore the strike call, the Curran leadership preached faith in the government's Maritime Labor Board. Finally, the presmitting a coastwise vote of the membership.

rine Inspection and Navigation. their former articles.

# ST. PAUL UNIONS In the "Nation DISCUSS PLIGHT

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) ST. PAUL, Minn., May 24.-95 delegates representing 41 unions discussed the problems of unemployment and relief at a special conference sponsored by the unemployment committee of the Trades and Labor Assembly on May 19. Every important section of the labor movement such as the Building Trades, the drivers unions, ser vice trades, professional unions, etc., sent delegates, a striking measure of the interest in unemployment as a union

Although the first speaker, Frank Rarig, representative of the local relief administration. tried to confuse the issues by alking in terms of million dollar bond issues and by playing down the low standards of relief, the problems were clearly stated in discussion from the floor by delegates who from their own experience or that of their members know what the ercion. really miserable relief conditions are.

The general attitude was well summed up in the words of a delegate from the Carpenters' Union, who said, "Let's stop trying to make provisions would replace the men. If he to push the poor further down did not do so fast enough, the in the gutter. No matter how company could void the agree. much money is appropriated, ment-if it so wished. Curran the poor keep getting poorer The inadequacies of

drowning the tanker strike in clothing allowances were sharply pointed out by a woman del-Ths agreement, which sets egate from the Restaurant Employes Union who cited and forces the real union men such cases as that of three in the N.M.U. to the level of children, 2, 3, and 4 years old with blisters on their feet from shoes which were too small, the Curran machine. The bur- | but who were nevertheless denied shoes. She further challenged Mr. Rarig's statement company-union agreement but that clothing was adequate on also by the tactics in the cur- St. Paul relief by pointing out the red tape and inefficiency of distribution which forced The tanker strike, which has clients to wait months for

The Housing Question Housing in St. Paul is one of vanies refused to give into the employed and received much attention from the delegates. preferential hiring. The com- The newspaper of the city central body, the Union Advocate, ment of any sort. For weeks in publishing a survey made on housing conditions by the unemployment committee quoted from an article in Fortune of "The slums of St. Paul are ers forced them to act and the among the worst in the nation." and Paul Parker of Spring- security through the accept- Curran leadership called the John Barret, member of the the United Rubber Workers of hearing declared Goodyear's strike—but without even per- Steamfitters Union and labor America. representative in the Minnesota legislature, pointed out that The shipowners proceeded this conservative session of the the city, was narrowly averted the company should be glad to endorsement of the Teamsters immediately to break the strike legislature had refused even to after workers in the processing with their own forces, the aid pass an Enabling Act to allow division attempted to set their happy to bury. I suggest that apolis Central Labor Union. of the government and the wea- cities in Minnesota to do some- own production schedules. pons furnished them by the thing about their miserable When the company changed the Curran leadership. The tanker housing conditions. Building shifts onto night work, the contract which Curran had giv- trades delegates particularly workers entered the factory at later date. en the companies left in their cited the need for condemning streets, 975 delegates are leis- Hotel Center and indicated hands the power to register as the thousands of homes found day. urely going through a conventheir fighting mood by voting many men as they wanted. unfit for human habitation by Where this was insufficient, previous surveys and for laythey got cooperation from the ing out a program of publicity government's Bureau of Ma to press for decent housing. The questions of unemploy to break their own laws by is- ment compensation were resuing the necessary certifi- ported by Frank Starkey of the

cates of efficiency to people Industrial Commission, and ifications under the law. The pretations of the new 1939 legto shanghai men at sea, refus- tions on these questions were states, and forcing them them committee of the Assembly to sign articles to go to other which will lay out a program places than those called for by to help the union movement to face the problem.

### June New Int'l Features previous period. He also said which is also involved in the Trotsky on Bonapartism

The June number of the New | 1. The Editor's Comments:

Leon Trotsky is featured, with an article on the Bonapartist philosophy of the state. This article examines Stalin's present day conception of State

The Jewish question and Pal-

the rank and file of his union and buck the Stalinist class- cern themselves this time for being very suspicious of collaborating administration largely with an examination any explanations in view of the unless they are protected with largely with an examination dictatorial control he holds job security. Their struggle is and analysis of Father Cough-

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Naomi Handleman.

Of Homeowners"

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) AKRON, O., May 24.—For the information of the Federal Housing Authority, the Home Owners Loan Corporation and the Akron Chamber of Commerce, this item is reprinted from the Akron Beacon Journal lost and found column:

"LOST-10 x 12 tent: corner Broadway, High sts., Cuyahoga Falls. Property of W.P.A. worker, used as home." They might use it in some of

their speeches about the U.S. "nation of home-

#### Akron Union Men Testify on Rule By Police Club

ernment by police club was un- the title of "criminal syndicalfolded here this week before the City Council committees on laws, have been used by reacpublic welfare and social services, as C.I.O. and A.F.L. representatives testified to police brutality, intimidation and co- italism.

Committee hearings were ber Co., limitation of pickets in the Akron Dry Goods Co. department store strike, and the general reactionary campaign strike into insignificance be-

Akron Dry pickets related now a police sergeant started back-to-work movement, which was blocked by the alertness of the rank and file.

A C. I. O. representative warned that the police could not continue their dictatorial tactics forever without the workers retaliating. A representative of the county A.F.L central body condemned the "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde attitudes" of the city law depart-

head,'' he declared.

# LEHMAN SIGNS REACTIONARY

(By Staff Writer) ALBANY, N. Y., May 28.-Governor Lehman of New York, darling of the liberals, social-democrats and Stalinists, today approved the notorious Devany bill, which bars from civil service and teaching positions in the public 'schools "persons advocating the overthrow of the government by force." The bill had been shoved through a reactionary state legislature.

The bill was signed by Lehman, self-styled "democrat," in face of the fact that similar (Special to the Socialist Appeal) in face of the fact that similar AKRON, O., May 24.—The bills on the statute books of sordid story of attempted gov- numerous states, usually under ism" or "criminal anarchy" tionaries and labor-haters as a vicious weapon against all nonconformists and critics of cap-

The Devany bill is a direct blow at the freedom of thought called following vehement pro- and social or political activity tests against the clubbing of of civil servants and public pickets at the Lowenthal Rub- school teachers. It is designed to intimidate anyone in the schools or civil service, threatening them with loss of their jobs if they express any kind of city officials to black-jack a of vigorous, to say nothing of revolutionary, social opinions fore it can become a city-wide or engage in activity that cor responds to their beliefs.

