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# ALL OUT MAY DAY!

# FOR-Unemployment Insurance and a 30-Hour Week

# **AGAINST** Company Unions, War and Fascism

FOR A Workers' World

# May 1 Spurs N.Y. Workers On Parade

NEW YORK CITY.—New York is on its toes in anticipation of the record-breaking May Day demonstration called by the Socialist and Labor movement of this city for Wednesday.

The largest trade unions are completing their plans for an overwhelming mass turn-out while at the same time New York reactionaries are attempting by various technicalities to keep the workers off the city streets on the great international holiday.

Early in the week it was announced by the Park Department that the Central Park Mall, where the mass meeting following the parade is to be held, would be denied to the trade unions and the Socialist Party. The West Side Association of Commerce, joining in what appears to be a concerted drive against Labor's plans, called upon the Police Department to forbid the use of the streets to the May Day Parade.

"This association," wrote a representative of the businessmen's organization, "protests with all the emphasis at its command against the use of Eighth avenue and likewise against the occupation of Central Park for a political use."

Nevertheless, the May Day Labor Conference continues to rally hundreds of thousands of workers to the demonstration. The city is being flooded with leaflets inviting workers "of this, the greatest metropolis in the world, to come out in the streets in hundreds of thousands, to close their ranks and march in one powerful United Labor Demonstration."

The parade will be one of the most colorful in the history of (Continued on Page Sixteen)



# Workers in Land Hail May First

Virtually every important industrial city in the nation will see groups of working people celebrating May Day, the international holiday of labor.

In some cities there will be great demonstrations. In others, small meetings on public squares. In still others, workers will gather in halls to do their small part as sections of the international working class.

But all class conscious working men and women will demonstrate their opposition to war and fascism, for a workers world, for a 30-hour week and unemployment insurance, and against company unionism. These are the universal slogans of American labor.

In every case these workers and their friends will have in mind those millions of militant European workers who will feel more heavily crushed than ever under the burden of fascism and capitalist reaction by the thought of what May Day had meant to them in the past.

#### CLEVELAND

Four sections of marchers will converge on the Public Square at 4.30 p. m. in this city, gathering for the largest May Day demonstration in the history of the city. It will be the first time since 1919 that the Socialist Party here will march on the streets on May First.

Sixty-five organizations, ing more than a dozen unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, the Mechanics Educational Society, the IWW, the Socialist Party, Communist Party and Workers Party, and numerous fraternal and cultural groups, were represented in the three preparatory conferences held to arrange the demonstration.

The Socialists are marching with (Continued on Page Twenty)

#### Socialist and Union Solidarity Conquered War Hates

Pages from the past serve to remind contemporaries that there is guite a good deal to the aphorism, "History repeats itself." Culling these brief flashes from the May Day issues of the New York Call in the hectic years preceding and during the war, it is discovered that many of the issues agitating the Socialist Party then have their counterparts today.

It is May Day, 1916. Europe is in the midst of the most destructive, war in its history. Foreign propagandists are trying to embroil the neutral United States to join one side or the other. Jingos in Congress talk "Preparedness."

headline, "Dublin Revolt Quelled," is another, "War Talk Covers Big Steals in Congress-Public Lands Despoiled, Water Power Grabbed, and Parcel Post Crippled as People Sleep."

#### Red Strongholds

And in the Socialist strongholds, Brownsville, the East Side, York-Square one hundred thousand opposition to America's entrance

and sharing prominence with the the inside pages shows that the industrialists were preparing fodder. "Workers neglect gun clubs," it read, but the rest of the story tells how bosses were forcing their employes to form militia groups.

#### 1917

A year passes, and the country is drawn closer to the war by ville, and at Union and Madison next May Day. On April 29, 1917, the Call carried a huge black workers were demonstrating their streamer headling over a full back "Betrayed," it page editorial. in the War. That year the Demo- read. "The Congress of the United ing organized to end waste. The crats re-elected. Wilson president States has betrayed the people of headline across the front page of on that ticket. The war seemed the United States by passing a the Call was "Unite, Proletariat," Labor's paper, the New York Call, remote from the United States, conscription act which gives the Is Russian Call." A million Ger-

sees through the haze of war talk, But an obscure headline in one of lie to every democratic principle man and Austrian workers quit set forth in the Declaration of Independence."

> The following Thursday, May Day, President Wilson suspended the eight-hour day for all workers on government contracts because of the "emergency existing." There were bread riots in Chicago. The bakers were on strike, and the owners refused the union demand that foremen retain their jobs by union sufferance.

#### Demonstrate!

In England housemaids were be-

work in a huge demonstration, while the "powers that were" tried to beguile the starving into abandoning their demonstration by flashing across the country the magic word "Peace."

New York workers bore their red banners that May Day in militant deflance to the war mongers. But the late and unlamented Gompers was pleading with the United Cloth Cap and Hat Makers' Union not to become "too radical," and F. G. Biedenkapp of the Brotherhood of Metal Workers urged the superiority of industrial unions over craft unions.

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**Doings** in

Brief.

# Workers on Fifth Avenue Easter Sunday! Horrors! Call LaGuardia's Cops!

It all depends on how you're dressed. That's the lesson that the New York police tried to drive home on Easter Sunday to a group of unemployed workers who had dared



to join the world-famous Easter Sunday parade on the fashionable Fifth avenue.

Va. Strike of

200 Shipyard

**Workers Gains** 

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. - Over

200 workers of the Newport News

Shipyard are out on strike here

demanding reinstatement of 28

workers who have been fired for

joining the Industrial Union of

Marine and Shipbuilding Workers

of America. The welding and ship-

fitting departments are partially

paralyzed, and the strike is spread-

The federal government is spend-

ing over \$40,000,000 to build two

aircraft carriers and a cruiser, but

the workers of this town live in

virtual peonage, according to John

Socialist Party member. The yard

carries over 6,000 workers on its

payroll, but seldom gives work to

more than 4,000, thus employing

this trick to keep the other 2,000

Hundreds of white and Negro

workers have to exist on \$6 or \$8

At the same time these workers

are heavily in debt to the com-

pany which lends them money

against their future earnings in

order to tighten the strangle hold.

Homer L. Ferguson, president of

the corporation rules the roost

here like a medieval tyrant. The

company owns a third of all the

land and the houses in which the

workers live; controls the banks

and through them the small busi-

ness men and landlords. The com-

pany also controls the press and

other agencies of publicity so

that when the company fired the

28 workers for joining the union,

no criticism was permitted in the

press. As soon as the strike was

in progress the "kept" press soon

labeled the union a communist or-

Shipyard workers on both coasts

who belong to the Industrial

Union are rallying to the support

of Local 8 which is carrying on

John Green and Philip Van Gel-

der, also a Socialist, are president

and executive secretary, respec-

tively, of the Industrial Union.

Van Gelder is in Newport News

conducting the strike and has been

assisted by Newman Jeffrey, or-

ganizer for the Amalgamated

Clothing Workers. Jeffrey ex-

pressed the sympathy and support

of his union for the striking ship-

ganization.

the fight here.

yard workers.

ing very rapidly.

workers off relief.

Thirty-three members of the Workers Unemployed Union were arrested for their effrontery in walking the thoroughfare like wealthy citizens and found guilty in Night Court of disorderly conduct. Among the arrested workers were David Lasser, chairman of the WUU; Edward Welsh, vice-charman; Neil Russell, secretary; Ruby, Weber, financial secretary, and Saul Parker, organizer.

#### Cops Start Early

In an effort to prevent the promenade of the unemployed, the headquarters of the WUU were surrounded early in the morning by policemen afoot and in cars. By leaving their headquarters singly and meeting at an appointed place, a sufficient number of unemployed were able to gain Fifth Avenue and make a considerable impression on the wealthy strollers.

They carried placards reading: "One Fifth Avenue Gown Equals One Year's Relief;" "We Are Not Nudists; We Want Clothes;" "La-Guardia Put Us On Our Feet; We Need Shoes;" "FDR CCC AAA NRA TERA SEC FERA NIRB CWA BVD HOOEY-and still there are 15,000,000 unemployed."

After unsuccessful attempts to divert the parade from Fifth Ave., the police decided to take the leaders in tow. The rank and file, insisting that they were just as guilty as their leaders, followed to the police station where they were likewise placed under arrest.

#### Pity the Rich

Silk-hatted, frock-coated gentlemen and begowned, Easter-bonneted ladies evinced a variety of emotions. "They ought to be shipped back to Russia," said some, while others showed a little more sympathy. Most of those who had come out to parade in their finery and flaunt their wealth in the face of the world were angered by the contrasting poverty that had been introduced into the midst of their ostentation.

Arrested at noon, the prisoners spent the day singing songs until they were haled into night-court where they were defended by Morris Shapiro and Max Delson of the Socialist Lawyers Association of New York. Norman Thomas was present in court. Magistrate Dreier presided over the trial.

#### Evidence

The hearing, marked by growing confusion on the part of the policemen under the fire of the Socialist lawyers and increasing hostility to the defense on the party of the judge, ended with suspended sentences for all defendants.

War and Reaction One hundred and twenty thousand young men, who during the war were babies and therefore are called "War Babies," are starting an 18-month period of military training in France. Is this a holy war against Hitlerism coming at

Hey, listen! Ham Fish, redbaiter par excellence, is objecting because the New Dealers are denying free speech to their opponents. It's against the constitution, eh, Hamm, to deny free speech to Ham Fish, but to reds, well that's okay.

Hooey Long threatens he (Louisiana) won't pay taxes if Washington doesn't come across with adequate relief funds so that Hooey can keep his expensive political machine going. We wonder whether the federal government would send in government troops ... or are government troops used exclusively against strikers?

Governor Talmadge, the man who put textile strikers in concentration camps, is booming Huey Long for president. Birds of a feather flock together.

Capitalism Since 1882, 5,073 persons have been lynched in the United States. Only 20 per cent of the charges against these persons dealt with sex. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in announcing these figures, calls for passage of federal legislation to combat lynching.

Textile bosses are worried about oriental competition. If the American bosses reduce the salaries of their workers any more, oriental textile owners are going to be worried about the competition the Americans are. giving them because of the low wages being paid to the American workers as compared to that paid to workers in the Orient.

Roger W. Babson, alleged economist, foresees the youth of America as an army of revolution unless jobs are furnished for them. Says he, the way out is cleaning up politics. Why? Possibly so that there should be government jobs for all the young people?

While police were breaking up Green, president of the union and and demonstration of 100 unemployed on Fifth avenue in New York, Easter Sunday, Father Divine, prize faker and misleader of the Negro people in Harleni, was parading with 10,000 followers, with police protecting his Rolls Royce and his flock.

On the Labor Front

per week which they get for a couple of days' work in the yard. have declared their intention of attend. fighting to a finish the demands of the strikers for union recognition. Meanwhile, support for the strike is growing among the workers of Hartford and surrounding communities.

The Twentieth Century Fund gives credit for lessening the duration of strikes to government mediation boards. The CALL gives credit to the government mediation boards for breaking strikes promptly and efficiently.

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# KENTUCKY RIDES CAR NUMBER 1 OF RED SPECIAL

Watch those clouds pour out of the smokestack as the Red Special swings along the tracks. And comfortably seated in Car. No. 1 sits Kentucky, snickering at its rivals: "Why don't you-all come aboard?"

And you've got to admit that the Kentucky comrades stole a march on you. James Kasdan of Louisville, state and local United Socialist Drive director, tells the story; "The enclosed check puts us 25 per cent over our quota in the 1935 United Socialist Drive and on the Red Special." Yes, suh. You cain't beat Kaintucky!

#### Socialists in 🐪 Wisconsin Poll **Record Vote**

The highest vote ever polled by a Socialist in Wisconsin has been received by Glenn Turner who ran for justice of the Supreme Court on the Socialist ticket.

With nearly 100 precincts not yet in, the Socialist vote stands at 210,257.

#### **AFL Union Heads** Mass at Capital

WASHINGTON, D. C .- Organized Labor will mass its forces here on April 29th to consider and lobby for the passage of legislation favorable to labor.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, called this meeting of leaders of trade unions throughout the nation in response to the insistent demand of the Toledo Central Labor Union. This body adopted a strong resolution which had been presented by Elmer E. Ledford, member of the State Executive Committee of the Socialist Party of Ohio, delegate from the Electrician's Union and secretary of the Workers' Alliance of Lucas County.

It is expected that many leading Socialists will attend the conference as representatives of trade unions. The meeting will consider the Wagner-Connery bill, the Black-Connery 30-Hour Week Bill, and other legislation in which the AFL is especially interested.

The call for the conference went out to all national and international unions, to all state federations of labor and city central The bosses in the strike of truck | bodies. Representatives of some drivers in Hartford, Connecticut, 10,000,000 workers are expected to

> It is especially appropriate that leaders of organized labor should meet in Washington April 29th, two days before hundreds of thousands of members of trade unions. unemployed and friends of labor will demonstrate for the 30-hour week in the meeting halls, the streets and public squares of the

But the race is on, for Car. No. 2. How about you-all in the No'th? Will it be the least, scoring by grace of Vermont, or the mid-west, coming through with Wisconsin? Or is there a dark horse that will gallop up from the rear and land its rider on the Red Special's second car? For Reading, through its Local Berks Booster Committee is toeing the mark, ready to go.

From Dan Hoan

All along the country, the Drive keeps moving-some states slowly. as if on foot; others," covering ground as if hitch-hiking; some speeding along in proletarian autos. But remember, you don't know what speed is until you get aboard the Red Special and feel the breeze swinging by the windows. It's up to you, comrades, to show that the Socialist locomotive is as good as any stream-lined train that ever road the tracks.

Dan Hoan, Mayor of Milwaukee and chairman of the Socialist Party's Committee on Organization, invites you to join in the dash toward a successful Socialist year, He writes:

"To all Socialists and sympathizers who long to see a rapid building of the strength and virility of the Socialist Party, let me say that the time was never more opportune than now.

Prepare for 1936 Now

"The workers and farmers, particularly throughout the great West, are begging for organizers and literature.

"This work is limited only by our financial ability. That depends upon you. If you can give, do so until it hurts. (Hurts the enemies of labor, eh, Dan?) If you cannot give, solicit funds. Get back of your branch or local drive. Do your part and thus encourage every other member to activity.

"Comrades, let's all do our very best to furnish the sinews of war in 1935 so that we may fight a successful Socialist~campaign

Do you wake up at night and hear from across the country-side the tooting of the locomotive and feel the wanderlust? Here's & chance for you. You're tired of the old world; get aboard the Red Special and see the new world. On to Socialism!

# HOMEOWNERS EMPLOY STRIKE AS WEAPON

thing that glitters is not gold and a home owner is not living the life of Reilly, at least that seems to be the truth in the little community of Sunnyside, Long Island. Three hundred home owners have gone on strike demanding a reduction in mortgage interest from 6 to 3

The Sunnyside Community today is the scene of a desperate struggle between the home owners and the City Housing Corporation, a privately-owned company, whose purpose was to develop and promote better housing rather than make profits.

This venture was begun before could meet their obligations, but to pay the principle.

SUNNYSIDE, N. Y. - Every | unemployment has hit them hard and they refuse to make any payments, either taxes or mortgage interest until their mortgagees agree to meet them in conference to effect a lower interest rate and scale down the mortgage obligations.

The home owners, mostly of the white collar class, who are organized in the Consolidated Home Owners' Mortgage Committee, held a mass demonstration in front of the offices of the City Housing Corporation in Sunnyside, declaring a mortgage holiday. They claim that a reduction in mortgage interest is the only thing that can save them from foreclosure. Until the depression when the owners they get the reduction they refuse

# Steel Union Insurgents Battle Tighe

# Militants Demand Seating Of 18 Expelled Delegates **AtAmalgamatedConvention**

By DAN O'FLAHERTY

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Demanding a vigorous campaign to organize all workers in the steel industry, militants in the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers prepared this week to challenge the fumbling rule of the aged Mike Tighe.

dicting victory in the struggle fore control of the history-making 60th annual convention which opened at the Amalgamated headquarters

here Tuesday.

The immediate issue is the seating of delegates from eighteen lodges expelled for supporting a rump organization conference held here on February 3rd. But beyond that lies 'the future success of a quarter million workers.

Youth vs. Age

The struggle in the union is typified in the leaders of the contending groups. On the one side is the 78-year-old Tighe, advocate of union - company "cooperation," opponent of strikes, weary and incompetent, but determined to maintain his control over the union at all costs.