Hypocrisy is added to this at tack on the labor and radical movements by the pious assertion that it is "also" aimed at 'reactionaries' and 'fascists. a claim which is loudly belied by the fact that almost without exception every red-batter and reactionary in the state stood solidly behind the bill. Just as well-established is the fact that in any case, as all experience has shown, such laws, at their "fairest," are applied 99 percent to workers and radi-"Sympathy from a pious law | cals and only 1 percent—a very director doesn't heal a cracked lenient 1 percent, at that-to

### the major problems of the un-lemplayed and received much Rubber Workers Pace New **Activity in Akron Unions**

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) [ N.L.R.B. charges of unfair were expressed last week in were outside the law. several major developments in The union attorney

A strike at Goodrich, now, the regular time during the

The resultant confusion so crippled production that an all and Firestone Tire and Rubber most complete shutdown oc- Co. and the Lowenthal Rubber curred. At a special union Co. meeting, it was voted by a slim margin to return to work. A departmental strike of

truck tire builders at the Genwho had not the slightest qual- delegates questioned the inter- eral Tire and Rubber Co. was temporarily ended when the companies even went so far as islative rulings. Further ac- union acceded to a wage cut for the time being. Union ofing to take them back to the referred to the unemployment ficers, however, have been empowered to call a strike if wage negotiations are not satisfactorily concluded. To the embarrassment of the

union officialdom, the ghost of the 1936 Goodyear sit-down strike was raised during the N.L.R.B. hearings against the company, which began May 22 Flushed with the victory scored against the C.I.O. when the Supreme Court declared

sit-down strikes illegal, the

company has responded

AKRON, O., May 24.—Indica- labor practices by charges that tions of a dynamic resurgence | certain U.R.W.A. activities durthree years ago which stated, of the Akron labor movement ing and after the 1936 strike

> were also illegal actions you draw the curtain upon it." the hearings recessed until a

> Other developments this week were the signing of contracts between the U.R.W.A.

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# **WORKERS'FORUM**

to

FIGHTING COUGHLIN Editor

ticles on Coughlin, came to the We don't think it enough to

against their own interests, to choose between them. how their discontent with unemployment, war, fascism and an inadequate standard of liv- Newark, N. J.

that to end these things one from the plaintiffs; of being in increasing numbers for the A number of the comrades must kill the Jews. On each guilty of contempt of court be-tickets available at the Ameri-Central Europe—by Jan here in Newark, in an informal major social problem, one cause Miles Dunne, at a mass can Fund, 100 Fifth Ave., Room discussion of the Appeal's ar-|should show that Coughlin has meeting of the union movement 1609, where they are still sellno real program. Then, in con- held in the municipal auditoritrast, our own transitional pro- um, said: "Court order or no gram should be set forth, show- court order, we'll never show merely characterize Coughlin ing the difference between our books"; for "causing to be as an anti-Semite and a fas- Coughlin and a working class | collected large sums from varicist. What is much more im- party's program. The way to ous employers allegedly for portant is a series of articles arouse the most effective agi- back pay for employes who analyzing his program, ex- tation, we believe, is by conplaining that Coughlin exploits trasting his program with ours. the sentiments of the masses and calling upon the workers Fraternally.

GEORGE BREITMAN

# Local 544 Exposes Boss-Inspired Court Action

Show Boss Hand in Charges Against Union; C. P. Backs Union Busting Suit

By CARL O'SHEA

back in February, 1938, five al. well the principle that a union leged members of the General never lets the bosses get their Drivers Union Local 544 filed a complaint against the union, calling upon the district court to turn over all the union's books and records to the complainants. The reactionary boss-inspired character of this move against Local 544 was immediately exposed on two counts: the nature of the charges against the union, and the character of the five truck owners who signed the complaint.

Boss Charges

Among other demands, the complaint called upon the court to break the provisions of contracts safeguarding jobs of union members; to end "illegal picketing"; attacked employment by the union of crganizers "to intimidate and coerce non-union drivers and owners"; and charged that the union has "intimidated and coerced the officers and agents of said city having control of the disbursement of relief funds, into paying out large sums of money for relief to persons who were not equitably or legally entitled thereto, or larger amounts than the recipients were entitled to, all to the prejudice of the taxpayers of said city.'

One of the five complainants had become an employer and was no longer a truck driver; one had been disciplined by the union for undercutting the stipulated union scale; one scabbed during a strike. All were alien to trade unionism, all were tools of reactionary politicians and bosses who inspired and financed their move. At least one of them has since been caught recruiting members for the fink "Associated Indepen dent Union.'

Local 544, true to its militant tradition, mobilized its members and the entire Minneapolis labor movement against the fink suit. When the case was tried before court, Judge Reed ordered 544 to turn over its books and records to the five finks. Local 544 refused and

has steadfastly refused to permit the five agents of the emaccess to the union's books and records. At every stage in this remarkable fight, and admonished: "It (the the General Drivers Union has the largest rubber factory in Goodyear strike) is something had the complete support and bury and the U.R.W.A. will be Joint Council and the Minne-Every worker realized the fink The trial examiner declared suit was a fight against the entire labor movement and that a fundamental union principle was involved. This fight is of to lead his team in a grudge prime importance to the labor movement of the United States, and the resistance of Local 544 and the local labor movement to the fink suit has certainly St. and 5th Avenue, on June 10. dissuaded employers from the under the auspices of the Ameridea that it is an easy matter ican Fund for Political Prisonto gain access to the books and

> records of unions Courts Back Down The case went to the state the Socialist Appeal for having supreme court which, reacting given the name of his darkto the pressure of the city and horse scrub as Schmelka state labor movement, left a Gainsborough, declaring that loop-hole for the district judge the misprint was a deliberate to retreat. The district judge attempt to create the impresthen amended his order, deny- sion that his team would pering the plaintiffs access to the mit the collaboration of an union's books and ordering the Englishman. His scrub's real case to be heard.

the finks has made one at gan. tempt after another to get the name of the union.

municate details to Socialist ney, Arthur Anderson, filed that they would rattle their adnew charges against Local 544. versaries even before the game The union officers are accused of being communists; of calling strikes without authority however, find the teams fairly from the membership; of hold- evenly matched, with the edge ing the union election contrary going, if anything, to either to the union laws; of deliber- side. However that may be, ing is used by him to answer ately concealing the records sport fans have been clamoring were members of Local 544.' The Pay-Off

Every union man and woman in the country wil recognize that the new charges are cut from the same cloth as the original charges. And every

union man, every union, will MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.-Way hail Local 544 for defending se dirty fingers on a union's books and records, from which they could compile blacklists, etc. It is unthinkable that any

union would do anything but vote a resolution of support to Local 544 in this fight. No honest working-class or-

ganization would act any differently. THE COMMUNIST  $\mathbf{BUT}$ 

PARTY WOULD—AND DOES. New Low for C.P. In a breath-taking article, the

Stalinist Midwest Labor "Wrecker" for May 22 refers to the five finks as "rank and file members" of the union. 'The Communist Party of Minnesota in a wire to the Record declared that the defendants were Trotskyites, who called themselves 'Communists' to hide their fascist inclinations. The Communist Party agreed with the complainants that the Trotskyites were guilty of anti-labor activi-

For the first time the Stalinist leaders are out in the open defending the finks who are acting for the employers in attacking the drivers' movement.

The union movement, to a man, recognizes that the ONLY thing Local 544's leaders are guilty of is acting militantly and successfully in defending the interests of its members and the unemployed. All the fink charges boil down to this. How About This?

This shameful behavior of the leaders of the Communist Party in Minnesota and the Midwest Record, in joining the fink attack on the union movement, ought to bring down upon the heads of the C.P. the condemnation of every honest worker, no matter what his political beliefs may be.

How about this? Certainly no honorable union man or woman can do less than denounce this foul act of betrayal, and pledge further support to 544 in this fight.