Under Tighe's presidency, the union for the most important industry in the country has been one of the weakest in the A F of L.

Challenging him as the floorleader of the rank and file is Harold Rasmussen of South Chicago, a young Socialist, who though black-listed, has night and day been spurring on the workers in the important Fourth District.

Behind Rasmussen are men like Clarence Irwin of Youngstown, president of the Sixth District; Bill Spang of Duquesne, Pa., president of the First District; and L. A. Morris, president of the Arin Lodge, Canton, Ohio. They are veterans of the 1919 strike, who, when Section 7A was adopted, brought thousands of new members into the union.

Militants Must Fight

But they won't be heard at the convention unless the militants can reverse Tighe's expulsion and seat them as the delegates from some of the strongest lodges in the

These rank-and-file leaders want militant action. Representing 78 lodges disgusted with the fruitless campaign on the basis of the following demands:

1. Six-hour day, 30-hour week.

2. Immediate wage increases on all jobs of at least 33 1/3 per cent; minimum daily rates shall be not less than 1929 rates for the same work; minimum of \$6 per day for common labor.

3. Speed-up to be regulated by

elected AA mill committees. 4. Abolition of differential between North and South by raising Southern wage rates.

· 5. Equal rights for Negro steel

workers.

6. All company unions to be abolished at once.

7. Regulation of the mill committees elected by the AA lodges. to rule."

Rallying-Support

of the AA. In the campaign for more mili-Districts 1, 2, 4 and 6, which rep- the courts as allegal.

of several outstanding leaders of massen include Bob Purkinson, sec-

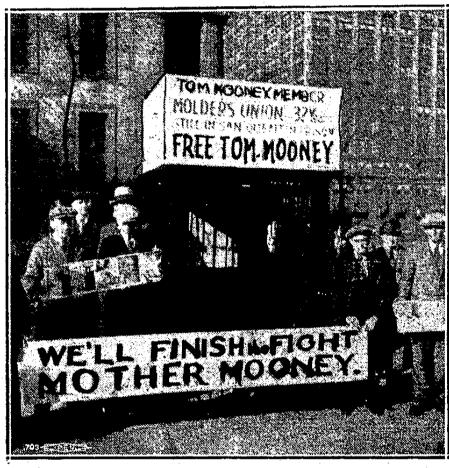
port of hemy others. Day a Dubinsky, Socialist Presi- Get of Massillon, Ohio.

In April, 1930, the League for Industrial Democracy complained to the Federal Radio Commission against discrimination and false attacks on Norman Thomas, Socialism, Communism, by a Detroit priest.

Station WJZ offered Thomas facilities for thirty minutes - at forty dollars a month - provided no reference was made to the priest's utterances.

The name of the priest is Fa-Both the militants and the old leadership are pre- ther Coughlin.

#### Stage Mooney Exhibit



Citizens of St. Louis had a chance to see how Tom Mooney is forced to live at San Quentin prison when the Molders Defense Committee put on this exhibit in the downtown section of the city. Passersby looked—and shuddered. New efforts to free Money are being made.

# Police Shoot One, Persecute Others in N. Y. Dyers' Strike

than 7,000 workers in the wholesale and retail cleaning and dying establishments both here and in Westchester County have gone on policies of the past, they have strike this week demanding that mapped a national organization employers stabilize the industry and improve working conditions.

> The strikers also demanded standardization of wages and working conditions, recognition of the unions in the industry, a thirty-six hour week, minimum wage rates

dent of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union and a vice-president of the A F of L, has said:

"An officer of the Amalgamated who is weak and who has few followers cannot himself declare the majority outlawed, and if the liberals show themselves in the majority it is their democratic right

The militants would almost cer-These demands the militants tainly control the 60th convention spoke to truck drivers and asked want adopted at the Pittsburgh if it were not for the wholesale ex- them-to join the strike. convention as the official program pulsion. Even so they may yet show a majority.

one count the clear waters. They also have the open support Leading So labsts besides Rusthe A P or L and the silent suppretary of the Indiana Harboc lodge. and Ralph Flounders and Jesse

NEW YORK CITY. - More of \$25 to \$45 a week, pay for holidays, time and half for overtime and the closed shop.

> At a meeting of the Cleaning and Dye House Drivers Union and the Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers Union held in Stuyvesant High School which was attended by hundreds of workers, Maxwell Wallack, counsel for the union, discussed the issue of the strike.

> The trouble with the present strike situation rests with the chain store organization, Wallack said, and the only cure is to unionize every single operator in the chain organization.

> As the strike progresses and the picket lines get tighter and tighter every day, chain cleaning plants are hiring thugs to ride on their trucks, said Jacob Effrat, strike leader.

> Effrat charged that the police are persecuting and intimidating the strikers. Solomon Rifkin, a striker in the Brooklyn area was shot by the police because Rifkin

The union is concentrating its attack upon the chain stores to The sixth district has hired compel them to pay higher wages tant policies and leadership the Aaron Sapiro, the well-known thus preventing the continued cutrebot group has the support of lawyer to contest turion disions in ring of prices, a practice which the union claims has demoralized the resent to largest units of the in- . So litiets are gaining in influ- business and has wrecked wage and work blandards.

> U-DON'T-NEEDA BISCUIT

# General Strike To Help Colt Workers Looms In Hartford

# **AutoWorkers** Call Strike at Chevrolet

(By a CALL Correspondent) TOLEDO, Ohio.—The conferences over the fate of the auto workers are suspended. The workers have taken things into their own hands in the Chevrolet plant in this town and used labor's mighty weapon—the strike.

Tuesday morning, 600 workers in the first shift struck. Immediately the employers, fearful of an open test with the remainder of the Chevrolet Motor Company plant's 2,300 employees, closed the plant, "The plant is shut down and will remain so," was the notice posted by the management.

Previously the chief of the company has said, "The company cannot and will not respect unreasonable demands, but will bargain with any group of individuals that has an honest grievance." He promised to adhere to this policy even though it may cost the company and the workers a lot of

#### Militant Picket Line

Early reports from the picket lines here indicate that the employers so far are suffering all the grief. The picket lines are so militant that no one at all-office workers or management-can enter the plant.

President William Green of the A. F. of L. approves of the strike and indicates that a much wider walkout may follow. The company is attempting to shift the entire issue in the strike to the question of a closed shop. Union officials deny that this is the sole issue. Ten issues covering wages, hours and general working conditions are named by the negotiating committee of the United Auto Workers Union as the demands of the

Alfred P. Sloan, president of nation, has stated that "the vital issue is whether General Motors is willing to sign an agreement for a closed shop recognizing the local union as the exclusive representative of all employees of the To-ledo plant. This General Motors will not do."

The union is preparing itself for a long struggle. -With the eyes of the nation glued to the plant in this city, the union is taking every precaution to avoid mistakes and to keep its lines intact and strong.

A federal supervised election has been called off, pending settlement of the present dispute.

\$9,792 was paid P. L. Bergoff. king of America's strikebreakers by the Bibb Manufacturing Company for si. days' duty by 150 guards, six lieutenants, and three captains during last September's textile strike.

This was disclosed at a hearing Wednesday on whether Borgagency should be suspended by the State of New York.

break strikes without the license. Point apartments,

By ABRAHAM PERISTEIN

HARTFORD, Conn.-A citywide general strike appears possible here as a development of the strike against the Colt's Patent Fire-Arms Company which is now in its seventh week.

Besides the Colt workers, employees of the Capewell Horse Nail Company and about 1,500 truck drivers who cover the interstate route between Boston and New York are also on strike.

The executive board of the Connecticut Federation of Labor has. voted full support to the Colt strike and has authorized its secretary and president "to take such steps as they deem advisable and necessary to get results." John Egan, secretary, stated that this included the power to call a city-, wide strike.

Recognition Main Issue

The basic issue in the truckdrivers' strike is also recognition of the union. The truck companies are influenced in their stand by the fact that the Manufacturers' Association of Connecticut has threatened to withdraw all its business from them if they recognize the union, according to John Murphy, business agent of the Hartford local of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Wage increases and better conditions are being sought by the union, but these matters have not been so important in bringing on the strike call as the question of

recognition.

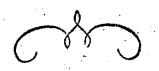
As indicated by Paul Porter in last week's CALL, the task of preventing this strike has apparently been assigned to Miss Perkins. She is reported to have reproached the leader of one of the Colt unions for not having brought the dispute to her earlier, claiming that she could have settled it without so much trouble. An agent of the Department of Labor is now in Hartford, holding conferences with employers and workers.

It begins to look as though the actions of the New Deal administration will succeed in discrediting every possible section of it with Hartford labor. The buck has been General Motors, one of the most passed so often that the workers powerful capitalist concerns in the are dizzy watching it. The only things they know for certain are that they are still out on strike, and that the Roosevelt crowd has so far failed to get its own law enforced. For the next few weeks Hartford labor will bear watching.

# Cops Assault **Bronx Pickets**

NEW YORK. - Two workers, Fred Siems and Martin Sherr, were beaten by police last Saturday while on strike duty at the Hunts Point apartments, 163 street and Hunts Point avenue, where a strike is being conducted by the Building Service Employees International Union.

Siems and Sherr, who are members of the Socialist party, went to the nearest fire house to notify the authorities that the workers in the apartment building were on strike. When they returned on the picket line both Siems and Sherr were beaten by police and off's license to run a detective arrested for assault and unlawful entry. They were released on 88,000 band pending trial on Mon-The hearing has been contin- day in Magistrate Court, 163rd ued to May 22. It will probably street and Third avenue. Party flop. Bergoff is detending himself, members and Yipsels are asked to as a matter of principle. He can Join the picket line at the Hunts



# May Day Greetings

to the

# SOCIALIST CALL

# International Ladies Garment Workers Union

3 WEST 16th STREET,
NEW YORK CITY

and the state of

W.).



# Vienna's Reichstag Trial Is Blow To Labor Everywhere

The evidence collapsed; the state's witnesses were proved to be police spies; the charges were just as applicable to the other political organizations in Austria—but still, in the face of all this, the Austrian government has found guilty and convicted 20 leaders of the Austrian Schutzbund, the workers defense corps which carried on the struggle against Fascism in the

trials.

ernments.

Austriä."

is revolution." 🤜

those men will not be set free but

will be turned over to the police.

who can keep constant watch over

them, keep them in their custody

or turn them over to some con-

centration camp. This procedure is

being followed even in the case of

the one defendant who was ac-

Government authorities fear

tremendous protests from the Aus-

trian working people, who through

their own underground organ, the

Arbeiter Zeitung, are in intimate

touch with every detail of the

Meanwhile Socialists throughout

the world are preparing to mobi-

lize mass sentiment, especially in

these countries in which civil lib-

erties have not yet been crushed.

to bring pressure to bear on their

own governments, on the govern-

ment of Austria, and on the huge

capitalist interests which stand

behind this alliance between the

Austrian and Italian Fascist gov-

Socialists in Austria are enraged

at the court's action. When the

judge announced the verdict and

the sentences totalling 1291/2

years, workers in the courtroom

muttered, "The only answer to this

Dr. A. S. Lifschitz, representa-

tive of the Austrian Social-Democ-

racy in the United States, has

called upon American public opin-

ion to make itself felt in protest

against these brave fighters for

the Austrian workers being "bur-

ied alive in the prisons of Fascist

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# **World Socialism**

#### **Aftermath of Coalition**

#### Elections in Stockholm

On March 17, there took place in Stockholm, Sweden, the elections for the municipal assembly. While formally these elections were confined to municipal questions, actually, in view of the political situation in the country, they were of national significance.

With a considerably larger vote cast than in 1931, the bourgeois parties increased their vote from 95,000 to 123,000, a gain of 28,000 votes. The workers parties increased from 123,000 to 135,000 a gain of only 12,000, considerably smaller than the gain of the bourgeois parties. The workers' parties lost four seats in the assembly. the number of seats decreasing from 57 to 53; the bourgeois parties gained four seats, increasing from 43 to 47. However, the main objective of the bourgeois bloc, "Defeat the Red majority" was not achieved.

The Fascists participated in the elections for the first time, and obtained 6,337 votes, but did not secure a seat. Among the bourgeois parties, the liberal "People's Party" made the biggest gains, doubling its vote and increasing the number of its seats from 8 to 14. The extreme right party lost two seats and now has 33.

#### Social-Democrats Lose`

The really significant result in the elections is seen in the votes cast for the workers' parties. The Social-Democratic Party practically held its own with 105,000 votes, but in view of the increased total vote, sustained a relative loss, and its seats were reduced from 52 to 45, a loss of 5 seats. The Socialist Party (independent left socialist party) increased its vote from 15,963 to 22,364 and its seats from 5 to 7. The Communist Party obtained 8,463 votes against 2,468 and obtained one seat, against none.

Thus it is clear that the general strength of the workers' parties was maintained only because the "left" parties, the left Socialists and Communists increased their votes considerably, while the official Social-Democratic Party sustained a defeat. For the first time in five years, it lost its absolute majority in the city of Stockholm.

These results are very illuminating of the general situation in Sweden. The Social-Democratic Party has been in the government for some time, in a coalition with the Agrarian Party. In order to maintain this coalition (the "lesser of two evils") the party has been compelled to make more and more concessions to the Agrarian party, at the expense of the workers.

This policy has not only not won over the petty bourgeois (the objective of this strategy) which resented the government's policy of creating monopolies in tobacco, alcohol, coffee, oil and benzine; it also antagonized sections of the working class, who saw a "so-

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cialist" government operating the government aparatus in the interests of the bourgeois system. This resentment expressed itelf in the shift of 13,000 to the left inside the workers' camp. Had there not been a force on the "left," it is not unlikely that a considerable section of this discontent would have gone to increase the Fascist

#### Whither Coalition?

The Stockholm results only demonstrate once more the futility of coalition politics, even from the purely "practical" point of view. Practically in all cases of Socialist participation in coalitions, or of the establishment of a "socialist" government without any real possibility of carrying on along Socialist lines, the subsequent elections brought defeats for the Socialist Parties.

The British Labor Party sustained its worst defeats when it went before the workers to defend its record as a government party. It scored its biggest victories as a party in opposition to the capitalist parties and the capitalist government. The German Social-Democratic Party also met the same experiences, and generally manouvered so as to be in opposition when the elections took place. Nevertheless, it never gave up the policy of coalition governments. While this is a subject which requires more than a superficial discussion, it would seem that the lessons from these few incidents should be fairly obvious.

#### On the Belgian Coalition

All is not quiet in Belgium. The entry of the Party into the bourgeois government, in which it is outnumbered by two to one, has raised a storm inside the Party. The members are pointing out that this is contrary to the policy which the Party had held only a few days prior to its entry into the government.

Nevertheless, the special Congress of the Party approved the action of the Executive by a large majority. The Party leadership, in justification for its act, declared that they had not agreed to the coalition government, King Leopold was ready to assume the position of dictator. (Again the desser of two evils.") The talk of general strike heard only a few days before, seemed to have been completely forgotten.

The "left" inside the Party led by Liebers, strongly attacked the coalition policy, and its position was supported by the powerful youth organization, the Young Socialist Guard. The "left" is particularly bitter against Spaak, who had been one of its leaders, but had become one of the champions of coalition inside the Party. Undoubtedly more will be heard on this question in the near future.

#### Socialists— Please Note!

The SOCIALIST CALL is making a special attempt to be in a position to report on the extent and the effect on the May Day demonstrations all over the country.

Immediately after your demonstration on Wednesday, wire to the CALL, 21 East 17th street, New York City, telling us how many took part in your demonstration, the part played by the Socialists, any special features. Please do not wire collect.

The next day, please write a full account of your demonstration or meeting and send it to us promptly so that we may give a full report in the May 11th issue of May Day all over the nation.

# Ontario Group Hears Thomas Slam New Deal

Leaders of three-socialist movements from the United States, Great Britain and Canada gave the annual convention of the Cooperative Commonweath Federation, Ontario Section, an international character, when it opened its one-day session at the Royal York Hotel here on April 20.

Norman Thomas, leader of the Socialist Party of America, Sir, Stafford Cripps, Chairman of the Socialist League and members of the National Executive of the British' Labour Party, William Irvine, CCF farmer member of the Canadian parliament, read greetings to the convention from their respective groups.

John Mitchell, of the Hamilton Independent Labor Party, and Graham Spry, editor of the New Commonwealth, were unanimously re-elected as president and vicepresident of the Ontario CCF.

Graham Spry, for the Provincial Council, presented the annual report. He stated that the year had seen a fifty per cent increase both in paid membership and in the number of affiliated constituency units.

The provincial elections had been well contested, more than 103,000 votes had been polled, and unity had prevailed in all the efforts of the organization throughout the year. He attacked the lack of adequate finance, but emphasized that the CCF had not only financed greater activities with less revenues, but had wiped out a large proportion of the debt-left over from a year ago, when, due to deliberate sabotage tactics and a split between left and right-wing groups, serious, difficulties had been encountered.

#### Overflow Hall

The morning session of the convention overflowed a large convention hall in the hotel, and the afternoon session was moved to the largest ballroom. Delegates and visitors again overflowed the hall.

Later that evening, Thomas and Cripps demonstrated the basic identity of the principles by which the parties they represent are guided in addresses delivered before an audience of three-thousand in Massey Hall.

"We in Great Britain," declared Sir Stafford Cripps," have learned that it is futile for a workers' party to attempt to reform capitalism. British Labour will never accept government responsibility again till it has such a clear cut majority that it can legislate a so cialist program."

#### Thomas Raps NRA

Norman Thomas opened his address by congratulating the CCF on the progress it had made in a short time. "Our task," he said, "is not to create a socialist Canada, a socialist United States, a socialist Great Britain. Our task is to create a Co-operative Commonwealth of Nations.

"The New Deal in the United States is a failure because it is an attempt to bolster up our disintegrating capitalism."

Thomas assailed the NRA as capitalism in a new dress. Declaring that President Roosevelt hasdone for big business what big business could not do for itself, he charged the NRA with bestowing upon the United States the economics of fascism, without its policies as yet.

"Huey Long told me that God had created capitalism, and if He could stand it as long as He did, we should," he said, amid laughter.

Huey Long and Father Coughlin would both fail, he predicted. "You can't win by setting little men against big in terms of capitalist economy.

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# **YPSL National Executive Upholds New York Action**

meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Young People's Socialist League of America here on April 19-21. In addition to consideration of these reports, the national committee concerned itself with planning future work and with dealing with internal difficulties within the YPSL.

The outstanding report was submitted by Syd Devin, the editor of the monthly newspaper of the League, "The Challenge." He informed the Committee that 1,000 new subscriptions had been secured in the first three months of 1935. The matter of converting the paper into a bi-weekly is being considered by the editors.

Communist Sabotage A survey of intense activity by Yipsels in the recent student strike against war was presented by the officers and by the members of the NEC as well as by local and field organizers who were present. But a sad note was struck when every speaker related stories of sabotage and attempts to monopolize the student strike, by the National Student League, Communist campus group, at the expense of its effectiveness.

Reports of considerable progress in the national membership drive for 2,500 new members, especially in Ohio, New Jersey and Massachusetts, were heard.

The Yipsels, who themselves were faced with a crisis as a national organization in 1931 because of the lack of a national secretary, heard similar woes from the Socialist children's organization, the Red Falcons, which consists of 2,000 organized youngsters. The committee promised to back the Falcons to the fullest extent in their attempt to secure aid from the Socialist Party of the United States.

Many hours were spent on the problem of the New York YPSL which has been disowned by the Local New York Party organization. After conferring with all the parties concerned, the Committee issued a statement declaring that, "In this dispute, all the actions of the New York YPSL have been in accord with Socialist law and ethics." The NEC insisted on its right to jurisdiction ver local YRSL groups, subject only to the Party NEC.

Delays Ruling

On the other hand, the Committee, which had been having a dising forbidding members or groups of members to issue statements or periodicals not authorized by constituted bodies in the the entire matter shall be taken. YPSL city executive committee.

Special attention was given to making arrangements for the YPSL national convention which will be held in Pittsburgh, July 19-21. Full preparations were made and it was decided that the summer issue of the Young Socialist Review, theoretical organ of the League, shall be devoted to discussion of the convention issues.

Reject Offer Saturday morning a delegation of leaders of the Young Communist League appeared before the YPSL and the Young Commun- 5 cents. ists engage in a joint campaign to organize workers into the American Federation of Labor unions. The NEC flatly rejected this offer, pointing out that the YPSL had always considered organizing the workers of the AFL. "the most important task confronting the working class youth," but that the Communists had conization and had worked for its de- organization.

NEW YORK-CITY .- Reports of | struction. They called upon the advances made by the Socialist Young Communists to prove by youth movement in all sections of their actions every day in the year the country were heard at the that they are loyal friends and a loyal part of the labor movement of this country and thus remove the obstacles to unity among the working class of this nation.

> The meeting was attended by national chairman Arthur G. Mc-Dowell, national secretary Winston Dancis, John Strobel of Wisconsin, Gloria Waldron of Missouri, Robert Parker of Ohio, Milton Weisburg and Leon Shull of Pennsylvania, Tarmo Hannula of Massachusetts, and Aaron Levenstein and Noah C. A. Walter, Jr., of New York.

> When interviewed by the SO-CIALIST CALL, Dancis enumerated the most serious problems of local circles as lack of headquarters, insufficiency of road organizers in the case of isolated circles, à too widely scattered membership in the farm regions, a tendency to do Party or trade union work while neglecting the League, lack of work in outside youth organizations, and instability of the membership among the young miners.

> The most important tasks directly ahead of the YPSL. Dancis declared, are to increase the cultural work, tighten the organization, learn to make industrial work more productive in terms of recruiting members, put out more and better literature, and get more road organizers. ..

# Suspend Four In School Strike

NEW YORK-The suspension of four students at the James Monroe High School has aroused widespread protest in this city.

On the Monday following the student strike against war, the two hundred and fifty strikers were forced, under threat of suspension, to sign a statement declaring, "On April 12 I left the building after a warning that such action on my part would be a defiant violation of school educational regulations and state regulations."

On the afternoon of the same

day the strikers decided to demand that these statements be returned to them or destroyed in their presence. The next day fourty-four of them entered the dean's office and refused to leave until their demand was acceded to. "The dean's answer was to suspute in its own ranks over a rul- | pend the four leaders for "insubordination." The suspended students are Danny Chassanoff, Sol

Wolfowitz, and Louis Becker, all members of District D of the League, reversed itself and decided Young People's Socialist League, that no ruling shall be in effect and Abe Kramer, organizer for until the national convention when the district and member of the

A militant parents' committee has been organized, protest postcards have been printed, and the school anti-war strike committee expects to wage a mighty battle for immediate reinstatement.

#### Students Publish New Magazine at Chicago U.

CHICAGO .- "Soapbox," a magazine published by the Socialist Club of the University of Chicago, has just appeared. It is a twelvecommittee with a set of proposals page, illustrated periodical with for joint action, the feature of live articles, editorials and feawhich was a request that the tures, selling on the campus for

#### STUDENTS DANCE

The Hunter College Student L.I.D. is running a party and dance Saturday evening, April 27th, at 51 West 19th street, New York. There will be refreshments and entertainment. The proceeds will go for rent for the city headsidered the AFL a Fascist organ- quarters of the Socialist student

#### Free Speech

STORRS, Conn. - Students of Connecticut State College have been notified that, "Military training is declared to be part of the college instruction. Any formal public agitation or formal public discussions on the campus promoted by individuals on the college staff or individual students, which reflects upon the college military instructions or training, will subject such individuals to cause for removal."

#### Flashes About Youth

CALIFORNIA .-- A North California Regional American Youth Congress will be formed at a conference on May 4-5. Sponsoring the conference are the Business Girl's Club, the Chinese Business Girl's Club, the Central Labor Council of San Jose, the Joint Board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, Local 8 of the ILGWU, the Sealers' Local of the International Longshoremen's Association, five progressive student clubs at Berkeley, the Young People's Socialist League, the Young Communist League, the American Democratic Youth, and a host of other organizations.

Cleveland Plans Balll

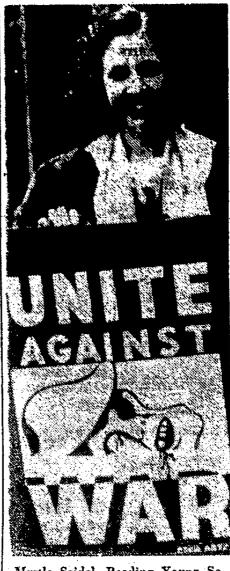
CLEVELAND. - Preparations are under way for the "Young People's Socialist League-Rebel Arts Pop-Corn Ball" to be held at the Metal Trades Temple, 1000 Walnut avenue, on Saturday, May 18. It is expected to be the biggest dance held by the YPSL of this city in three years. Contributions are being received for the dance

Child Labor Is Fought NEW YORK .- Over 300 delegates, representing a quarter of a million young men and women are expected to meet in the New York. City Youth Conference Against Child Labor this Saturday, April 27, at Christ Church, 344 West 34th street. The conference is sponsored by the New York State Committee Against Child Labor. Full reports of the proceedings will be carried in next week's CALL.

The Ladies' Apparel Shipping Clerks' Union, Local 19953 of the AF of L, has issued an appeal to all workers in the dress trade for assistance in organizing the shipping clerks, packers, stock clerks, push boys, charge clerks, porters, assorters, factory boys, errand boys, floor boys, order clerks, piece goods clerks, and steam boys in the shops, of which there are ten thousand in the city

# Young Circle League Will Hold First Nation-Wide Conference

No More War



Myrtle Scidel, Reading Young Socialist, carrying a Rebel Arts poster in the Reading anti-war parade.

#### Dual 'Young Socialist Club' Formed in N. Y.

NEW YORK .- A new youth organization, to be known as the "Young Socialist Club" will be formed by local New York of the Socialist Party, according to the decision of the Party city executive committee last Wednesday.

The only requirement for membership in the "Young Socialist Club" will be willingness to abide by the decisions of local New York.

The new club, whose existance will be temporary, pending the Party NEC decision on New York, will occupy the old city office of the Greater New York Federation of the Young People's Socialist League, at 7 East 15 street. Present central headquarters of the GNYF, which has 1,500 members,

Young Circle League branches from all parts of the country will convene in this city on the day before the formal opening of the Workmen's Circle national convention on Saturday, May 4, at the New York YCLA Center, 11-15 Union Square.

At this first national Young Circle League Conference, the Circleites will attempt to formulate more effective organizational plans for the National League. -

A supper conference has been arranged to follow the afternoon sessions. Leading officials of the Workmen's Circle and the Young League will be the after-dinner

A Gala May Dance will follow in the evening. The program of entertainment will include a burlesque of William Randolph Hearst, solo dances, and classical selections by the "Psychopathic Orchestra." Dance music will be provided by Lew Sandow's orchestra. Admission will be 49

Meanwhile the Crescite Club, largest of the New York YCLA branches, preparing for its first Spring hike on Sunday, April 28, at Alpine, N. J.

# Red Falcons Forge Ahead

The Falcons, very youngest section of the Socialist movement, are on the go all over the country. Watch for the Falcon section of your local May Day parade, and be sure to give the blue-bloused, red-kerchiefed youngsters a big hand as they go by. And watch for the May Day issue of the Falcon Call. Thirty-two pages of stories and pictures for children from six to sixty, guaranteed to make a Socialist of you in one reading. The Falcon Call will be printed by photo offset this time; up to now it's been mimeagraphed.

Now let's take a trip across the country: NEW YORK-All flights meet

at Palm Gardens, 360 West 52nd Street, at 4 p. m. on May Day. Wear uniforms, and carry fight flags.

Don't forget the theatre party to see 'Black Pit" on April 27, Saturday matinee. Parents should -come along. Benefits will go to the Falcon summer camp,

And on May 5, the May Festival in Central Park, with games, plays and fun That's wnere they'll draw the number of the winner of the city raffic.

CLEVELAND - Kaloman Wallisch flight held its first successful hike the other Thursday. Several new members joined on the hike. They're just chartered, but watch them grow.

There's a new flight organizing on the North Side. That makes three in all.

-Will every Ohio Party branch buy a book to the raffle of the Cleveland Falcons, so that they can get uniforms? If you win you get a Falcon alarm clock-special.

MILWAUKEE - The Children's Welfare Board of the Socialist Party here is making plans to organize flights all over Wisconsin because of their success here. Edna Peters Koller is chairman,

NEW ORLEANS --- The very first flight here was just-chartered. It's a co-educational one. Henry W. Hermes is the guide.

CHICAGO-Tom Mooney Flight 3 has just been chartered, too. It has quite a large number of boys and girls in it. Mary Jugg is responsible for the good work, If you know of any children living near the Jugoslavian Socialist Party Headquarters, be sure to send them down.

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# Young Men and Women-**Demonstrate May Day!**

On May 1st, millions of workers throughout the world will demonstrate solidarity in their fight for a world of peace, plenty and freedom. The young must rally with the adult workers.

More than ever before, the solidarity of labor is the only hope of youth in the desperate fight against the menace of war, Fascism and reaction.

In Italy, Germany, and the other European countries, labor is ground under the iron heel of Fascist dictatorship, dragged into power to preserve a decaying capitalism. Yet even in these countries, thousands of workers will at the risk of their lives demonstrate loyalty to their ideals of labor internationalism.

In the United States, this May Day finds millions of unemployed facing starvation or bare subsistence in the form of relief, employed workers facing reduced living standards and a drive for company unionism; the youth of the country facing the imminence of another war.

AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM, AGAINST COM-PANY UNIONISM, FOR THE THIRTY-HOUR WEEK IN INDUSTRY, FOR A WORKERS' WORLD, WE CALL ON ALL YOUNG WORKERS AND STUDENTS TO DEMONSTRATE WITH US ON MAY DAY. MAKE THIS THE MIGHTIEST MAY DAY EVER-FOR PEACE, PLENTY, AND FREEDOM!

> National Executive Committee, Young People's Socialist League of America.

### **Editorials**

#### May Day's Task

Workers of America! Demonstrate May Day!

Force Congress to pass legislation granting a maximum work week of 30 hours with no reduction in pay.

May Day 1886 American workingmen fought for the 8-hour 6-day week. That

fight was won.

May Day 1935 workers fight for the 6-hour 5-day week. That fight will be

IF Labor unites to trump the hand of Capital.

The 30-hour bill went to the scrap heap last year because monied industrialists held ace cards in the New Deal deck. They still hold those aces, but labor, when ORGAN-IZED, has a joker up its sleeve.

Thousands upon thousands of marching feet May Day, monster rallies backed by militant unionists, telegrams, letters, postcards, picket parades - THESE CAN BRING ACTION.

BUT don't fool yourself. Enactment of the 6-hour day will not solve all, or even half your problems. It will, IF ENFORCED, increase employment and put more dollars in the pockets of the masses.

The 30-hour week will NOT bring prosperity. It will NOT end the depression. It will NOT soften the capitalist crisis. It will only show up more sharply the fake new dealism of Roosevelt and his NRA, an NRA which was never meant to do anything more than hush up the most flagrant abuses of capitalism, Hoover Brand.

How many of the 11,500,000 unemployed would get jobs if labor forces passage of the 30-hour bill? Perhaps 3 or 4 millionsat the miserable wages industry pays today. And what of the other 8 millions?

YES—WHAT! They and their wives and children would still have to suffer the beggary of unemployment 'midst plenty . . because that is the curse of capitalism.

Fight for the 30-hour week. Fight tooth and nail for it-NOW. But don't overlook the future, for it is true—the future comes. And when it comes it must bring with it the one thing which can replace decayed capitalism, and that is SOCIALISM.

On to Socialism! Build for Socialism! A Socialism in which the land and mines and railroads and factories and stores of America will be run by the people AND FOR THE PEOPLE.

This is what the future can hold for our country if workers and farmers will fight shoulder to shoulder in the battle. Then, and then only, will Socialism be achieved. May it be Socialism in Our Time!

#### Free Austrian Fascist Victims

THE conviction of the Socialist Schutz bundlers in Vienna for their part in preparing the workers of Austria for a struggle against Fascism must be met by vigorous and widespread protest from 'America's opponents of reaction.

Anti-Fascists must organize sentiment against and bring pressure to bear on the committees of this latest outrage of the 'Austrian Fascist government. Our Schutzbund comrades have been the bravest fighters against Fascism. A blow against them is a blow against all Socialists and all anti-Fascists.