# challenged the court's decision. All Labor Backs 544 For fifteen months Local 544 FARRELL FORCES GETTING SHAKY

By the Political Sports Editor Great significance was attached to an announcement, indignantly made by James T. Farrell, Captain of the Studs Lonigan Athletic Club, who is baseball match against the Marxist Maulers (captained by "Snorky" Jim Cannon), at the Heckscher Foundation, 104th ers and Refugees, beneficiary of the game.

Farrell violently denounced name, he contends, is Schmel-Since then the attorney for ka Gilligan, formerly Fitzgilli-

The Marxist Maulers are union books and to smear the claiming to be gleeful at this announcement, seeing in it a Last week the finks' attor- confirmation of their boast began.

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# In the World of Labor

By Paul G. Stevens =

#### Fourth Internationalists Organize Anti-Nazi Fight in Denmark

It is fast becoming a fact that wherever there is organized, militant struggle against fascism, there the Fourth Internationalists will be found at the forefront; wherever a section of the Fourth International exists, there the fascists cannot take to the streets without facing battle.

The Socialist Workers Party brought the masses into the streets to meet the provocations of the Nazi Bund and the various homebaked varieties of fascism in New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and San Francisco in the course of the past year. The Revolutionary Socialist Party of Belgium stopped Degrelle's Rexists in their tracks in one mining town after another, when the fascists attempted to penetrate the proletarian strongholds of the Borinage region. And now, word comes that the newly organized section of the Fourth International in Denmark, the Internationalist Communist Party whose formation we greeted in these columns but a short few months ago, led a successful counter-demonstration against the Danish Nazis in Copenhagen on May 1.

Close to the German border and thus more arrogant than elsewhere, the Danish Nazis provocatively announced a mass meeting in one of the city's public squares on the workers' holiday. The social democrats and the Stalinists responded to this challenge in their usual cowardly fashion - they demonstrated under the national flag in a park miles away from the Nazis. Only our Danish comrades took up the challenge. Thousands of leaflets calling for a counter-demonstration were distributed by the I.C.P. throughout Copenhagen on the day before the demonstration and, on May Day, at the rallies of the Stalinists and the social democrats.

Everywhere the appeal was greeted enthusiastically. Fifteen hundred workers joined the I.C.P. in active combat at the Nazi meeting. Although the police protected the latter, they could not make themselves heard. Every speaker was pelted with a multitude of projectiles from the crowd, which was wellequipped with rotten eggs and ripe tomatoes.

In this action, the I.C.P. for the first time brought into the public streets of Denmark the transitional slogans of the Fourth International. Inscribed on placards, they were greeted enthusiastically by the assembled workers. Altogether, it was an auspicious baptism in action for this fighting infant in the ranks of our international.

More power to the Danish Bolshevik-Lenin-

#### Ranks of French "Labor" Leaders Split by Munich Crisis

Some time ago, this column indicated the rift created in the ranks of the major Frencn labor organizations after the September crisis. In the General Federation of Labor (C.G.T.) the formerly militant syndicalist minoritythe "Amis de Syndicats" - countered the Jouhaux-Stalinist war-mongering with nothing but a pro-Munich type of "pacifism". In the official Socialist Party (S.F.I.O.), where Leon Blum joined the Stalinists in their pro-war line, the crisis brought forward the pro-Munich tendency of Paul Faure. Now the rift has widened considerably.

The syndicalists, with their blind apathy toward politics and their superficial anti-Stalinism, were bound to flounder into dangerous waters. At first, their agreement with the Flandin-Bonnet group of capitalist "Munichois" appeared to be a mere coincidence. When their pamphlets were reprinted in the press of this imperialist gang, that should have been cause for them to pause. It was, but instead of re-evaluating their phoney kind of pacifism, they began to "reconsider". . . their syndical-

They have finally arrived at a conclusion which makes their class collaboration no better, and in a sense even more dangerous, than that of Jouhaux and the Stalinists whom they have been fighting for years. Joint meetings with the bosses' association representatives "in the general interest of the country" have been organized by such prominent syndicalists as Georges Dumoulin and Delaisi in the North, where they are in control of the unions. Dumoulin writes in their paper, "Syndicats," with a cynicism characteristic of those whom he has fought in the past:

"There are, of course, some risks. . . We haven't abandoned a particle of our class feelings; we merely think that, like everything else, the class struggle has changed. It has taken on new forms. In every case, constructive work requires collaboration and no durable construction is possible without loyal collaboration. . ."

The syndicalists are thus well on their way.

The syndicalists are thus well on their way.

The syndicalists are thus well on their way into the camp of the Munich group of French capitalists, just as their Stalinist opponents have already lined up with the pro-war group.

#### Paul Faure Lines up The S. P. against Blum

In the S.F.I.O., the same tendency is reflected in the struggle between the Paul Faure and Leon Blum factions. Under the cry that of the mine workers desired to and thousands of empty seats, "the heavy obligations imposed by national defense are serving as a pretext for a policy of social reaction", Faure demands, not a denunciation of national defense by coalitions with the capitalist parties . . . but a break with the Stalinists on the part of Leon Blum and the Socialist Party. Having been the general secretary of that party Paul Faure lined up a large majority at the party convention last week-end in a test vote on whether to debate a resolution on this subject which he had presented and the National Committee had suppressed. Faure does not yet openly propose alignment with the Flandin-Bonnet group of French capitalists. But his stand in the Munich crisis leaves no doubt that he is headed in the same direction on the political field as the syndicalists are on the trade union field.

### On the Line . . . with Bill Morgan

EN ROUTE—One night last week I am sitting in Molly's Cafe in Milford, Utah, enjoying a glass of lukewarm beer and listening to the nickel music-box which is playing my favorite swing tune, the Beer Barrel Polka, when the door swings open with a bang and in stalks a long, slim guy all dolled up in a red silk shirt and cowboy boots.

He stands in the doorway for a couple of seconds like a fire alarm box before he spots me and then he makes a beeline for my table. and then he waits for a lull in the music before he opens up that down at the post office he heard I am in possession of radical litera-

Sure, I says, knowing it is too late to make a quick exit and with a quiver in my otherwise normal voice, it is still a free country to some extent and the post office ain't run

#### by Hitler is it? Slim Beaver Explains Himself

No, he says slowly, and he smiles just a little which right off makes the severe pain in my solar plexus ease up considerably. Then he smiles again like before, and intro-

duces himself as Slim Beaver, and explains that all he wants is some information on Socialism because he is in a jam since 1932 when he voted a straight Socialist ticket merely because he figured that the other two parties on the ballot are nothing but horses from the same nest even if they do call each other dirty names, and no matter which gets a grip on the public payroll the difference is the same, whereas the Socialists might be on the level, only what happened to the Socialist Party anyway and how can he find out where it is?