No effort should be spared to create widespread protest by this country. Such efforts will serve not only this immediate purpose, but will serve to arouse the American people against the incipient forms of American Fascism which are cropping up in various parts of the nation. . .

#### Disowning Its Holiday .

Many A F of L organizations have taken the initiative this year in organizing May Day demonstrations. The Central Trades Council of Essex County, N. J., Hartford, of May Day greetings we have been forced Connecticut, Milwaukee. Wisconsin, and to omit some advertising which will apmany other cities have sponsored such pear in the next issue.

meetings. Unfortunately, it is not so every-

For the most part, A F of L organizations hold aloof. Too typical is the experience of two cities in which the central labor bodies have given a broad hint that cooperation with the "Reds" was not "good policy."

In these cities the central bodies were preparing to cooperate with socialists in arranging May Day meetings for the 30hour week. They sought to engage prominent speakers. They were told that these would be available, but NOT on May Day. If they wanted these speakers, they must hold their meetings on some other day.

It was American labor that chose May Day as labor's holiday. The Socialist movement of the world adopted it later. Why does the A F of L fail to cooperate wholeheartedly in its celebration? Does it fear contamination through association with radical thought? Is it ashamed to recognize now a tradition which it started in America fifty years ago?

Socialists and Socialist Party Branches everywhere should seek in every way to bring A F of L bodies in their localities into their May Day demonstrations. If it is too late to do so this year, plans to this effect should be inaugurated for the years to

#### Preparing "War Babies" for War

TO a certain extent the confidence with which the capitalist powers go about preparing the next war rests on their knowledge that those who will be called upon to fight in it hav eno personal knowledge or experience of war.

The new class called into the army in France, for instance, consists of 120,000 "war babies"—boys who were born after the cannon were already booming in Europe. It is they who will be depended upon to do what those who went through the horrors of 1914-18, either at the front, or at the famine-torn rear, would never do

The Fascists and their allies especially are playing upon the ignorance of this new generation, using every artifice of modern ingenuity to paint war in glowing colors.

It is therefore all the more necessary for the anti-war elements to intensify their efforts to get to the youth—in the factories, on the farms and in the schools, and to deliver some telling blows against war. The student anti-war strike was a step in the right direction—but only a step! Far, far more must be done if we are to be successful.

#### 'Discipline

SOCIALIST Party is not a party of all the people. It is a party of the workers. It is a revolutionary party.

A Socialist Party must preserve discipline. Not the unreasoning discipline of the soldier. Each party member must have his voice in the formation of party programs and in the determination of tactics. He must have his vote in the forming of party decisions. He must have the right, within the party, to agitate for changes in management, in program, in tacties.

When a decision has been reached, any member who does not like it may use his energies in having it altered. But he must confine his efforts to party circles. No Socialist carries his party differences to the capitalist press. No Socialist discusses with non-members of the party the internal differences that are bound to arise in any living

No Socialist ever splits his ticket.. He votes. not for men, but for socialism,

Every Socialist gives freely of his time to the spreading of socialist ideas among workers wherever he goes. Every Socialist is first and foremost a disciplined propagandist for socialism.

#### Our Sincerest Thanks

WE thank the many persons who have unstintingly given their support to editor" alone. . . . But the action the SOCIALIST CALL, and especially the of the Forward Association - even numerous trade unions which have cooperated with us in our common endeavor. upheld you. Our roads part.

We regret that due to the large number

# **LETTERS**

#### The Harry Lang Matter

To the Editor:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to the now notorious Harry Lang.

I have been a member of the Socialist Party and of the Forward Association for the last 37 years. During these years in which I have actively participated in the working class movement nothing has ever so shocked me as this outrageous action against the working class perpetrated by Harry Lang. The enclosed letter speaks for itself.

Dear Mr. Harry Lang:

It is with deep regret that I write these lines to you. You were "surprised" to hear that I was the very first to protest against you. I was the first to interrupt your defender, Alex Kahn, at your "trial" Monday night, when you sat in the dock at the Forward Association meeting. It dealt with the shameful piece of work which you have perpetrated in reprinting your stale and rotten misstatements in William Randolph Hearst's lying Fascist newspapers.

Permit me to apologize for my blunt action againt you, not only because I interrupted every one of your "defenders," but especially for my loud outcry "Azef" (stoolpigeon) with which I greeted you when you appeared in the hall arm in arm with our editor.

You may have wondered how come I, an old and good friend of yours, a friend who knows you for so many years, not only as a writer but even from the time when you still earned your living as a worker in the trade in which Adolf Hitler was also employed—namely, as a paper hanger -should have been the first to attack you.

You have explained to us that it took long deliberations on your part before you finally decided to turn over your brazen lying articles to Hearst. But . . . finally you consulted with the editor, Abe Cahan, and he told you, "Go to it!" You then engaged the services of Isaac Don Levine to do the English translation for the Hearst press. And I trust implicity each word you say. Because the Herr Redaktor Cahan himself substantiated your story when he stated, "I must be tried and not he . . . ."

Now I humbly realize that I did your injustice, by directing my attacks against you, because you were but doing your master's bidding.

Now I can see how right I was. But my begging your pardon is hardly enough. What is bothering me now is, how can I continue to be a member of the Forward Association, together with you and your master? And this is the real cause of my writing to you. I am now very much in the same position as you. Just as you did not consult with other comrades, I mean those prominent in the Forward (as you admitted in response to the question put by Comrade Vladeck, "Why didn't you come to consult with me whether you should give your Kwatch - your trash-to Hearst"), so am I now not going to consult Vladeck about my resignation from the Forward Association. I am thoroughly convinced that Viadeck would not advise me to resign from the Forward Association just because I attacked you, not knowing about your "innocence," and that the guilt lies with the "good though by a narrow majority...

Wishing you success on your new ventures, I remain true to the Socialist movement.

George F. Meyers. NEW YORK CITY,

#### More of the Same

In addition to this letter from George F. Meyers, the SOCIALIST CALL has received a flood of protest letters from Socialists and Trade Unionists against the Soviet-baiting articles of Harry Lang in the Hearst press. Working class organizations have passed resolutions condemning Lang. Space does not permit reprinting the full text of these communications.

#### **Organizations Protest**

Resolutions denouncing Lang for his treachery to the labor movement have been passed by Local 22 of the ILGWU, Knitgoods Workers Union, Progressive Dressmakers' Branch 122 of the Workmen's Circle, Flatbush Branch 686 of the Workmen's Circle, Young Circle League, and Carlisle Young Circle League Club, to mention but a few.

Among the official Socialist Party organizations which have taken action against Lang are the Kings County Local, Perth Amboy, N. J. Local, Washington Heights Branch, and Village Branch. Individual protests have reached the CALL office from Harry W. Laidler, Mary Fox, and scores of other persons active in the Labor and Socialist movement.

#### Traitor To Ideals

The resolution from Local 22, ILGWU, scathingly denounces Lang as a "traitor to the ideals of the labor movement" and urges "all organizations of working class significance with which Harry Lang is associated to strip him of all connections and to strike him from their rolls so that he may be unmasked as a false representative of the working class."

"Lang's articles constitute a vicious and unwarranted attack against the Soviet Union," according to the resolution from the Progressive Dressmakers' Branch

#### Expel Lang

The Village Branch of the Socialist Party has gone on record as "demanding the expulsion of Harry Lang as soon as possible, and instructing our City Central Delegates to do all in their power to see to it that the Grievance Committee of Local New York acts without delay on this action."

The general opinion of the letters and resolutions received is to the effect that Lang has prostituted himself to the service of Hearst, who is carrying on a campaign for the establishment of an American fascism. They call not only for Lang's expulsion from all working class organizations, but also censure the Jewish Daily Forward for "permitting a member of its staff to join forces with the yellow and reactionary Hearst

#### Art Young to Draw for Call

The SOCIALIST CALL is proud to announce that Art Young, one of the world's most famous cartoonists and dean of American revolutionary artists will draw regularly for the CALL.

With Art Young added to the feature artists and writers, who include Norman Thomas, McAlister Coleman, Samuel DeWitt, and Harry Herzog, the SOCIALIST CALL feels that it contains features of which any paper, capitalist or Socialist, may well be proud.

# Turn to: The Left

By S. A. De WITT

#### Working for Willie

A sensational drama in one scene and few words. Scene: Two garbage cans on a deserted street. Two bedraggled Bowery flophouse wraiths enter and start rummaging the refuse in the cans.

First Wraith: Hey, buddie, found half a pretzel. Second Wraith: Gosh, prosperity must be coming. The cigar butts are getting longer.

Enter cameraman with placard marked "Press"

stuck in his hat band.

Cameraman: Hold it, fellers, hold it. That's right .. nibble the pretzel and dig the other hand in the can. . . And you, Slim, hold your mit over the butt, like you're swallowing hard. . . . Look like hell, will yer? Draw your cheeks in further. Like you were croaking, get me. . . . Hold it. . . . O. K. . . . Here's two bits.

The Wraiths, scrambling for the coins: What're you mugging us fer, bozo!

Cameraman, from distance: Read this afternoon's Journal. . . . Starvation in Russia. . . You'll find your mugs in the feature picture.

Crap Game

Common folks have an easy time of it these days, while Premiers, Fuehrers and Duces play craps for the future of civilization.

There they lie in the middle of the ring, whole nation-heaps of them, while the dice roll out fateful numbers.

"I got half a million men, says he, don't make that ten. . . . You're faded, and here's two hundred thousand more as a side bet, Simon, old topper. . Wait a minute, Pierre, you old frog-musher, holding out are you? Come on, go you four hundred grand, that the galloping ivories sing seven. . . Hey, you little fellers, get in your chicken feed. Quit balkin', you Balkan kibitzers, we don't want no audience, we want actors. I'll fade you all, ten's

Hey, you big bushleague Bolshevik . . . you wid a couple of million in your sock hanging around here . . . waiting for suckers are you? Well, here we are, Joe: What, you ain't bettin'? Well, you play or skip. . . . Hey, fellers, what do you think of this

palooka . . . won't move. . . ." Yeş, you've guessed it, my good friends, Hitler

is shaking the bones furiously, and the one who calls the bets is the old bouncer himself . . . Death. Yet it isn't as simple as that. While the workers lie piled up for stakes, little side conversations take place. Here's one for enlightenment:

Hitler (leaning over to Sir John Simon's ear): "You back me against that big Russian bozo over

there, Johnnie, and I'll cut him up.

"If I don't it'll be just too bad for you and the rest of your gang. That Communist bum means to take your racket away. He'll muscle in on India the

first thing, and where'll you be? "I'll hire out my gang to you . . . gee, I've got more planes and bouncers and gat-guys than you have by now. All I want is Memel; the Corridor and some backyard lots in Africa. . . . I'll bump that lummox off like that. What do you say, Johnnie?"

Sir John Simon: "What an ideah . . . bally what? Adolf, old fellah, I hadn't the slightest notion you had built up such a large aviation force, you know. . . . Really, that was hardly the proper thing to do . . . not in our agreement, you know.

"Addie, old top, I hardly think the boys back home will fall for that Bolshevik bogie man any

longer. . . . He's worn quite thin.

"And then you know my people don't forget in a hurry. They can remember back in 1776 when George the Third hired some of your Hessian lads to 'bump off' as you call it, a bally Bolshevik called Washington . . . And the hell they did. They lost us a bloomin' empire bigger than India.

"We aren't going to take any more chances. . . No, Adolf, let's get back to the crap game."

#### Force for Peace

You don't have to be perfect optically to perceive that the only force for peace in the world today is the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics. And the stronger that nation grows the higher our hope for the future rises.

Today, more than at any time in the history of civilization, the enemies, the slanderers, and the traducers of the one land in which workers and peasants are building for Socialism are utterly

hateful and mischievous.

Whatever theoretical and philosophical differences we may have with Bolshevism, Leninism, Stalinism and the rest of the revolutionary titles, are chaff in a hurricane. Socialists all over the world, worthy of the cause in which their lives are enlisted, will rise to defend the U.S. S. R. in this hour of danger.

When the gas bombs start bursting, who'll give a whoop in hell whether Mark meant that dictatorship of the proletariat meant dictatorship by the proletariat, or for the proletariat or what have you?

Gas doesn't give you a chance to whoop. You just gurgle a little, wheeze less, and then . . . you can't even get a decent funeral.

Socialists Picket Scab Building



Part of a picket line of 500 in Brighton Beach organized by the Socialist Party and the Young People's Socialist League to aid the strike of Building Service employees in Brooklyn. The Brighton Beach Branch of the Socialist Party has set up a soup kitchen for the strikers.

# MAY DAY AIDS INTERNATIONALISM

#### By HERBERT ZAM

May Day is the international holiday of the world's workers. On May 1 the workers of all countries, regardless of color, race or religion, regardless of locality, regardless of the form of government under which they live, will demonstrate the identity of their

And on May Day, the rulers of the world surround themselves with a horde of police and spies, and tremble at the sight of labor's iron solidarity and the sound of labor's powerful tread.

May Day is the finest revolutionary tradition possessed by the American labor movement, a tradition which American workers should be proud to have given the international proletariat. May Day is a rebuke to the national isolationists in the American labor movement who fear to maintain brotherly relations with world labor.

#### Begun by A. F. of L.

The struggle for the eight-hour day which the American Federation of Labor initiated became embodied in the call for a general strike to enforce it, called for May 1, 1886. May Day therefore marked the beginning of the period of maturity of American labor-when it began to feel its own power, its own potentialities, when it had become rooted in American soil.

But no sooner had American labor gained this knowledge of its own power, than it realized its international duty, its need for unity with labor in other countries. The appeal went out for international solidarity in support of the struggle for the eight-hour day. International labor heard the appeal. International labor responded. May 1, 1890, had been set as the day for the second general strike in the U.S. for the eighthour day. May 1, 1890, was set as the day for international demonstrations. May Day was proclaimed, and has remained ever since, International Labor Day.

#### A Symbol of Socialist Unity

In 1889, an international Socialist Congress was taking place in Paris. The Socialist International, after more than a decade, was being reconstituted. Scattered Socialist forces in many countries were being cemented into a powerful movement. The Second International was born. It was the new-born International which proclaimed May Day as International Labor Day.

May Day therefore became symbol of Socialist unity, a symbol which was treasured till the war caused it to be dragged in the mud. May Day was adopted as a guarantee against national isolation of the Socialist movement, against degeneracy to national patriotism. This fear was wellfounded. As time passed May Day became only an abstract symbol. The reality of true internationalism became more and more ob-

scured. Those who during the war finally gave up all traces of internationalism and made peace with the capitalist masters, also abandoned May Day. There could be no compromise between the celebration of May Day and the practice of "Burgfrieden."

#### True Internationalism

May Day, with its tradition of international solidarity combats national chauvinism which would pit the workers of one land, or one color, of one race, of one language and culture, against the workers of another land, another color, another race, another language and culture. On May Day the workers break through the chains of ignorance, of prejudice, of hatred with which their masters would shackle

On May Day the workers also reject the false internationalism which would bind the labor movement of the entire world in the strait jacket of mechanical uniformity in its tactics, its strategy, its form of organization and its methods of work. "The class struggle is national in form; it is international in content."

The labor movement cannot be successful internationally if it is subordinated to the interests, or policies or desires of one of its sections. The forms of the class struggle must be conquered in each individual country in order to be successful internationally. True internationalism calls for the achievement in each country of the specific task the workers face on the road to the common international goal. ..

#### Solidarity

Now more than ever is a reaffirmation of international labor solidarity needed. Again the war drums are beating. World reaction is on the march. Fascism threatens. Labor must not succumb before the power of fascism or the hypocritical slogan of patriotism. Labor's friend is labor in every country. Labor's enemy in every country is capitalism.

In many countries labor is suffering under fascism's iron heel. In Germany, in Austria, in Spain, the workers will break through on May Day. They will shout their defiance and their determination to carry on. They are fighting not for themselves alone, but for the international labor movement as well. International labor must fight for them. In the Soviet Union, the workers will celebrate May Day off the road to Socialism and will strengthen their forces against imperialistic attacks.

Labor united can conquer. Labor divided must fail.

May Day, when international labor solidarity is shouted in the streets of the world, must become the starting point for genuine international labor unity.

#### **U-DON'T-NEEDA** BISCUIT

# Dull But Highly **Educational**

By McALISTER COLEMAN.

Among scores of other complaints, we have one from a customer who says our columns have contained too much animal matter—chimpanzees. Yale men, the president of the City College of New York, etc.

This complainant wants to know why we don't give him more informational matter, "such, as (he writes) the latest developments in medical research, what is going on in the field of psychoanalysisthat kind of educational material, you understand." Now that's one of the easiest assignments ever

handed us. You see, I live in a medical research household. My cellar is filthy with rats, guinea pigs and stray Republicans who are there for purely experimental purposes. At the moment of writing we are concentrating on their glands. Glands are the vogue in medical research circles

right now. There are pieces about them every morning in the leading capitalist papers, right next to the editorials saying, "You can't change human nature."

"Wild Instincts Tamed by Extract," reads a headline in our copy of The New York Times,

For Republicans and Mice

This Extract was used by us with great success upon our Republican who has now become so completely mild as to form a united front with the guines pigs. Up to the time of the insertion of the Extract he had been a Splinter Group, He went off and sulked by himself in a corner of the cellar and would have nothing to do with the other rats. After taking the Extract he shouted out the slot in our cellar door, through which we give him the balanced diet, necessary for stimulating his vitamins, "Hooray for the Gland Old Party!"

As far as the second request from our importunate customer goes, namely, a prolonged and what we seriously expect to be a boring discussion of psychoanalysis, we have this to say.

Psychoanalysis is a most interesting way for middle-aged men with long black beards to making a living, listening to the tiresome and detailed accounts of neurotic old ladies who dream.

When the victim is laid out on the couch with a clean pillow carefully placed behind her head, the Dream Boy asks:

"Now relax and tell us about the affair you had which has turned you into the pik-nik you are at

This is generally quite confusing because the lady thinks he means pic-nics. This implies ants and Boy Scouts and all sorts of rather crumby sandwiches. But, for your information, a pik-nik is a neurotic suffering from a split personality.

#### The Bearded Men

. It was a great day for our friends with beards when they thought up that split personality stuff. The wage scale for a rank and file psychoanalyst is \$12.50 an hour with time and a half for overtime. But if they figure that you have a split personality that naturally doubles the bill.

They have doped out a language of their own, It goes something like this. It seems that there is a "jungle." That is your unconscious. No one ever having been conscious of his unconscious, naturally knows nothing about it. In this "jungle" there roams a tiger. This tiger is called "The Censor." It is the job of "The Censor" to keep folks from going completely nuts during the daytime. Anything goes at night and that is where your dreams come in:

Let us say that you have a dream that you are walking through the Ammonia Manufacturing Plant of McGuiness, MacGowan, Hanrahan and Goldberg in Peoria, Ill. Suddenly you are confronted with a female goat who closely resembes your Aunt Marcia, at one time a Vice-Regent of the D. A. R's.

This goat says to you, "Let us show you through our plant, I am the President of our Company Union. I am allowed to play on the musical glasses at our annual outing and to shake hands with the Second Vice-President in Charge of Public Relations."

#### Dream On

In your dream, you bow to the goat and say: "It is indeed gratifying to find that all you employes are one happy family of goats. I think that capital and labor should get together with their feet under the same table and by our traditional methods of arbitration, democracy and barratry come to a just and impartial settlement of what grievances we have in common."

You write this all out in a neat hand with your name at the top of the paper and nicely spaced margins and read it off to your psychoanalyst who will tell you that according to Freud you are evidently suffering from claustrophobia.

When you get home and look up th emeaning of what you are suffering from, you find that it means fear of the closed spaces. This is not only depressing, but terribly expensive. It sometimes takes years to get rid of.

Now that I have given my latest information on medical research and psychoanalysis, I must apologize for so much animal talk.

Looking over this column, it seems that I have dragged in goats, tigers; guinea pigs and what-not. However that is to be blamed on the researchers, not on yours truly.

# WE SHALL RISE AND GAIN OUR FREEDOM!

# Build A Workers' World

-Drawn specially for the Socialist Call by ART YOUNG.

#### The Foul Nest

Hatching out thieves, gangsters, forgers, gamblers, prostitutes, spies, scabs, killers and the whole brood of public enemies.

# May Day-Revolution

By EUGENE VICTOR DEBS

(From the New York "Worker," April 27, 1907)

This is the first and only International Labor Day, It belongs to the working class and is dedicated to the Revolu-

Today the slaves of all the world are taking a fresh breath in the long and weary march; pausing a moment to clear their lungs and shout for joy; celebrating in festal fellowship their coming Freedom.

All hail the Labor-Day of May! The day of the proletarian protest:

The day of stern resolve:

The day of noble aspiration. . . .

Yours for the Revolution

By ART YOUNG

vicious profit system known as Capitalism, that we

may be better and happier human beings. On this

MAY DAY I heartily greet the SOCIALIST CALL.

With youth, laughter and fight you will help to

hasten that big MAY DAY OF THE FUTURE when

SOCIALISM TRIUMPHS.

Yours for the united front.

Over all, I see but one duty! To get rid of this

Raise high this day the blood-red standard of the Revo-

The banner of the Workingman; The flag, the only flag of Freedom.

- As the slavery of the working class is international, so is the movement for its emancipation. The salutation of slave to slave this day is repeated in every human tongue as it goes .. ringing round the world.

The many millions are at last awakening. For countless ages they have suffered; they have drained to the dregs the bitter cup of misery and woe. At last, at last the historical limitation has been reached, and soon a new sun will light the world.

Red is the life tide of our common humanity and red our symbol of universal kinship.

Tyrants deny it; fear it; tremble with rage and terror when they behold it.

We reaffirm it and on this day pledge anew our fidelity—

come life or death—to the blooded banner of the Revolution.

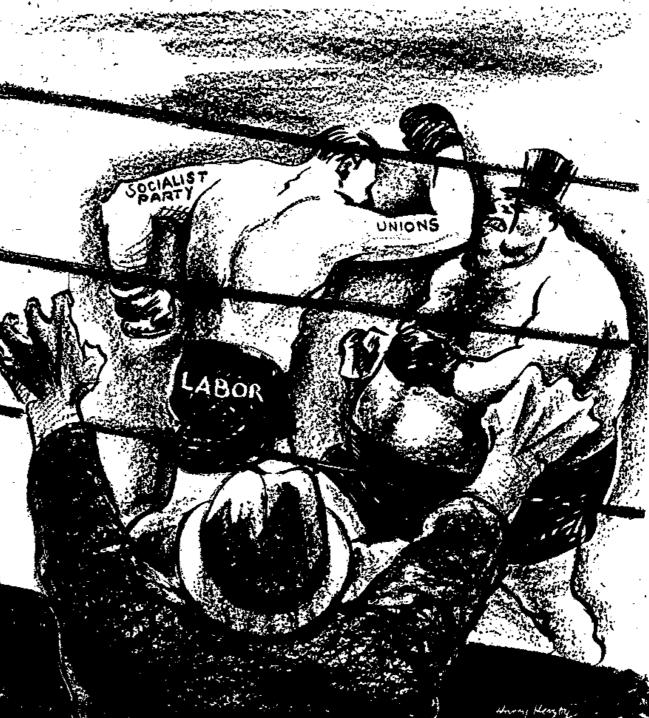
SOCIALIST Greetings this day to all our fellow-workers! To the god like souls in Russia marching grimly, sublimely into the jaws of Hell with the song of the Revolution in their death rattle; to the Orient, to the Occident and all the Isles of the Sea!

#### Vive La Revolution!

The most heroic word in all languages is REVOLUTION It thrills and vibrates; cheers and inspires. Tyrants and timeservers fear it, but the oppressed hail it with joy. The throne trembles when this throbbing word is lisped, but to the hovel it is food for the famishing and hope for the victims of despair.

Let us glorify today the revolutions of the past and hail the Greater Revolution yet to come before Emancipation shall make all the days of the year MAY DAYS of peace, and plenty for the sons and daughters of toil.

#### Use Your Left.



#### of peace and plenty a REALITY. The SOCIALIST CALL believes a system cannot long endure where profits and private property are sacred. In this great land of the Pilgrim's Pride where food and crops are destroved . . . where millions of able workers are idle . . . where factories are dark and machines gather rust . . . where Men, Women and Children starve-all in the name of profits . . . there must be a change! The SOCIALIST CALL stands dedicated to the abolishment of this ruthless system, of the profit system that deprives the workers of their rights to a life of peace and plenty. You agree that this system must be relegated to the scrap heap—then give us all your support! The SOCIALIST CALL is dedicated to the Emancipation of all workers. To the abolishment of wage slavery in all forms. To the establishment of a Workers' World.

Only through your support and cooperation can we realize our goal. Only through the united activity of all American workers can we make this a land of peace and plenty. We support labor in its fight for the 30-

**LET US GO FORWARD** 

Let's go forward to a Workers' World. Help us make Debs' vision of a MAY DAY

hour week. We support labor in its battle to gain decent working conditions and living wages. We're behind you! We ask you to read and support the

SOCIALIST CALL. Send your subscription in today. Let's go

forward to SOCIALISM!

# May First Behind Prison Bars

By JOSEPH M. COLDWELL

more my memory goes back to May Day, 'TION.' 1921 in the Atlanta Penitentiary, which I and other class war prisoners.

were allowed to gather in the prison yard, to play games, take exercise, and to visit with each other. The class war prisoners usually gathered at the stockade, a portion of the yard that had been fenced off with barbed wire.

Behind the barbed wire fence weré several prisoners who lived in small tents. They had tuberculosis and their colony was called the T. B. Camp. One of the prisoners in the T. B. Camp was Nicholas Zogg, imprisoned on account of his actions against the Mexican government, which at that time was decidedly reactionary.

As Zogg could not come out of the camp we usually gathered there as we came out of the different cell-houses. There were IWW's, Socialists, Communists, and a few conscientious objectors who were accepted in our group.' We had agreed at our previous meeting that we would celebrate May Day, which happened to be the next time that we would be together.

#### The 'Red Flag'

-One of the comrades had a violin which he brought down to the yard on this oceasion. I had written a few verses of the "RED FLAG" on slips of paper which I passed to the comrades. Before we started to sing one of the comrades drew the outline of a waving flag in the sandy soil and

Each year as May comes around once in the center of it the word "REVOLU-

Gene Debs stood leaning against the spent as a fellow prisoner with Gene Debs wires of the stockade near Zogg. The rest bars renewed our courage and strength. of us grouped around the flag outlined in On certain days each week the prisoners—the sandy soil of Georgia, six miles from the city of Atlanta.

The comrade who had the violin was one of the three Russian boys that were sent down from New York City because they had passed out handbills protesting President Wilson's action in sending armed troops to Russia against the Soviet government. Gene Debs was there because he had protested against war as a general proposition, and in particular against this country sending its manhood to be cannon fodder on the battle fields of Europe.

As the strains of the "RED FLAG" came from the violin we squared our shoulders

"The people's flag is deepest red, It shrouded oft our martyred dead, And ere their limbs grew stiff and cold Their heart's blood dyed it's every fold."

We sang the chorus of each verse, but the verse that thrilled us most was the last verse. We sang it with determination. "With heads uncovered swear we all

To bear it onward till we fall, Come dungeons dark or gallows grim, This song will be our parting hymn.'

#### Solidarity

And we were happy. We knew that in many parts of the world comrades of ours were singing the same song, some of them in the shadows of the gallows, some behind prison bars, others carrying on manfully

in the cities, towns, and villages. We felt the solidarity of comradeship, the very act of singing the "RED FLAG" behind prison I can picture now the smile on Gene's face as we sang the chorus.

"Then raise the scarlet standard high, Within its shades we'll live and die, Tho cowards flinch and traitors sneer, We'll keep the red flag flying here."

And we did to the best of our ability. All during the time I served in that prison I wore a red button on the lapel of my coat. It was a prison made button, made of white cotton thread wound around a button and dipped in red ink. I still have that button and count it as one of my most precious

#### May Day Today

This year our May Day celebrations will be devoted not only to celebrating our international solidarity, but also to lending our voices to the growing demand for the 30-hour work week. With conditions as they are, with millions unable to find work, machines speeded up, each machine doing the work of many hands now idle, this is a good slogan.

If Gene Debs were alive he would enter into such a campaign with all the vigor at his command. I know that some think the social revolution is a long way off. But the class struggle is ever present and the fight is now on the 30-hour work week front. This fight is just another phase of the class struggle and we of the Socialist Party must take our part in this move of the working class to lighten its

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# What A Progressive Union Accomplished

# Local 22: A Successful Year

By MURRAY GROSS

(Representative to Central Trades and Labor Council)

Some very important conclusions can be drawn from the experiments of Local 22; International Ladies Garment Norkers' Union, where a united front of Socialists, Anarchists, Lovestonites, and general progressives has been holding the reins for the last three to four years.

Let us survey the year ending May 1, 1935. Unlike the

previous year when we were beset; with general strikes, acute depressions, and other "abnormal" conditions, we had, during the past year more or less normal work. In the local we have been building, educating, and strengthening our progressive movement.

What has been accomplished? Probably first and foremost among that we have proved wrong all those "I told you so's" who predicted that oil and water-Communists, Socialists, Anarchistswould not mix. Despite the turbulent condition and lack of clarity in the labor movement, we were able to proceed with more harmony than ever before.

It should be noted right here and row that all the famous theories of the "doubting thomases" are baseless. When militant and progressive elements in the labor movement get together on a minimum program-and are serious in their actions—it can work

#### Answered Bill Green

Outside of the routine work involved in handling member's complaints and attending to shop problems, Local 22 was the prime mover in much work of benefit to the whole labor movement. We were the first to answer every call of the labor movement. Local 22 responded generously with both morál anu financial support to practically every strike during the year, not only in New York City, but in every part of the country.

During the great San Francisco disliked, it was Local 22 that re- likewise.

futed Green's arguments, and did so promptly.

Supports Expelled Students The Local's educational work was greater than ever. During the year hundreds of classes in elementary unionism, economics, public speaking, English, and a host of other subjects, were held our accomplishments is the fact in every section of the City. In addition to the Union Central School, at wurion headquarters, eight other schools were open throughout the city. Lecture courses, attended by hundreds of workers, were given. We have

> Local 22 reacts on all problems affecting labor, without waiting for solicitations or appeals. When 21 students were expelled from City College for anti-Fascist activities our Local immediately protested in the press. We sent resolutions to all authorities involved, and raised the question on the floor of the Central Trades and Labor Council.

> printed copies of our educational

material and distributed it to many

other locals of our International,

as well as to other unions.

#### For 30-Hour Week

We supported the Teachers Union in all its demands for improving education in New York City. We sent delegations to Albany in support of such measures as unemployment insurance, and old age pensions. We are waging a continuous struggle for the 30-hour week, without reduction in pay, and for democracy in trade unions.

These are but some of the activities of a real progressive union. general strike when William Green Our united front experiment has took a position that all Socialists succeeded. Let other unions do

# Canada Sends Its Greetings By GRAHAM SPRY (pritor, The New Commonwealth, Canada)

h y Day is the great inter-national holiday of the Socialists of the world. To our American comrades, the New Commonwealth sends its heartiest greetings. There are no frontiers defined in the language of socialism. Socialism speaks the language of all humanity; a world commonwealth is the great hope it utters.

In the words of George Lansbury, leader of the British Labor Party, in his greetings to the CCF convention in Ontario let Socialists on May Day say, "Our mission is to bring all people together in a bloodless fight to win the world and all that therein is for the services and use of all the children of men. Love to you all."

#### Dressmakers Win Clear Victory

On top- of clean cut victory in the \$4.75 line won by a stoppage that tied up production, Julius Hochman, General Manager of the Joint Board of the Dress and Waistmakers' Union, announced today (Thursday) that the union had won substantial increases for the workers in the \$3.75 and cheaper lines.

The new schedule of minimum piece rates follows:

Operating Pressing
Dresses Suits Dresses Suits
.47 .50 .12½ .14½
.38 .40 .09 .11
.33 .35 .08 .10

The increases run 4 cents to 7 cents per garment. The \$3.75 net line is still being negotiated with a settlement satisfactory to the Union in sight.

These union actions, carried through with effective precision in the tag end of a dull season, were regarded as important signs of the strength of the Union in the struggles to come next Fall when a new collective agreement will be nego-

#### Call Association To Meet May 4

The first annual meeting of the Call Association will be held Saturday, May 4, at 2 p. m., at 21 East 17th street, New York City.