Now Slim is in a tough spot and his difficulties increase all the time because for one thing, as everybody knows, Norman Thomas did not get elected and for another thing, as everyone in Milford knows, the way you vote in a small town is public news, and for another thing Slim doesn't know a thing about Socialism, and ever since that election he has been pestered by the local yokels to explain Marxism, which is a complete mystery to Slim, but which he knows would pin back the ears of these birds, if only he had the an-

swers, and he knows from just figuring out Now my pain is entirely gone. I encourage Slim to go ahead and ask questions. He does, and I answer, without once using words like recapitulation and bourgeois, which would sound like the Ladies Afternoon Literary Club in a jam session fit to suffocate any cowpuncher who might be in the same corral. After five or six beers, Slim and I are now the best of pals, and he is hanging on every word, as I tell him about the Socialist Workers Party and the Fourth International and how it was organized by revolutionists from every nook and cranny of the country and was preparing to have a real show-down with Capitalism, and how he ought to join up and fight against the war which the bosses are aiming to set off in order to boost profits in the name of Democracy, and I also explain why the Stalinists have taken to jitterbugging to the

tune of the Star Spangled Banner. Slim eats it all up. Then he says he has a bunch of the boys from the Lazy R ranch who are all hot about the idea of organizing. If he calls them in, would I mind?

They come tramping in and when their hard sounds like a herd of wild mustangs racing across a tin roof. It looks like a rodeo, what with all the blue, green and yellow shirts and the horse-opera hats.

#### Cowboy and Cattle Owner

It seems that there is considerable unemployment, and cowboys are being forced to apply for home relief and W.P.A. jobs digging ditches which is a sorry come down the way they look at it, and anyway the W.P.A. is about washed up and that means just home

At the same time the Cattle Owners Association is raising hell and blaming Roosevelt. because he has signed a trade treaty with Argentine to ship beef in cans from South America for the Army and Navy here in the U.S.A. Now these cattle owners are Republicans who want to put the Democrats on the spot, but at the same time they are very strong patriots who are saying that this country could lick the whole world and that we must protect South America from invasion because the Italians and the Germans have their eye on it and by right it belongs to us. They tell the unemployed cowhands to join the Army or the Navy and show their patriotism and gratitude at being born in a free country.

Now the cattle owners are in a fix because how can they keep a straight face when they talk about defending American trade rights in South America, when these trade rights mean that the more trade in this canned beef throws men out of jobs and on to the home relief and the W.P.A. which the Republicans want to do away with outright instead of diplomatic like Roosevelt is doing it? This is the main question out in the cow country and Slim and his friends are anxious to hear the answer because things are getting tougher every

Well. I am almost stuck because these fellows are sure there is a mistake being made by somebody in this whole mess and that if this little misunderstanding would only be cleared up everything would be hunky dory once more. So I start out carefully and explain that there is no mistake and that no one really is fooled by all this except a few dopes who cannot see through the game which is part of a system. Little by little I try to show them that the bosses are forced into situations which can be solved only by a war. Then I go on and explain also how the patriots in the steel industry are also velling about defending America and all the while they are selling scrap iron to Japan which makes it into bullets and how the armament bosses sell arms and patents to any country which will buy them for good money, regardless of who will get shot with all the guns they sell. Patriotism depends entirely on profits and it is only natural that they will give your life for their country if you let them get away with it. It can't be otherwise unless we organize and put

the damper on them in a hurry.

# Father Coughlin Is Labor's Mortal Enemy

# Friendship for Labor Is So Much Eyewash

(Continued from Page 1) miners on strike. The com- tance of their bosses' handorder: "Shoot to kill!"

ways stands, with the bosses.

Justice, May 22): "Troops Pro- | they forget they are . . . worktect Men Working in Kentucky Mines." The "men working" naturally are scabs, but this the pious father conveniently 'forgets' to mention. Coughlin whitewashes the bosses—the same bosses who were so scathingly criticized for their antilabor practices by the LaFollette Civil Liberties Committee last year. Coughlin throws the entire blame for the conditions

right to work, Governor Chandler found it necessary to call out nearly 1.000 National Guard troops to stand guard over the mines." The article states further: "Lewis defied the forces of law and order in Harlan County, Ky., where Governor which have been troubling Chandler said that 75 per cent Communist Party members, work, despite Lewis' command | sent the audience away with that they continue in idleness. The cry of revolt (against ones raised, at the Negrin-Del Lewis) was heard in other sections, sickened by Lewis' oneman rule over their jobs, homes | night, May 22. and happiness.'

How about the bosses' tyranny over the workers, Father tions of Walter Krivitsky, for-Coughlin? How about the bosses' iron grip over the jobs, homes and happiness of the strikers? On these points Coughlin is silent. He always attacks the workers when they seek to strengthen their unions. He has no word of criticism against the bosses' strikebreaking.

Chandler calls out the troops Negrin regime, these revelaagainst the striking miners. The National Guard comman- the Communist Party and its der gives the order "shoot to sympathizing circle a wide. Father Coughlin ap- spread demand for an answer plauds vehemently, and shouts from Negrin and the Commu-'Hurrah!'' and 'Amen!'' nist leaders. That's the sort of man that workingman.

seek to smash the unions and Guard to terrorize the 12,000 force workers to meek accepmander of the National Guard outs. Coughlin wants 'no conhas given his men the brutal flict" between labor and employer. He wants "national Where does Coughlin stand unity," the "corporative state" on this clear-cut labor issue? a la Mussolini. "National uni-With the workers? Of course ty," says Coughlin (Social Jusnot. He stands where he al- tice, May 8) will solve the problem of the unemployed. The Coughlin entitles an article course of national unity "will on the Harlan strike (Social | be open to Americans the day

> States back on its feet.' No unions, no strikes, "unity" between workers and capitalists—this is the fascist answer to the problems of decaying capitalism. It is the answer of Coughlin and his back-

> > By FELIX MORROW

to answer any of the questions

no questions answered and new

Vayo mass meeting at Madi-

son Square Garden Monday

The meeting took place un-

der the shadow of the revela-

mer chief of the Soviet Mili-

tary Intelligence in Western

Europe, and of Luis Araquis-

tain, left wing Spanish Social-

Corroborating authoritatively

the charges made by revolu-

tionists in Spain and abroad

concerning the scabby and

sabotaging role of the Stalinist-

tions have aroused throughout

ist leader.

Negrin's last-minute failure in the New York Times, an-

the

was in Mexico.

to appear, the failure of Del nouncing Negrin's appearance

Vayo and the other speakers that evening. But at the far-

of America.

ers or capitalists and decide to cooperate in putting the United

Sixty Families.

Labor's interests are in uncompromising conflict with Coughlinism, which is the most hypocritical, the most insidious, and therefore the most out, and the most ou ous, and therefore the most dangerous manifestation of American fascism today. Coughlinism means concentration camps, forced labor, a prison regime for the workers as "vaguely cordial."

If the workers are passive and deluded here as they were asked Campbell if Gov. Alfred in Germany, Coughlinism will M. Landon, former Republican ley's connection with the antisucceed in depressing their liv- candidate for the Presidency, ing standards to the level of the Chinese coolie. To stamp out American fascism before it breeds and spreads, the work- ed vigorously over this phase of melia. ers must prepare now to protect their unions, their meetings and their organizations. Workers must form defense squads to beat back the fascists | between himself and Campbell | hope, he testified, that Moseley

calls upon the workers to spurn endoes." He answered Camp- He had discussed the perspecfascist appeals, solidify their ranks, and form their own de- cause they were brought to his eral had not committed himfense squads. This is the way attention by McWhirter. ers, the DuPonts, the Morgans, to fight Coughlinism.

end of the meeting-after the

collection—it was suddenly an-

nounced that Negrin had been

unable to "return" because he

try of refugees into Mexico.