'Any member of the Socialist Party or the Young People's Socialist League in good standing in any section of the country is eligible for membership in the association.

People who send in applications for membership before May 4 will be considered charier members.

MAX DELSON, . Temporary Chairman.

Strike Threat Scares Bosses SAN FRANCISCO .- Four workers who were discharged by a San Francisco skirt and jacket shop for union activities were reinstated after the International Ladies Garment Workers Union threatened a strike.

and labor's power grow, the fear and the arrogance of capital grow, too. The bitter anger exhibited in the Haymarket case lives on. There are still those who prefer to see in every demand for a better life, the work of the bomb-thrower. We are still subject, without notice, to police violence, and to trials in courts of American working class of that i. "justice," in which our enemies are judge, jury and executioner. Scottsboro and Sacramento do not stand alone as the homes of classjustice.

As in 1886, so now, the price of liberty is external vigilance. We are out for the 30-hour week, But held at Paris. more than that, we are out this May Day- for a society in which avowed the revolutionary train-

# Important Struggles Face Working Class

# "Workers of the World, Arise!"

By LUIGI ANTONINI (Acting President of the International Ladles Garment Workers' Union)

This is perhaps the most'tragical of the May Days since the great International Day dedicated to the building of a new social order was instituted.

It returns to greet us this year in the midst of the most terrible misery, anguish and distress, with the world depression unsolved, the labor movement of great nations broken and crucified, and the selfappointed leaders of humanity as befuddled and undecided as blind men lost iñ a dark cave.

The dogs of war are straining at the chains and the rumblings of another world-wide massacre which will wipe out half of mankind and extinguish all civilization are heard in every land on earth.

#### Thunderous Protest

Surely never before the great voice of labor was needed as much as now to be heard in holy wrath and thunderous protest; never the mighty hand of labor was more needed than now to smite into the dust the ancient gibbets and the new scaffolds whereon liberty and ity of the Working Class.

justice are tortured, strangled and befouled,

Only the workers have an International Day, for only the workers can and will make that day one of hope and resurrection for a grief-laden, bleeding and humiliated mankind.

Let us then prepare from this day on for the great struggles that lie ahead, and fight with unshakable determination for the worldwide solidarity of the working class, for the restoration of all civil liberties, for the immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners; against militarism, against all wars and against fascism of every shape and from wherever it rears its reptilian

#### We Must Not Fall

Unless we fight at once for all these things, and win them with: out delay, Organized Labor will play no significant part in the reshaping of the Nation and the new destinies of the world. But Organized Labor will not fail!

Workers of the World, arise! Long live May Day!

Long live the inviolable solidar-

# Labor and May I

#### By MURRAY BARON

(Manager, Suit Case and Portfolio Makers Union)

the American working class, May Day, 1935, will witness a great and widespread demonstration of workers in lines of march-in assembly-in practically every major city and in innumerable union communities. The central, immediate demand of the American worker today is the 6-hour day-30-hour week. And so today reminiscent of the 8-hour movement initiated in 1886—the organized working class of America will lay down its tools in a mighty demonstration, demanding, among other things, the reduction of hours.

It was the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions, the immediate forerunner of the American Federation of Labor. which, though boasting of less than 50,000 members, ambitiously undertook the organization of a general strike on May 1, 1886, for the 8-hour day.

#### Sabotage

With the audacity and militancy which the labor movement has rarely manifested since, these hardy brothers set in motion a movement embracing no less than 350,000 workers, intent upon the universal establishment of the 8-hour day. This movement might have been even greater had not Terence Powderley, head of the Knights of Labor, indulged in a quiet campaign of sabotage pensable labor legislation. against this drive.

tragedy occurred. The reaction the American workers must rewhich followed dissipated nearly vive the glorious militancy of May all of the hard-won gains of the May Day strikers.

precedent was established. The Socialist Commonwealth. day was the founder of the May Day institution, which soon became the official holiday of the international revolutionary working class. The recognition was accorded by the Paris Congress of the Second Internationals of 1899

While the AML has since dis-May Day in September, its ad-

As never before in the history of i vanced meetings have annually observed it.

Here and elsewhere in the world the Socialist movement will march side by side with Labor.

Largely due to the activity of the Socialists and the Socialist Party, many unions, which have in the past disdained to participate, will on this May Day join the ranks of the marching hosts. The patient, constructive work of the Socialist Party, especially in the past few years on behalf of organized and unorganized workers, will be impressively reflected.

In New York City 3,000 biscuit workers—waging a most heroic battle, will join tens of thousands of their comrades in what will undoubtedly be the largest demonstration in the country. These biscuit workers typify the level to which the class-struggle has risen in America. The struggle for elementary union recognition is the focal point around which the conflict between capital and labor revolves.

The European working class movement has long ago won this recognition. Today our comrades across the seas are fighting against imminent war and fascism.

Here, in America we continue the fight for our primary rights and the essential institutions, demanding the 30-hour week, adequate social insurance, and indis-

I We must remember that, be-On May 3, 1886, the Haymarket youd these immediate demands, 1, 1886, in a mighty offensive against war against Fascism ---But a great, history-making and for the establishment of the

#### Unceda Union More Than Unceda Bisenit

This slogan was officially enforced by the Joint Board of Dress Makers, H.GWU, in support of the National Bisguit Company strikers.

# HAYMARKET-1886

By DAVID P. BERENBERG brated as labor day, that of 1886, had a tragic aftermath.

The demand for the eight day, about which the demonstrations centered, were not granted. The freight handlers in Chicago struck to enforce this demand, and on May 3 there was a clash between the strikers and the police at the McCormack Reaper Works. A meeting was called for the next day, May 4, at the Haymarket to protest against police violence.

The meeting took place; three thousand people gathered to listen to speeches by Spies, Parsons and Fielden, Anarchists who had been closely associated with the "eight-hour day" movement. Professor Hart's "The American Nation: A History" repeats the statement of the police provacateurs when he says that Fielden's address "was extremely violent, and led the police to order the gathering to disperse." Lillian Symes quotes better authority, when she says that the meeting was orderly, even tame, until the police apreared.

#### Atrocities

We must not forget that the meeting was called to protest "the The police were in an angry mood; some years later. they itched to show the workers. The world has moved since

I that then "the mob fired upon the The first May Day to be cele- police, wounding sixty and killing seven." Exactly the opposite was the case. The crowd was not armed. The police fired. The killed and wounded were workers-additional victims of an "atrocious attack" of the police.

The Haymarket bomb, whether thrown by a worker or a police agent, released all the pent-up rage of the owning class. During the eight-hour campaign the capitalists had been chafing at the "impudence" of the workers. They were face to face with a great labor organization campaign. Now they saw their chance to smash it. They acted.

#### Framed

Fielden, Spies, Parsons, Ling and four others were arrested on the charge of murder. It was not asserted that they had thrown the bomb. They were held guilty on the ground that their "incendiary" speeches had incited another to use dynamite. The trial was the model on which the later cases of Mooney, er, Haywood and Pettibone, Sacco and Vanzetti were framed. The verdict of "guilty". was a foregone conclusion. All defendants were found guilty. Three were hanged, one killed atrocious attack of the police in himself in jail; the rest were parshooting on our fellow workmen." doned by Governor John Altgeld

who was boss. They marched on 1986. The eight-hour day is no meeting, and broke it up. longer a radical demand. Labor the workers, and not their mas- tion and significance of May Day, leone no one knows who— is out this May Day for the thirty- ters, control the police, the courts preferring to recognize the "legal" threw a bomb. Professor Hart says hour week. But as labor's demands, and justice.

# New Yorkers To Protest Ohio Terror

NEW YORK .- A mass meeting will be held Saturday, April 28 at 3 p. m. in Union Square to protest the violation of civil liberties by the Cleveland police against the striking IWW metal workers.

The police have joined hands with gun thugs imported by the Associated Industries in an effort to break the strike of the 1,300 members of the Metal and Machinery Workers Industrial Union No. 440 of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Herbert Mahler, of the General Defense Committee, was arrested on his arrival in Cleveland last Thursday and held incommunicado by the police for 56 hours. He was charged by police as being a suspicious person while visiting the picket lines of striking IWW charwomen at the Terminal Tower Building owned by the Van Sweringens, With him were arrested, on the same charge, Peter Suto, of Detroit, held for 84 hours, and "Fred W. Thompson, organizer from

#### Theatre Workers Defy Injunction, Frighten Boss

BROOKEAN, N. Y.—"Stay half a mile away from the theatre against which you are striking or we'll run you in," said in effect a victous injunction given by Justice Mitchell May against the four unions striking against the Oxford Theatre, 552 State street, Brook-

The unions are: Local 306 of the Motion Picture Machine Operators, Local 802 of the American Federation of Musicians, Theatrical Protective Union No. 1, Theatre and Stage Employes No. 4.

The unions refused to be scared away from the Oxford Theatre. The following evening 1,000 union members showed up in front of the movie house and formed a mass picket line.

A couple of dozen were arrested, but it didu't do the movie boss much good. As far as he was concerned, business was killed. Practically nobody entered his theatre. He got so frightened that at present he is talking settlement.

During the last two weeks of the strike there have been more than 150 arrests, LaGuardia's police, as always, have not been at all reluctant about treating the strikers brutally.

Greetings to Readers of The Socialist Call

NORMAN THOMAS

For Labor Unity-May Day and Everyday

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Motion Picture Operators Union

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May Day Greetings.

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Local No. 25 I. L. G. W. U.

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# We Celebrate The Future, Not the Past

By MARK STARR

Many holidays turn their back upon the present and fix their eyes dotingly upon the past. In happy contrast Labor's holiday, May day, celebrates the future. It envisages a worker's world based upon human solidarity and well-being. After all, true greatness comes not from the past.

As yet, we are only frightened children playing dangerously in the dark compared to what future mankind freed from tribal and nationalist hates and superstitions

will rise to be. Many holidays celebrate dead heroes. But May Day deals with men and not monuments. More important than all the battles recorded in the drum and trumpet history books, more significant than all the religious festivals of the past is our May Day and the attempt by Labor to transcend the frontiers and celebrate the solidarity of the working class of all countries.

Today we stop work at our own behest instead of the bosses. Let the workshops be silent for one day at least at the command of the class which builds the future. The workers are the carriers of a culture of which as yet we have only dreamed.

The coming race of those who eye to eye shall look on knowledge.

At whose command is earth and earth's

And in whose hand is Nature like an open book.

#### **Call Aids Drive Toward Socialism**

By DAVID P. BERENBERG

It is difficult to write May Day greetings. Everything that is worth saying has been said better long before this. Words of hope and of exhortation grow meaningless with frequent repetition. But this May Day the Party has something more to offer to the workers- 'he Socialist Call.

It does not become a member of its editorial staff to grow, lyrical in praise of the paper. Yam painfully conscious of the fact that the CALL is not yet the paper we have long wanted. But with all its faults it is better than any we have had in two decades. With the help of all loyal Socialists it can indeed become a CALL to Socialist action.

. By MAX DELSON

just another May Day.

wages drop to new lows.

This cannot—this must not—be

In every country where capital-

ism prevails, unemployment, starv-

ation, poverty and untold misery

are the grim lot of the working

Here in America, dividends soar

While bumper crops are pro-

While Roosevelt mouths sweet

phrases to labor, the vast super-

structure of governmental ma-

chinery which he has erected, os-

tensibly for the purpose of restor-

ing a synthetic prosperity, rests

squarely on the back of the work-

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his administration, clothed in the

deceptive and false garments of

friendship and impartiality, has

On the pretext of initiating pro-

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New Deal Failure Forces

# May Day Comes To West Coast As Labor Prepares Offensive Anti-Fascist

By SAMUEL S. WHITE (Manager of the San Francisco Joint Board and Secretary of the Pacific Coast Federation of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union.)

The overshadowing clouds of war, which grow blacker and blacker, give to this May Day a deeper significance of the necessity for speedy and united organization and action against the class enemies of the toilers throughout the world.

And here in California, where Tom Mooney still looks out upon the green hills from the living grave to which the foes of labor have consigned him, we also are face to face with the menace of a Fascism which has already fastened its tentacles on Imperial Val-

Hope for Labor

May Day in California sees eight more victims of the vicious anticriminal syndic..lism law fighting for their liberty, while the black forces of predatory capitalism are seeking to induce the Legislature to strengthen the repressive laws so that even the possession of any document which the economic rulers of the state think is dangerous will land a worker in prison.

However, there are hopeful portents for labor's future in this state and on the Pacific coast.

In the year that has rolled by since the last May Day, we have witnessed the gigantic upheaval of labor in the maritime and waterfront strike, the amazing display of labor solidarity in the San Fran-

#### Public Enemy Number One

By GEORGE BALDANZI (President, Federation of Silk and Rayon Dyers and Finishers of America).

The most important thing facing the American workers on May Day 1935 is the fight against fascism. Not only must the fight be waged against the growth of fascism in Europe, but even more important—against all attempts at an American version of fas-

\*The demagogues cropping up throughout the country must be exposed. Number One of these is William Randolph Hearst, who is using his vast newspaper chain to prepare our citizens for a dictatorship in which Hearst will play a leading role.

Hearst must be fought tooth and nail, as must any Harry Lang who claims to be a friend of the workers, but prostitutes himself to do Hearst's dirty work.

to compulsory arbitration and the

At the same time, the seeds of

Fascism are being carefully plant-

ed in the fertile soil of discontent

Calls to Labor

tinct stage in the industrial and

political development of American

agitation and organization.

war and annihilation.

This May Day must mark a dis-

Militant Labor Activity

and misery.

outlawry of strikes.

fear for the time being into the litical ferment which produced the hearts of organized capital; the Epic plan and gave the capitalist unionization of the Market street class on the coast a severe scare, railway in San Francisco, ancient although they have now-as they enemy of organized labor, and always have in past history—suffiwhich was the brains behind the Mooney - Billings Trame-up; the steady and relentless although labor. slow advance of union organization in Los Angeles, long the capi-

#### For the Unity Of All Workers

By POWERS HAPGOOD

(Member National Executive Commit-tee, Socialist Party) May Day should demonstrate the necessity for united action by largest possible number of workers, farmers and unemployed organizations toward collective ownership.

working Solidarity among class groups, nationally and internationally, is more necessary than ever because of unity among capitalist forces seeking to crush workers' organizations.

#### New Deal Is Old Raw Deal

By ALICE HANSON (Educational Director, United Textile Workers, Philadelphia)

The New Deal boasts it has fulfilled 13 of its 16 campaign prom-

(1) We have beer.

(2) We have decreased unemployment—by increasing military preparations, putting unemployed youth in semi-military CC Camps, and planning to employ two million unemployed workers at starvation wages. -

(3) We have raised prices-and driven the tenant farmer off the land and onto the roads, while the workers' pay envelopes look sicker than they did before the New

(4) We have abolished child labor-except in the street trades. and anywhere else where employers can work children and get away with it.

(5) We have shortened hoursbut not enough to re-employ the unemployed.

(6) We have raised wages—by setting a minimum which has become the maximum, and by setting so low a minimum that total wage payments have fallen off.

(7)——— (8)———— (9)—

((10)-Against such a hollow mockery of a new deal for labor, and against this sham fulfillment of solemn pledges, the workers of the United States in their dawning political consciousness demonstrate on May Day.

On this day, we pledge ourselves to build, not a government of labor's "friends," but a government of labor itself!

On May Day we demonstrate for labor's new deal, a Workers' Government, THE SOCIALIST STATE!

Leopold Schwartzwold, one-time editor of a Gérman liberal paper, has lived and written in Paris since Hitler rode into power. He's the object of special attention from Nazi secret police.

cisco general strike, which struck tal of anti-unionism, and the pociently recovered to take up the slack in the binding that enslaves

> Today the struggle for labor's rights continues. In Seattle representatives of maritime and allied unions on the coast have gathered to forge a new weapon of solidarity-the Pacific Coast Marine Federation. In the Pacific Northwest the loggers and lumber workersonce among the most militant and revolutionary workers in America —are stirring from their lethargy and talking once more of strikes.

Towards a New World

I am certain that this May Day will be an inspiration to the workers on the Pacific Coast, and that before another May Day comes, workers in California and in neighboring states will be definitely on the march toward a workers

To the Socialist Party falls the task of educating the toilers to he truth that the march must proceed simultaneously on the economic and political fields. I am sure the Socialist Party, which is now stirring itself to renewed activity in California following the Sinclair will-of-the-wisp blindalley adventure—will not fail in its historic task.

#### Turn Slogans **Into Deeds** By DAVID FELIX

The CALL celebrates its first May Day at a most auspicious time. Today when the Socialist movement is joined more closely with the Labor Unions than at any time since the World War, the CALL will find itself called upon to play a leading role in developing the class consciousness of the working masses.

The slogans of this May Day-'Against War and Fascism"-'Destruction of Company Unionism"-"For the Thirty Hour Week"--"Social and Economic Security"-"For a Labor Party"-"For a Workers' World"—are the slogans of revolutionary socialism and are only to be achieved through unceasing struggle.

#### Nurses Organize

LOS ANGELES. - The first meeting of the Nurses, Hospital and Institutional Employees, recently organized here, applied to the American Federation of Labor for a charter.

# May 1, Mighty **Demonstration**

By ELIZABETH GILMAN (Socialist Candidate for Mayor of Balilmore)

More than ever should May Day, 1935, be used for the protest against Fascism, which is now threatening our country.

If members of organized labor and the Socialist Party of America unite when they see that their rights as workers and as citizens are menaced, it would be a mighty cry which would be heard in Washington.

#### **Red Banners** Of Solidarity

By DEVERE ALLEN (Member National Executive Committee, Socialist Party)

A radical movement extends itself with complete abandon, zest and fire only when on the brink of triumph or fighting against some 🧃 dire defeat.

In between, with years of indecisive crisis imposing their relentless series of demands, unrewarded by the exhilaration of a major turning point, a different courage is required, a less spontaneous impatience. 'We must be stirred by symbols.

That is why May Day, American at birth but paid greater homage overseas, is important for us in our struggle here. It is the accent to which we march with unseen millions who are, none the less, bone of our bone and sinew of our sinew. On this day workers can fly their colors in the streets, and unfurl banners of solidarity in their minds. It portends the time when all days will be the workers'.

If as yet our paths diverge, if confusion often comes upon the ranks, this is a time to march in rhythm, learning eventually, to march as one toward conquest.

#### Bulletin

As we go to press, word comes that we have received letters bearing the May Day messages of George M. Rhodes, president of the Federated Trades Council of Reading, Pennsylvania: Frank R. Crosswaith, general organizer of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union; and Comrade Broadus Mitchell.

Like our readers, we feel that this issue is incomplete without them, but the necessity of prompt publication compels the omission.

# Socialist Legislators Lead Fight for Social Security

By Darlington Hoopes

(Member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party and Socialist representative in the Pennsylvania Legislature from Berks County.)

For nearly half a century May Day has been set aside for demonstrations by the workers and the relative strength and character of these gatherings have been recognized as a sort of a barometer of the activity of the labor movement.

This year the need of a classconscious labor movement is even more obvious than before. The New Deal is rapidly losing the confidence of those who placed their faith in it.

Socialist members in three State Legislatures have presented measures not only to point the way for the change-over from the competitive to the cooperative society, but have also won the respect and confidence of the unemployed and organized labor by their valiant struggle for measures which will ease the conditions not fail.

and increase the security of the workers immediately.

They have joined in the battle for measures to stop evictions, increase relief, shorten working hours, enforce collection of wages, outlaw company unions and to es-. tablish unemployment insurance and old age pensions.

The publicity which the Socialist Party has received as a result of our activity along these lines has been very favorable and should materially assist in building the Party for the 1936 campaign. On this May Day 1935 we should rededicate ourselves to the cause of Socialism. We should highly resolve to allow nothing to stop us in going forward with thin great work.

There is no time to be lost. If we fail now, Huey Long, Father Coughlin, or some other demagogue, will certainly lead the workers up another blind alley. This is our opportunity. We must

labor. The mighty demonstrations held in every part of the country are calls to intensified activity, There is no short cut to emancipation. The world today is at the crossroads. Inaction, division, indecision, and lack of an adequate program on the part of labor will lead to increasing misery, fascism, A well organized, disciplined, and

freedom. Labor must make its choice-

of revolutionary socialism can and will lead to economic security and

united workers and farmers

movement, based on a program

broken the great strikes of recent delay may prove disastrous. Let this May Day mark the first step in the onward march of labor toward victory and its own emancipation.

# Battle for Jobless Relief Waged by Darlington Hoopes

HARRISBURG, Pa. While old party legislators fought among themselves as to how to raise funds to care for the almost 2,000,-000 persons on the Pennsylvania relief rolls, Darlington Hoopes, Reading Socialist, called to their attention the fact that neither the Democrats nor the Republicans had 'a program which would raise sufficient funds for the two-year period under consideration.

With the Republicans suggesting that \$57,000,000 would be enough for the period, and the Democrats making plans to raise \$120,000,000, the Reading Socialist pointed to a recent report of the State Emergency Relief Board, which would indicate that over \$200,000,000 is needed to maintain the unemployed on even the scanty allowances they are now getting.

Earlier in the session Hoopes had introduced a measure providing for that amount, and only last week had presented a bill providing for a capital levy to raise funds for the unemployed and for other social insurance measures.

The immediate problem before the legislature, of raising \$5,000,-000 for the month of April, so that the federal government would not cut off its contribution of about four times that, was met by transferring moneys from other funds to that for unemployment relief, but the Democrats and Republicans have, as yet, been unable to get together on any plan for raising the cash.

Hoopes attacked repeated charges of relief chiseling made by legislators, by inviting them to live on the \$7.33 average relief grant per family.

#### Party Organizers **Discuss Methods**

CHICAGO. - Thirty delegates, representing Socialist organizations from eleven midwestern at the party's national headquarters last week end.

Questions of policy were barred from the agenda, so that fuller ods in labor and unemployed activity, farm work, publicity, party financing, methods of breaking into new towns, the best form of organization for state parties and an experience meeting on "How to Keep Locals and Branches from Dying."

Delegates were present from Wisconsin.

#### 9000 Jam Labor, Socialist Rally In Rochester

ROCHESTER, N. Y .-- More than 9,000 workers here attended a mass labor demonstration to demand from the Federal government the enactment of the 30-hour week. Half this number formed an overflow crowd outside the hall.

The meeting was arranged jointly by the Central Federated Trades and the Socialist

The meeting was addressed by O'Connell, president of the Central Federated Trades and Gus Strebel of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and Socialist Party member.

Edward McGrady, assistant secretary of labor, was the final speaker. He turned the meeting into a booster club for Roosevelt and that was enough for the people present. When he began to rant of "Roosevelt or ruin," hundreds of people left the hall and the crowd outside rapidly dwindled away.

#### **Union Head Lauds** Socialist Youth **NBC Strike Work**

NEW YORK CITY—Retiring as chairman of the strike committee of the National Biscuit Company strikers, Pete Christman, speaking before 3,000 strikers at a mass meeting at Stuyvesant High School, Wednesday night, praised the work of the Young Socialists in New York in the 15-week old struggle.

President William Galvin stated, "I don't think our courage can be improved upon." He reported that 4,000 boycott cards had been disstates, held a two-day conference tributed to grocers throughout the on Socialist organization methods city. "These signs act as a perpetual picket," he asserted.

Reports were made to the strikers that some stockholders in the National Biscuit Company were discussion-could be given to meth- sending their dividend checks into the union chest, Workmen's Circle branches from all parts of the country/and other organizations are sending in funds. Dances are being held everywhere for the benefit of these gallant fighters.

It was reported also that Gimbels and Macy had both ceased selling NBC products. The A. F. Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, of Latrade union committee has Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Mis- issued instructions to 800 local souri, Ohio, South Dakota, and unions throughout the nation to give financial aid to strikers.

# Cleveland Party Starts Drive to Elect Dullea

D. Dullea, state secretary of the Socialist Party of Ohio, is the Socialist candidate for councilman in the 30th ward, a workingclass neighborhood which has been strongly sympathetic to the Socialist Party.

CLEVELAND, Ohio.-Robert | rowly missed electing Joseph Martinek, former editor of the American Labor News, Bohemian Socialist weekly, who is now in Europe editing a daily paper.

Dullea has been a student of municipal problems especially in the field of municipal finance, besides being an active worker in Twice the Socialist Party nar-1 the Socialist and labor movement.

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(Continued from Page One) New York May Days. Floats, banners, flags and the impressive effect of enormous numbers will mark the day. The slogans around which the whole manifestation will revolve are:

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The call has gone out to workers not assigned to any labor organization to join ranks in front of the People's House, 7 East 15 street, at 1 p. m.

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### Socialist, Union Solidarity **Conquered War Time Hates**

(Continued from Page One) 1918

1918 is a year of repression and fear. The Call, the voice of organized labor, is emasculated. But the spirit which made the Call a reality bears up even under the horrible consequences which followed freedom of expression.

At more than 100 big meetings the New York workers were celebrating the labor holiday. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers packed Madison Square Garden, and so on down the roster of labor strength.

One hundred and thirteen members of the IWW were on trial before Judge Kenesaw Mt. Landis in Chicago because they were "Wobblies." Labor added an unprintable epithet to his unusual name, when justice was raped by the mercenary masters. On May Day the jury was completed.

That same day John Reed wrote his first account of the Bolshevik rise to power in the Call because he was a Socialist, immediately after he returned from the land of the "foes of all imperialism." And J. J. Coronel was arrested in Hartford for disturbing the peace because he was speaking in the

1919 .. The most climactic of the war years in Socialist history was 1919. It was a year of Socialist vindication and triumph, and of fearful repression and sadness. Gene Debs and Kate O'Hare were in prison, but their deeds and spirit were free to carry on their work. The headline that May Day was a fighting call to labor everywhere. "Debs and O'Hare Sound Clarion Call to Workers from Prison."

There were other gag-law victims, too, Adolph Germer, William F. Kruse, Victor Berger, Irvine St. John Tucker, Joseph Coldwell, Morris Zucker, Dr. Elizabeth Baer, "Big Bill" Haywood and Rose Pastor Stokes among the more prominent. They were not all Socialists, but all glorious martyrs in the cause of workers' freedom.

Prophetic of future struggle, the "U. S. Socialists' Manifesto Greets Soviet Regimes as May Day Omen of Future." Fifty huge meetings were held in the metropolitan district alone by trade unions and the Socialist Party.

The State Department warned Américan business houses not to they be repudiated later. And Mrs. Fisk was playing at Henry Miller's Theatre in "Mis' Kelly of N'Orleans."

But a bunch of uniformed hoodlums were roaming the streets. nany of them never overseas, all ing point is the fight against war

determined to smash all working class demonstrations, in the name of "democracy,"

Call Loft Wrecked

The Call was holding a house warming party in its new building at 112 Fourth avenue. Four hundred men, women, and children were in the practically empty loft which was soon to house the plant of the paper. One hundred soldiers, sailors and marines formed a drunkeh mob that raided the meeting, at the instigation of one, Kukle, a Liberty Loan speaker.

Shouting, cursing, destroying, they soon left the place a shambles. The women and children present were not given time to leave the building. Some fainted and were trampled. Others jumped from the first floor fire escape and were injured. Neither police nor provost guards appeared after their convenient ab-

A huge Free Tom Mooney meeting was in progress at the Garden. Outside three hundred drunken thugs in uniform milled about trying to get in and destroy the meeting, until dispersed by police, What would have happened if they had broken in upon this meet-Socialist municipal campaign ing of 15,000 is beyond imagination.

In Brownsville the red flags blew bravely in the wind as Socialists and unionists held their demonstration. Featuring the parade was a huge loaf of bread baked by the Co-operative Bakery."

Worker Killed The red banners blew bravely in Cleveland, until a maddened soldier jumped into the line of march and struck down a standard bearer. In a moment his cowardly companions who were standing on the curb, jumped to beat down the worker who was defending himself from attack. Before the carnage was stopped, one was killed, many shot, scores injured were in hospitals, and ironically, one hundred Socialists were arrested, while police and provosts covered up the escape of the workers' assailants.

Despite the running amuck of these red-baiters. May Day throughout the land was a glorious demonstration of struggle. Today hoodlums call themselves vigilantes, and are called fascists in turn by those who understand what an anti-labor movement is.

Nineteen years later, a new Socialist Call prints another May incur debts with the Soviet, lest Day manifesto of Socialists and trade unionists to be the batties cry of the vanguard of the proletariat in the greatest of all demonstrations of labor solidarity in the history of our country, May Day, 1935. And again the rally-

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#### National Office Notes

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Calling attention to the fact that Denmark, Norway and Sweden have Socialist-Labor Governments, National Secretary Clarence Senior asks local party branches to work closely with Scandinavian workers' organizations and to keep the national office informed of activities.

The following State Conventions have been announced:

Colorado: Denver, May 30. Illinois: Decatur, May 11. \* Missouri: Sedalia, June 15. Virginia: Richmond, May 4.

#### CONNECTICUT

The Socialist Party of New Haven will open its 1935 drive for funds with a banquet on Saturday evening, April 27, at Silverberg's Restaurant, 204 Orown Street. I. A. Alpert, local treasurer, and chairman of the drive committee, has announced that several prominent Socialists will attend.

A quota of \$500 has been set by the state organization as the local's share in the United Socialist Drive. The Committee expects that a substantial portion of this sum will be raised at the dinner. A special door-to-door canvass for funds will be made from Monday, April 29 for ten days, or until the quota is reached.

Lecture Announced April 29 in the calendar of the local Socialists finds a lecture by Dr. Leonard Greenburg, Director of the New Haven Department of Health on "Guarding New Haven's Health." It takes place at party heádquarters, 53 Orange street.

#### **MICHIGAN**

Detroit awaits a visit from Albert Goldman, prominent defender of civil liberties. On Saturday, May 4, at 8 o'clock, Branch 5 of the Socialist Party will present Goldman on "What Happened in Sacramento" at Jericho Templé, Joy Road near Linwood. The speaker was one of the defense attorneys in the Sacramento cases and is a prominent Chicago Socialist. \

#### **NEW JERSEY**

National Chairman Leo Krzycki, visiting Paterson for the American Federation of Hosiery Workers, denounced "sleight-of-hand solutions to our distress problem."

"Workers must learn the danger of permitting the solution of political problems to drift into the hands of those who offer to solve all things by money wizardry and economic legerdemain," Krzyski a large group there. Many other

said. "In such an approach lies fascism and ruin for the labor movement.

"The failure of organized labor to use its political power is the root of most of our present difficulties. Not in sharing existing wealth, performing magic rites over the money system-not even in tax reforms or in pension systems, though these are necessary -but in educating and organizing the workers to take over the whole works-that way lies our libera-

#### OHIO

The Socialist Party of Cleveland in sponsoring a Labor Drama Festival with the Brookwood Labor College Players, Saturday, May 11 at 8:30 P.M. at the Workmen's Center, 3467 East 147 street, near Kinsman road. The Brookwood Players will be in Cleveland for about a week during which time they will perform for the members of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the Painters Union and the Metal Trades Council of the A F of L. The Socialist-sponsored evening will be open to the public. Admission is 25 cents. There will be dancing after the show with music provided by the Rebel Arts Orchestra of Cleveland.

#### WISCONSIN

'MILWAUKEE: - Delegations from every section of the state are responding to the Socialist party's call for a "marching petition" to be presented to the state legislature when three Socialist bills come up for hearing Wednesday.

The Socialist bills, all referred to the Assembly Committee on State Affairs, are the Wisconsin Production Corporation bill, the State Marketing Agency bill, and the State Bank Bill.

Support Growing

Al Benson, state secretary of the Socialist party, reports letters reaching him each day promising support.

"I have never seen such widespread interest in Socialist legislation before," Benson says.

"As a result of the articles on our bills which have been carried in the Milwaukee Leader, the Wisconsin Leader, and over the Socialist quarter hour radio program each week, we have been receiving a constant stream of letters promising support.

"Labor unions, farm organizations, unemployed groups and various church and fraternal socleties have indorsed the Wisconsin production corporation bill. So have many town meetings.

Delegates Preparing

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counties have promised definité information as to their delegations later this week.

#### **NEW YORK**

May Day Preparations

In preparation for Wednesday's giant demonstration, the workers of Brooklyn, living in the Brownsville section, are holding a parade on Monday night. Beginning at 7:30 P. M. the paraders will proceed from Sutter and Pennsylvania avenues to Pitkin and Hopkinson avenues.