But if so, why the advertise-

ment that morning? Even more

pertinent, why was he listed

as a guest the following eve-

ning in New York at a party

for Dorothy Parker? Negrin's

failure to appear indicates a

new schism within the ranks

of the Stalinists and their al-

lies. They deny it? Let them

Two other speakers promi-

nently advertised that morning

failed to appear—Archibald

MacLeish and Fannie Hurst. A

New Masses against MacLeish

indicates a break there too. As

for the distinguished woman

novelist. I am authoritatively

informed that she refused to

and Del Vayo after reading Ar-

aquistain's exposure of their

Thousands Stay Away

exposures, and the truth told

disgusted with Stalinist policy

in Spain and with the failure

Krivitsky's and Araquistain's French imperialism.

ause in Spain.

produce Negrin on a platform!

announcement conveyed

implication that Negrin

# Dies Investigation of

(Continued from Page 1)

In one of the letters found by committee, McWhirter was of Jewish descent.

The two Republican mem-Hamilton was called in for of the Knights of the White Cawhenever they launch an at- and issued a long statement to would lead a movement to es-The Socialist Workers Party Dies attack as based on "innu- ernment in the United States.

When McWhirter took the

the Stalinist meeting.

Del Vavo Ducks

Conscious that his audience

wanted an answer to the Ara-

quistain and Krivitsky charges,

Del Vayo began by saying that

ical speech. When would be the

time? He did not say. His

opening formula was, however,

merely a pretext for not an-

swering the charges. For his

masters, the Stalinists, would

The only reference to the

not and could not answer.

ing an advertisement appeared munist party members and

was busy arranging for the en- it was no time to make a polit-

stand, he "forgot" all the detee, which Dies characterized tails concerning the letters he had written fascist Campbell.

Knights of White Camelia The committee then began investigating Maj. Gen. Mose-Semitic campaign. They called for questioning, not Moseley, but George Deatherage, head bers of the committee protest- of the Knights of the White Ca-

the investigation and later Deatherage gave the history questioning by Dies. Hamilton melia and its revival as a fasdenied any political connection cist movement. It had been his the press characterizing the tablish a fascist form of govbell's letters, he stated, be- tive with Moseley but the genself.

Deatherage predicted a wave of suicides in the United States like that which swept the Su-

His surgical operation would friends who stayed away from be the substitution of military courts for the Federal government and the State governments "until such time as the people of the country should have re-established their ability to govern themselves."

The Dies committee asked General Moseley if he would testify voluntarily or if it would be necessary to suppoen him. The General replied that it was not convenient for him to appear at present. The committee responded stiffly that it could no longer await his convenience charges that they permitted and adjourned indefinitely.

#### him was: "Certain elements say we blocked the social revo- 400 Hear Shachtman lution in Spain; but the same elements also say we are Speak at Harvard

BOSTON, May 27.—A splen-This tricky attempt to find a contradiction in the charges is did turnout of more than 400 of course thoroughly dishonest. students of Harvard University, There is no contradiction. They members of the faculty, and did block the social revolution workers of Boston filled one of polemic in the next issue of the in Spain, destroyed the work- the large halls on the Univerers' and peasants' morale, and sity campus for a showing of made possible the victory of the film, "From Czar to Len-Franco. And they did so in al- in," which was followed by an liance with the Stalinist leader- address on the present situaship which wanted no social tion of the Russian Revolution share the platform with Negrin revolution in Spain, but on the delivered by Max Shachtman, contrary, sought to demon editor of the Socialist Appeal. strate by their conservative, The gathering took place un-

role in destroying the Loyalist counter revolutionary policy, der the auspices of the Univeralliance sity Socialist Club (4th Interat the hands of British and nationalist) and its success was all the more gratifying in view As soon as Del Vayo stated of the attempted boycott of the by the revolutionists finally that he was not going to make Stalinists and of the fact that many students were unable to the Communist Party and its number in the audience left. attend due to the crowded "exams" period. They had come to hear the an-

Shachtman contrasted the seats in the Garden. Workers, munist Party to the mountain present Stalin regime with the of evidence growing against period in which Lenin and the these destroyers of the anti- Bolsheviks were at the helm of fascist struggle. They heard the revolution and showed the the insistent questions raised nothing, because the Stalinists incompatibility of the two pocannot and dare not answer. | litical theories and practices.

#### But Negrin did not appear, Coughlin is—an enemy of the and the explanation finally given for his absence was obvi-Coughlin's anti-union policies ously lame. That very morn-New International to Suspend

press. On this occasion it is necessary, and painful, to announce that the New International WILL CEASE PUBLI-CATION FORTHWITH unless its readers come to its support immediately. Revenue has fallen off sharply. Particularly have many S.W.P. units neglected to pay for their bundles for a considerable period. This failure to pay for the bundles is the immediate cause for the crisis with the New International. Likewise, the Branches have failed to take advantage obtain subscriptions, especially management stresses the imperative need for the BRANCH-BILLS AT ONCE. OTHER-JULY ISSUE OF THE NEW SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE! INTERNATIONAL.

to follow up and are in a posi- York, N. Y.

International, reviewed else- greatly through an organized where in the Appeal, is off the effort to obtain renewal subof first-class opportunities to S.L. units can unquestionably RENEWALS, of which several of renewal subscriptions right hundred have expired. Now the away. ES TO PAY THEIR BUNDLE WISE THERE WILL BE NO BILLS AND ORGANIZE A

here to RENEWALS, the fol- to: lowing cities have several hun-

The June number of the New tion to assist the magazine scrintions:

NEW YORK: Manhattan, of the Stalinist press to answer Bronx, Brooklyn, Long Island City MINNEAPOLIS ST. PAUL CHICAGO LOS ANGELES CLEVELAND SAN FRANCISCO NEWARK ST. LOUIS BOSTON PHILADELPHIA An organized subscription

drive by the Party and Y.P. Party and Y.P.S.L. Units!

is again to appear depends on Address checks or money or

TIONS, with main reference AND BUNDLE PAYMENTS

THE NEW INTERNATION-

Publication, Unless . . . . . seeping down into the ranks of a political speech, a large sympathizers accounted, too, for the thousands of empty swer of Negrin and the Com-

> on all sides, voted with their feet, staying away in droves. This was particularly signifi cant since the Communist Party had staked its prestige on filling the Garden. Weeks of whirlwind preparations for the meeting, front-page banners in the Stalinist press, had been climaxed on the day of the meeting with an editorial ex-

rows of empty seats. The only other Stalinist-Whether the New International sponsored Garden meeting in to a life of freedom and happi-YOU! PAY YOUR BUNDLE | poorly attended was the Feb-In the matter of SUBSCRIP- ders for SUBSCRIPTIONS 20 demonstration organized by

HECKSCHER FOUNDATION

104th Street and 5th Ave.

many years which was as ruary 27 Communist party rally which was held just a week after the great February the Socialist Workers Party against the Nazi Garden meeting; the Stalinist boycott of the dred long-expired subscriptions AL, 116 University Place, New anti-Nazi demonstration was answered by thousands of Com-

"Not an empty seat in the Gar-

den tonight." Nevertheless, a

was a panorama of gaping

# SOCIETY

#### hortation in the Daily Worker: From Gas Poisoning, result in a very large number good third of the auditorium Charged with Homicide After Leaving Poetry Two weeks ago, Rheinhart

ness as he embarked for this

America, all three are dying in Bellevue Hospital, where ago, and it came to pass that they were taken from a fur- Helen Hay married into the nished room at 305 E. 51st St., Whitney family, which thinks a after police broke in and found | Whitney may speak only to a them overcome by gas.

signed to the prison ward, were formally charged with attempted homicide. If by remote brought to trial. Lowengart, police said, had

tributing cause.

Refugee Family Dying | Spends \$1,000 a Day On Racing Stable

Many, many years ago, say Lowengart, 40, looked forward six or seven generations of horses ago, Helen Hay was young and dark-eyed and soft to look on and she was known country with his wife, 27, and as the Rose of Washington. She their 6-year-old son, Manfried. wrote poetry and illustrated the Today, their third day in poems herself. She was an artistic young person. But that was many years

thoroughbred race horse, and Lowengart and his wife, as- a thoroughbred race horse may speak only to god.

Today Helen Hay, now Mrs. Payne Whitney, spends \$1,000 chance they recover from the a day on the upkeep of her effects of the gas, they will be Greentree Stable, and she no longer writes poetry. When Payne Whitney died in

slashed the wrists of his wife 1927 he left behind the world's and son, and then his own, af- largest recorded estate-\$200 ter the gas jets in the tiny room | 000,000—and before Mrs. Whithad been turned on. He left no ney could catch her breath and note of explanation, but despon- get the news from the Departdency was thought to be a con- ment of Taxation, a bull market sent the securities up an-Police and an emergency other \$100,000,000. Here was all crew from the Consolidated this money and nothing to do Edison Company worked fran- with it, so the former poet tically on the trio, using 4 tanks | spread-eagled into the sport of of oxygen in the attempt to millionaires with beaucoup save their lives. But they con-splash and in the last twelve sidered the chances for success years has tossed more than \$10,000,000 into the racing pot

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### Yankee Imperialism

So gross was Anastasio Somoza's betrayal of Nicaragua in the agreement he signed the other day with President Roosevelt, that the bourgeoisie of other Latin American nations are taking alarm over the full implications of what the "good neighbor" policy of American imperialism really portends.

In an editorial in El Universal, conservative Mexico City daily which represents by and large the interests of the nationalist bourgeoisie of Mexico, the agreement is flayed as evidence that Roosevelt's "good neighbor" policy is transforming itself into a league of dictators with the United States destined "to guarantee the slavery of Latin-American peoples."

"The Nicaraguan government handed over the entire republic to the Americans in exchange for a mess of pottage," continues the editorial. "Hereafter any Latin American dictator of the Mestizo race [privileged half-whites] can obtain the moral and material support of the United States to exploit his own people on condition that, for a set price, he agrees to share power with Yankee imperialism or convert himself into a simple vassal.'

The petty tyrants, the plundering dictators, the alley-murder statesmen like Somoza, the assassin of Sandino, who flourish south of the Rio Grande, do not represent the Latin-American people over whom they wield the bloody lash of

They represent no one but the servants of American imperialism.

The agreement signed by Somoza is an agreement between an agent and his boss. It can be put into force only with rifles furnished by American imperialism.

The Nicaraguan people are even now gathering their forces to smash through the violent repressions of Somoza's cruel dictatorship. On the day they put an end to that dictatorship, they will at the same time put an end to every one of the rotten concessions granted by Washington's bloody stiletto and firing squad puppets.

#### A Period Ends

At the forty-eighth general meeting of the American Iron and Steel Institute which elected E. T. Weir to the presidency of the Institute to succeed Tom Girdler, a very significant speech was made by Senator Millard. E. Tydings of

It was the theme of the Senator's speech that the period "of costly experimentation out of the abundance of our great wealth and the accumulation from former periods of prosperity" is drawing to a close.

Delivered before one of the most vicious antilabor organizations in the country, an organization backed by the industrial over-lords of the nation, following as it does the President's speech which reiterated the necessity of continuing New Deal policies, Senator Tydings' address can be considered the answer of Big Business to Roosevelt's speech.

The period in which American capitalism could afford to buy off the hungry masses with relief allowances has come to an end. Roosevelt's retrenchments are not enough.

Big Business demands a sharper, more effective way. Roosevelt's plan must make way for

Tom Girdler's plan. And in essence that plan is the one already

tried out by Tom Girdler on a small scale, as the workers attacked in the Little Steel strike will remember: armed company guards, paid company spies, tear gas, rifles, machine guns, barbed wire, standing orders to company thugs and police to shoot to kill.

Now Tom Girdler and his cohorts propose to launch that plan on a national scale. Now they propose to wipe out with bullet and poison gas and frame-ups every voice that is raised in protest to their inhuman system of exploitation for

The period of the New Deal is coming to a close. The period of the show-down battle between the workers and the fascist legions of Big Business is opening.

It is time to prepare!

#### World's Fair Note

'You know that big mural to the right as you enter the Soviet Building, the one where all the big Soviet heroes are smiling? Some one pointed to the man three removed from Stalin the other day and said to his companion. 'What's he got to smile about? That's Litvinov who got himself purged out of a soft job.' The other fellow scowled. 'I hope the Trotskyites don't learn about this,' he muttered. They'll send a bunch up to stand here and laugh all day.' "-Meyer Berger, New York Times, May

### Suppressed Chapter

A chapter of T. E. Lawrence's "Seven Pillars of Wisdom" which was suppressed on advice of George Bernard Shaw and for "political reasons," has just been published.

The chapter explains that if it had not been for Lawrence's promises and the promises of the British government that they would be given self-government, the Arabs would never have risen against the Turks during the World War.

But while these promises were being made, both Lawrence and the British government knew that they would never be fulfilled. Lawrence says that he was "continually and bitterly ashamed" of the part he played in the deception.

If the suppressed chapter were translated into Arabic and distributed among the colonial fighters who followed Lawrence behind the Union Jack, they would gain greater insight not only into the leadership of Lawrence but into the whole dark and bloody history of their oppression by the British imperialist democracy.

#### Jobs for Youth

Two speeches at the annual convention of the Boys Clubs of America provide some illuminating facts about the problems facing the youth of America and the bankruptcy of the capitalist

Howard M. Bell, director of the survey of the American Youth Commission, reported that 20,000 youths had been interviewed from many parts of the country and in all walks of life. Here are the facts summarized by the survey:

Three out of every ten youths in the labor market are out of school and totally unemployed, while another is only partly employed. The six others who have jobs work for a median weekly wage of \$13, and 43 per cent of those employed feel that they are in dead-end jobs that offer no opportunity for advancement.

About 40 per cent of the married youths are forced for economic reasons to live with parents or relatives.

More than 90 per cent of the youths interviewed considered unemployment a responsibility of the government.

"In the light of such facts as these, it is little wonder that modern youths have lost some of their traditional enthusiasm for adventure and are, instead, so preoccupied with the unromantic business of tomorrow's board and room," concluded Mr. Bell.

David Sarnoff, President of the Radio Corporation of America, took the floor to explain how youth could find a way out.

"Don't be misled," he said, "into believing that somehow the world owes you a living-or you'll wake up working for the boy who didn't

And if any youth wants a job he must first "learn to do one useful thing thoroughly."

The 7,000,000 unemployed youth in the United States will join us in pointing out two little flaws in Sarnoff's solution to the problem posed by Mr. Bell:

- 1. There isn't a youth who would mind in the least, waking up some day and finding himself working—even for a boy who had different beliefs.
- 2. The capitalist system advocated by Mr. Sarnoff makes it impossible to "learn to do one useful thing thoroughly" even if that would bring a job-which it won't, as many craftsmen who know even two or three "useful things thoroughly" can testify.

There is only one way out for American youth and that is the road to a revolution which will destroy capitalism and establish the socialist system of opportunity and plenty for all.

# M-Day for M. D.'s: Mobilizing the Medical Profession for War

In the Next World War the Medical Profession Will Not Be Asked to Volunteer Its Services — the Generals Have Already Made Plans to Draft the Doctors

Economics.'' magazine of the medical profession," carries an article en-"When M-Day Comes." The author describes how the War Department has arrange. entire medical profession in the for front-line "medical detach United States is geared into ments" which will be staffed the Mobilization-Day Plan of by "eight physicians, ranging the War Department.

practitioner be asked politely tant job: to furnish first aid to volunteer his services," says under fire." the article. "He will be conscripted. As the War Department sees it, this is the fairest method of filling existing gaps military's medical

"Not many army doctors, either," says the writer, "will be assured of a comparatively safe berth behind the lines. 'The mechanized slaughter of today calls for a complete streamlining of the wartime medical machine. The muledrawn 'sanitary trains' that lumbered after the A.E.F. have been doomed as slow and clumsy. In their place, small mobile motor units will be

#### WILL SHARE DEATH WITH THE SOLDIER

The result of the M-Day Plan | home to recuperate. "Shell The May issue of "Medical will be that "many more doc-"the business tors will be out in no man's land with the troops than even before." In its drive to militar ize the medical profession, the in rank from first lieutenant to "No longer will the civilian major." "Their most impor

The "medical regiments," commandeered by physicianofficers, will be in the thick of all military encounters, superintending the removal of the wounded, commanding ambulances, and providing emergency hospital treatment.

bution to the prosecution of the medicine is our great field." A large number of physicians will therefore be assigned to "combating epidemics, examining recruits, and eliminating the economic waste entailed by sickness." Psychiatrists will be

shock and war-neurosis cases,' writes the author, "will not be sent directly home as in the early days of the World War. Instead, they will be treated on the spot. NOW GOING ON

TEST MOBILIZATION

The M-Day plan for physicians is being experimented with daily. "In Brooklyn, N. Y., Col. Louis L. Goldblatt commander of the 18th Medi cal Regiment, called out sixty physicians in the nation's first test medical mobilization. Completely uniformed and geared for action, the doctors sped from private offices to meet at the organization's headquarters. The demonstration was voluntary on the part Army leaders, however, do of the regiment; but was offinot regard front line service as cially sanctioned by army high the physician's greatest contri-er-ups. Regular training pe riods" have been arranged for war. Surgeon General Charles the doctors in which they will R. Reynolds says: "Preventive rehearse their assignments under the guidance of War De partment officials.

Thus we see how far reaching Roosevelt's war preparations have become. Not only will the people in general find themselves completely suborexpected to perform special dinated to the war machine. A standing army order, functions. Thousands of young but the next war will also find quoted in the article, reads as workers, bluffed into the the medical profession regifollows: "The medical depart- trenches and driven insane by mented and undoubtedly deciment will function as a part of the bursting of shells and the mated in the thousands. In its the regular army in the com- poison gas, will not be permit- headlong drive to disaster, the ted to leave the front and go capitalist class spares no one.

A DOCK WORKER, BRIT-

swept over the West Indies.

riod, land taxes: well taxes

etc., we have absolutely noth

wonder that our Province has

the highest death rate in the

Your British Indian army has

joined with the "goondas" o

the native landlords to smash

our peasant unions. But we

have learned from the Russiar

A JUTE WORKER OF CAL-

CUTTA: In the British jute

mills along the Ganges there

are 200,000 Moslem and Hindu

proletarians. We have fought

the factory owners for years

We are India's vanguard in the

struggle against imperialism.

With a general strike, we

smashed your efforts to cut our

wages last year. Our unions

are more powerful than ever

The British understand that the

5,000,000 industrial workers of

India constitute their main

threat. When we return to our

A few weeks ago when our

brothers around Bombay re-

sisted your efforts to enlist

hem in your imperialist army,

your troops murdered 65 of

other in the endless chain of

assassinations, massacres and

slaughters by means of which

you have strangled us for 150

India has been called the

brightest jewel in your crown

of Empire. You took your

crown and all its jewels from

us. You will stop at nothing to

retain it. But the workers and

peasants of India are leading

the drive of the colonial masses

to destroy and wipe out forever

the world Empire of British

action you fear most of all

peasant who acted in 1917.

world?

General strikes

# By James Burnham Government

No one need envy V. J. Jerome his new specialty. After several years as Browder's commissar in Hollywood, where he was so conspicuously successful in winning strip-tease artists, humorists and glamor girls to the cause of peace and democracy, Kremlin style, Jerome has now a much less luscious assignment.

He has become the ace trouble-shooter of 13th Street. Whenever a crack or dent appears in the party's ideological armor, Jerome is dispatched post-haste to rivet it together again. He operates under the label, "Questions from the People", run when occasion demands on the editorial page of the Daily Worker. The questions are worth keeping track of. They show that even the ten ton steel plate of Stalinism cannot prevent heretical ideas from now and then driving toward the surface.

A few months ago, Jerome was hard at work on the refugee problem. Even the most loyal party members couldn't help wondering why no refugees from anywhere were being admitted into the land of the final triumph of socialism; and Jerome's acrobatics in explaining would have got him a place on almost any vaudeville circuit. A while back he had a few points of Spain that badly need-

#### We're in the Army Now

How Jerome must long for the day when his party will hold state power, and anyone who even breathes out of key can be answered with a rifle or an automatic! It's so much easier, more efficient, that way. But here it's still one trouble after another: refugees, then Spain, and last week the question. "What is the position of the Communist Party of Great Britain on conscription?"

A very good question indeed, and one that certainly needs answering. And how revealing of the degeneracy of a pretendedly Marxist party that such a question could even be raised in its ranks! Could a man with a single drop of Marxist blood in his veins seriously debate whether he would have any attitude other than unbreakable opposition to conscription — the slave-driver's whip whereby imperialism drives the unwilling masses to their death on the battlefields of wars to make the world safe for profits?

An issue long ago settled for Marxists; but not so easy for Stalinism. Stalinism is prepared to support one coalition of imperialist powers in war against another. And the terrible logic of politics decrees that if you support the war, you must support the means taken to fight the war. In the democratic countries as in the fascist, the masses do not want to fight in the very popular, very democratic wars of imperialism. And, consequently, every imperialist nation, either today or tomorrow when the war begins, must introduce conscription.

Therefore, in the end, Stalinism must "accept" conscription in every nation where it supports the war. Not merely are the Stalinists recruiting agents for the war. They are and must be prepared to be jailers and judges and executioners of 'draft evaders''-that is, of workers who try to keep their heads off the chopping block of imper-

But there seems to be a contradiction. Jerome explains that the Stalinists are against the present British conscription measure. Have I been unjust and slanderous? Are the Stalinists suddenly re-

turning to virtue? The contradiction does not even penetrate the surface. All that Jerome really says is that the Stalinists are not now ready to support the pres-

ent conscription bill. Why not? Because support of conscription is the blackest treachery to the workers? How absurd! "Communists," Jerome explains in his first sentence, "are not opposed to conscription in prin-

The reason for the present pseudo-opposition is two-fold: On the one hand, the present British government hasn't yet come through with what Stalin wants of it, "chief of which is the formation of a genuine anti-aggression pact with the Soviet Union." Chamberlain — no mention of course of British imperialism and the British ruling class for which Chamberlain authentically speakshasn't been playing ball. Therefore a conscription bill introduced by Chamberlain must be (temporarily, for bargaining purposes) opposed. But let a new government be formed-speaking, naturally, for the same imperialism and the same ruling class-with just the tiniest change in foreign policy, and then support of the conscription bill will become the duty of every man and woman except counter-revolutionary Trotskyists. Or let Chamberlain get together with the Kremlin

bills will change their spots. On the other hand, the Stalinist must go slow from a different motive: the English workers are overwhelmingly against conscription, so much so that even the Labor Party has to pretend to be politely against it. The Labor Party and Stalinist bureaucrats must for the moment put up a front of opposition-though never enough to interfere with Chamberlain's plans-in order to prevent the workers from seeing them in their true light and walking out on them.

(though this chance is circumspectly not referred

to by Jerome) and in a twinkling his conscription

The opposition of the workers to the war cannot be broken in an instant, even at Stalin's orders. It must be worn down step by step, by carefully planned stages. Half betrayal today makes more readily possible full betrayal tomorrow.

In writing of England, did Jerome remember France? There is universal conscription in France. The Stalinists do not oppose it, but support it most warmly as they do all other "defense measures". And who is at the head of the French government? Is it not Daladier, Chamberlain's Munich com-

May I suggest the next question for Jerome to deal with: "What is the position of the Communist Party of France on conscription?

Fort Snelling privates who get married on a \$30 per month wage have become a problem to the Minneapolis relief department and the War Department is going to hear about it. The city has been providing supplemental relief to several soldiers' families because their army salaries would not stretch far enough. It looks like Local 544 of Minneapolis will have to organize the soldiers. \$30 for 30 hours work should be the slogan.

# If King George Held Court for His Exploited Subjects at World's Fair

lapsed for centuries.

Let us assume that George on these farms. IV would hold a court of grievfrom among his vast colonial She'd do something about it trialists and landlords have holdings.

Each one, of course, has only too! a brief moment in which to easily. Let us listen to some of them:

outside world. I work on a British plantation from dawn to night for a few English pence per day. Your hired thugs are trying to smash my agricultural laborer's union. And you are trying to smash my party, the Ceylon Samka Langh (Socialist Party). The four million Ceylonese workers and peasants are united in their determination to oust your bloody imperialist agents. Wait till you go to war! Then our opportunity will come.

IRISH NATIONALIST OF THE IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY: I was objecting to the hold your vampire landlords and merchants have kept on Ireland for hundreds of years. your method of dividing Ireland in half and giving the six counties of Ulster to your agents, your hated army of occupation in the North. So I the attention of the English workers to what was going on in my Ireland. Your judges with the false wigs sentenced me to 20 years. What was I guilty of? Agitating for the freedom of my people!

A PEASANT IN EGYPT: Your Highness, my comrades and I are called fellaheens. We till the land in the famous Nile Delta areas. Since your troops took over our country and answer: No! marched further south to con-Tana, the headwaters of the bombs and machine guns. Nile, our life-blood. And you're into a one-crop country. You plans. But we trust you no years. want us to grow nothing but further than we would a desert the price for the cotton, too. No. Sire, the people of Egypt don't consider them-

selves free. They think there is still a long way to go before they know real independence A NEGRO GRAZER IN KENYA, AFRICA: I was graz-

In the days of feudal Eng- of my country. Then your po- ther are to ever be free. land the king would now and lice and Territorials drove us then invite his subjects to visit all off the land. You took our ISH WEST INDIES: We dock the court and present their best cattle. What you left us workers have organized into grievances. This custom has died for lack of food. And now militant industrial unions. This you make us work as laborers

and we intend to do something,

loading and unloading English A CEYLON TEA PLANTA- merchant ships. I watch day your ships. The Chinese soldiers certainly could use that food and supplies in our war against the Japanese! My brother workers in Japanese Shanghai are no better off than I am. You English hate the Japanese, but it is only because they are rivals and interfere with your own dirty work. You first taught them how to oppress us-they are

When I work all day for my copper pennies and my bowl of ing left. We must forage for rice, then I understand that food and clothing. Is it any both of you are enemies of the

BANTU, INDIAN, NEGRO WORKERS OF SOUTH AFRI-CA: We toil in the South African mines, extracting gold and jewels for you. At night, when we leave the mines, they lock us up in compounds. In Germany and Italy they call these places "concentration camps. planted a noise bomb to draw But we had them long before they did.

> When you ask us to die for a 'democracy'' we have never known you will face a united

Now you want to win us to trying to convert our country your side as part of your war long-staple cotton for your snake. Your imperialists are mills in Manchester. You fix the world's greatest double crossers! Arab and Jew must

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By SHERMAN STANLEY | ing my cattle on the plain lands; unite against the British if ei-

has stimulated the organization of sugar mill workers, trans-Our wives and children die port workers, plantation laborances when he visits the like flies. We wonder what ers, etc. World's Fair. His Majesty in- your Queen would do if her against the intolerable condivites representative people two princesses were starving. tions imposed by your indus-

You sent down a commission A COOLIE WORKER OF which has requested some speak, for His Majesty tires HONGKONG: My life is spent changes in the Constitution. As if legal phrases on paper will satisfy us! Our islands have been known TION WORKER: Your Majes- after day the resources of my as the most loyal section of the ty, your English soldiers and people being drained off in British Empire. But no longer! brother colonial slaves — all 500,000,000 of them—who are struggling to shake off your death grip. FROM THE GAYA DIS-TRICT, BRITISH BIHAR PROVINCE: Your Majesty is also the Emperor of India. When we have finished paying rent, interest of debts accumulated over an endless pe-

only apt pupils.

Chinese people

Your government legislates against us in the interests of the tiny white minority. They own everything. We live like the negroes in the South of the United States. We have many more "Jim Crow" laws here than in America.

AN ARABIAN PEASANT IN slum hovels in Calcutta at quer the Anglo-Sudan area PALESTINE: To prevent Arabs night we know that it is our we've had a pretty hard time and Jews alike from seeing the of it. You say that your treaty real enemy, your militarists of a few years back granted stirred up communal fighting us independence. We don't in this land of peace. For one think so! Your troops are sta- year now you have been contioned in Egypt, along the ducting a violent war against shores of the Suez Canal, and us. Thousands of Arabians them in cold blood. This is anyou've built a fort at Laka have died from British bullets

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