Some of the organizations participating in the preliminary parade are the Workmen's Circle, the Painters Union the Ice-Cream Workers Union, the Workers Unemployed Union, the Red Falcons of America, the Spartacus Youth League the Workers Party, the Women's Union Label Club, National Biscuit Company strikers. the Young People's Socialist League and the Socialist Party. The parade will be followed by a mass meeting at Hopkinson and Pitkin avenues.

#### Astoria Holds Class

Party branches are beginning to open up the street-corner campaign, now that the weather is becoming more favorable. For example, the Astoria branch is starting a public speaking class. to be conducted every Friday night at 8:30 P.M. in the branch headquarters, 30-32 Steinway avenue, Astoria. And since practise makes perfect, the first open-air meeting will be held Tuesday, April 30th at 8:30 P.M. on the corner of Steinway and Jamaica streets.

#### Socialist Guard Meets

The Socialist Guard will meet Sunday, April 28, at 10 a. m. to receive instructions for May Day. The meeting will be held at 21 E. 17 street. All members should be in uniform. The meeting will be followed by a hike to Hunter Island.

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Saturday, April 27: Package Party and Dance given by Progressive Dressmakers Branch 122 of Workmen's Circle at Debs Auditorium, 7 East 15 street. Russian Vetcherinka; entertainment by popular stars and Schiller's Radio Orchestra, Admission 35 cents.

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In the performances last Saturday and Sunday, the drab subjects of proletarian tactics and abstract dialectic materialism were revitalized and made an engrossing evening's entertainment. Out of their personal histories, these working class groups have secured the plots and characters of their short bold dramas.

An economic class carries along its own culture and reflects its thoughts in literary, dramatic and musical terms. Though at times the plays presented were crudely shaped and poorly cast, the fire and spirit of the performers, in time, will refine proletarian drama into a mighty weapon in the struggle to break our oppressive chains. These groups are to be commended for their zeal and painstaking efforts to present real plays for, of and by the masses of workers.

To my mind, Rebel Arts presentations attained the highest level of effectiveness as artful propaganda weapons. Their high level was maintained by Joel Lloyd's clever puppets, the Rebel Arts Chorus, directed by Ada Rifkin, and Elvin Abeles' "One of the Bravest," a play conceived from a letter smuggled out of Nazi Germany.

Clifford Odets play, "Till the Day I Die," is a Communist interpretation of this same letter. Abeles' play, I consider more vital to the masses because it presents in simpler, more-direct terms, a - personal message to every enemy of fascism seated in the audience. Odets went Broadway in his attempt to make the play run an hour and a quarter by delving into sex perversions and extending the action over seven scenes.

The outstanding talent of the festival was revealed in Abe West's performances in the Young Circle League Division. The Young Circle League's contribution to the festival was Phillip Stevenson's trilogy of one act plays on Ameri-

Space does not allow me to discuss the ILGWU and the Brookwood Labor College, which gave full and hearty support to the occasion. The cultural drive of the International is to be encouraged fully. The traveling Brookwootl troupe has been acclaimed all over the country wherever it performed.

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Bookings of the Rebel Art Players for the following week include a performance on April 27 at the Rebel Arts Dance and a presentation on May Day in Elizabeth, N. J. "One of the Bravest" an anti-Nazi play is included in their repertoire. Rehearsals continue on Elvin Abeles "Two Moods in Incentive," a play about white collar workers. For bookings, write REBEL ART PLAYERS, 44 East 21 street, N. Y. C.

"Chapayev," the widely heralded Soviet film, will open Saturday, May 4, at the Little Theatre, 562 Broad Street, Newark. This is the first showing of the film in New Jersey.

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The engagement of "A Doll's House" at the Ibsen Theatre, 111 East Houston Street, will terminate on Saturday night after the fiftiath performance of the play.

Books received include Elmer Rice's "Between Two Worlds" and "Not For Children," published in one volume by Coward McCann. "Between Two Worlds" was seen last October before Rice bid farewell to Broadway. "Not for Children," a play discussing the relation of actor, producer and author is yet to go on the boards. G. B. Putnam has published Albert Maltz' "Black Pit," now current at the Civic Repertory.

There will be a symposium Sunday night by the authors of "Black Pit" and "Black Fury." Both play and picture dealt with Labor con-And entertainment galore, as ditions in the mines, but treat the subject from different class angles.

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# The NRA, Straight - Jacket for Labor; Rubber Settlement Shows A. F. of L. Weakness; Only High-Hats Permitted on Fifth Avenue

By Norman Thomas

All the noise and fury over continuing NRA make. it increasingly plain that NRA legalizes government of business, by big business, and for big profits.

There is no reason under the sun to think that the universal series of defeats which labor has sustained in its controversies with big corporations under NRA will be changed for the better under the proposed extension

The period when NRA stimulated labor organization is definitely passed. It is now a straight-jacket. Ask the gallant National Biscuit Company strikers and the Colt Arms strikers in Hartford-to say nothing of the workers in rubber, steel, and textiles.

What labor wants is not NRA, but an improved Wagner Bill extending protection to agricultural workers, and the 30-hour week.

#### Governmental Hypocrisy

Of all the many governmental hypocrisies, about the most irritating and perhaps the most dangerous, is the pretense of the Department of Agriculture that it is now doing all it can for the share croppers, and that the Bankhead Bill. if it is passed. will enable it to end share cropping. Even Mr. Daniell of the New York Times seems to have been fooled into acceptance of this hyprocrisy, if one may judge from the concluding of his excellent series on the Arkansas situation.

As a matter of fact, the Bankhead Bill is not designed to end share cropping, but rather to help banks, insurance companies, and planters to unload land at fancy prices on the government. The latest revision of the bill, contrary to my hopes, provides no protection in the matter of price of land, encouragement of co-operative farming, or safeguarding of the purchasers or the government, which holds the bag, against the evils of land speculation.

The Senate Committee ignored my request for a hearing, refused to hear Ben Marsh of the People's Lobby, and has heard no representative of the great farm organization, much less of the share croppers, on the subject. The Bankhead Bill as it stands should be fought, not praised.

In this connection I owe an apology to Oscar Ameringer and the American Guardian. On the basis of second hand information, from what I thought was a reliable source, I blamed them for applauding a type of homesteading, which on careful reading of the editorial in question, was not at all what Ameringer endorsed. On the contrary, his editorial on the subject makes him logically the supporter of the position I have taken against the Bankhead Bill.

#### Dangerous Bill

By a huge majority the House of Representatives passed a so-called Security Bill which provides inadequate Federal allowance for old age pensions now, creates a dangerous system of reserves against future old age pensions, and is likely to make unemployment ridiculous, or worse, by throwing it like an apple of discord to the 45 States.

The workers should put pressure on the Senate for something far better than this. The Lundeen greșa.

#### Rubber

Paul Porter's valuable article in last week's SO-CIALIST CALL illustrated not only the tragedy of the rubber situation but the weakness of the A. F: of L. program of organizing the great industries.

What happened was that President Green surrendered on terms which look better than they are, rather than risk a strike, which he evidently thought the workers would lose. I repeat that the most sympathetic outsider is not the person to tell the work-

ers when to strike. He may point out, however. that historically even defeat, after a gallant struggle, has often proved better then surrender on terms that cut the ground from under bona fide unionis\_1.

From what I have read and seen in the steel, automobile, and rubber areas, the A. F. of L. organization policy has not been sufficiently aggressive and not sufficiently intent on building great industrial unions. This is the more serious because it is not very many steps from government regulated unionism to a Fascist regimentation of labor without

#### Cleaning House

To President William Green and the A. F. of L. leadership should go hearty congratulations for their increasing vigilance against racketeering in unions. Of this their decision removing the charter from a certain organization of Retail Clerks in New York City gives proof.

The situation, however, as I pointed out over a year ago to the unions and the Socialist Party, will not be satisfactorily cleaned up as long as Denise remains a leader in the organization of clerks. It is a humiliating thing that Hyman Nemser, a Socialist lawyer, should have been involved in this situation, and that, although the A. F. of L. acted, the dominant group in Local New York of the Socialist Party refrained from acting, or at least took no action until the A. F. of L. had acted.

#### The Case of Harry Lang

In the case of Harry Lang's articles in the Hearst papers against Soviet Russia, it would appear that an action against him was properly and promptly initiated by Local New York. Since Lang is high on the staff of the "Forward" it is incumbent on "Forward" to take the proper action; if not, "Forward's" failure to act will be properly subject to inquiry and action by the Socialist Party.

Let's get this matter straight. The case against Lang is not that he criticized Russia; it is not that he wrote in the non-Socialist press-one often has to write in the non-Socialist press to reach one's audience, and an honest effort to find and tell the truth about Russia may be a service to Socialism.

Lang's great offense is that he wrote for Hearst, one of the chief forerunners of American Fascism, and that his articles were exploited in Hearst's vicious anti-red campaign. To write such articles for Hearst is treason to Socialism. Moreover, the articles themselves, on their face, were bitterly partisan and dealt only with a not-too-well-attested collection of horrors. Lang's introduction to them was a claim of impartiality or even sympathy with Soviet Russia, which is entirely contrary to his own record as an editor of "Forward".

#### Not for Jobless

The Easter Sunday Fifth Avenue parade, according to the New York Times, "Lures Biggest Throng in its History." Reading further, one learns that "the top hat seems to be passing; skirts are shorter." The Times describes with some gusto all sorts of publicity stunts, including the advertising of violetcolored pajamas by girls who had their picture. taken with St. Thomas' Church as a background.

But—and will this surprise you—the only protection given to worshippers and pedestrians on Fifth Avenue by Mayor La Guardia's solicitous police was the arrest of thirty out of some seventy-five unemployed who walked along the Avenue carrying placards and chanting "We Want Jobs." No church official or pedestrian requested these arrests. It took an hour's trial in Magistrate Dreier's Night Court before that gentleman, very solicitous for the protection of worshippers, finally let the unemployed go with a suspended sentence, after almost twelve hours spent in jail.

It is all right to advertise everything but poverty and unemployment on Fifth Avenue on Easter, on a day sacred to the memory of a carpenter who "had not where to lay his head."

labor news by Hearst and Macfadden publications was denounced by the Federated Trades Council here Wednesday evening, in a resolution proposed and actively spon-

public are asked by the resolution to withhold patronage from publications of these two chains.

you again betray the workers and farmers in Wisconsin, they will

Other speakers who took part at the hearing were, Leo Krzycki, national chairman of the Socialist

# REFLECTIONS: **MAY DAY, 1935**

#### By HAIM KANTOROVITCH

There are plenty of fine, well meaning and socially minded people outside the Socialist movement. The division between Socialist and non-Socialist is not that the non-Socialist is a servant of capitalism in disguise, a social-fascist, as the communist says.

If this were true our fate would surely be very tragic. In a world that consists of a few tens of thousand of revolutionary saints, and millions upon millions of social-fascists, one must surely be more than a naive utopian to hope for the victory of Socialism.

What we witness now in America is a continually growing disillusionment with capitalism and capitalist culture. This explains the growth and popularity of the different utopian schemes.

These utopians believe that a way may be found to resolve the difficulties of capitalism to the satisfaction of everybody. Something for the workers, something for the farmer, something for the middle class, and the rest for the capitalist.

We do not disagree with them that "something" can and should be done for the workers, the farmers, etc., but we maintain that nothing can be done within the framework of capitalism that will work and devotion to the Socialist

exploitation of men by men, social inequality, with all the suffering that it entails.

A social security plan under capitalism can achieve at best only one thing. Instead of dying of starvation, people may be kept alive, half-starved. Nothing short of the abolition of the capitalist system of production and distribution of wealth, can solve the tragic contradictions of our social life. While fighting for all we can get day by day, the Socialist always emphasizes that it is only socialism that can really help. Nothing short of it will do.

The disillusioment with capitalism, the failure of the NRA, the growing brutality with which scared capitalism surpresses every attempt of the workers and poorer farmers to better their lot under capitalism, the general unrest in the world, the open talk of fascism, more and more prepare a favorable field for Socialist propaganda and Socialist influence.

We face the first of May, 1935. more convinced than ever that if the words of Marx, "Capitalism is digging its own grave" were only a prophecy at the time they were written, they are grim fact now.

It is up to us to hasten this process of grave digging by our abolish unemployment, poverty, ideal and the Socialist movement.

#### American Workers to Hail **May First on Many Fronts**

(Continued from Page One) the Communists, duly-authorized by the proper bodies, because a substantial number of unions are willing to do so, and for this reason the State Committee of Ohio granted permission to the Cleveland Socialists to march with the Communists.

Socialists and trade unionists together are in the majority on all leading committees, insuring the character of the affair.

More than 10,000 are expected to take part in the demonstration. After the four groups meet and the mass meeting takes place, the demonstrators will march through the main streets of the city.

100,000 copies of the May Day manifesto, as well as large quantities of stickers and posters, have been distributed throughout the

The main slogans of the parade are: "Make' Cleveland a Union Town," "For the 30-Hour Week with No Reduction in Pay,' Adequate Unemployment and Social Insurance," "United Support to Workers in Fight Against Wage and Relief Cuts," "International Solidarity Against War and Fascism." .

The lines of march for the neighborhood parades are: East 64th and Saint Clair at 3 p. m.; East 55th Street and Woodland at-3.15 p. m.; East 49th Street and Broadway at 3.15 p. m.; and West 25th and Lorain at 3.45 p. m.

April 27 and 28 have been set aside as mobilization days. Hundreds of committees will be working on the preparations for the parade during these days.

The Sign Painters' Union with the aid of others is preparing banners and signs for the entire demonstration.

Leo Krzycki, national chairman of the Socialist Party, will be one of the main speakers at the Public Square mass meeting.

#### NEWARK

The Essex Trades Council, central body of all the A. F. of L. unions in the country, will be the sponsor of the May Day demonstration in this region for the first time in history.

The Council has invited all trade unions and working class organizations to take part in the demonstration. Fifteen thousand demonwill start at Lincoln Park, proceed | Union as their union.

along Broad Street to Military Park, where there will be a speakers' stand and mass meeting.

Peter Detlefsen, chairman of the Labor Committee of the Socialist Party of New Jersey, is chairman of the Essex Trades Council which is handling all the arrangements.

Socialists are gathering near Pennsylvania Avenue near the section of Local 144. International Ladies' Garment Workers Union. The parade is scheduled to start at

ELIZABETH, N. J. The Central Labor Union is the sponsor of this May Day parade and demonstration. The parade ... will start from Union Square and . follow through Elizabeth Ave. and-Broad St. to the armory. Parade will start at 2 p. m. Rebel Arts will entertain the demonstrators. Speakers will be announced later-

Other demonstrations will be held in Paterson, New Brunswick, Perth Amboy, Camden and practically every city in New Jersey,

#### NEW HAVEN

More than twenty labor and fraternal organizations, including the New Haven council, the FERA workers' union, local branches of the ILGWU, Workmen's Circle, Unemployed Leagues, the Socialist Party, Workers Party will parade. The march will begin at 5.30 p. m. and will assemble in the Central Green. Frank Crosswaith, New York Socialist, will be the speaker.

#### Auto Company Union Handed Juicy Black Eye

OAKLAND, Cal. — General Motors got a nice jûicy black eye this week when workers of the Chevrolet plant here defeated 8 to 1 the company union in the balloting ... conducted by the National Auto. mobile Labor Board.

At a meeting previous to the election, more than 200 men heard leaders of the A. F. of L. and George W. Grayden condemn the company union. Grayden is an active California Socialist worker.

By a unanimous vote the workers selected Sidney Jacobs, business agent of the Oakland local of the International Association of Machinists and active Socialist, as candidate to represent the workers and the United Auto Workers

# 2000 Socialists and Unionists Jam Wis. Capitol; Demand Passage of Socialist Bill MADISON, Wis. - The largest to all the unemployed workers in

Socialist - Labor - Farmer demonstration ever to assemble in this city took place this week when more than 2,000 delegates representing the Socialist party, labor organizations, farmer groups and unemployed workers jammed the Capitol building to demand the passage of a bill presented by Edward Klefer, Milwaukee Socialist assemblyman.

The bill, if passed, will enable the state of Wisconsin to acquire the state which at present number 200,000.

George Nelson, national executive board member of the Farmers Union and Socialist candidate for Governor in the last election, warned the legislative committee to take radical action lest there he no more legislature in the fu-

Carl Minkley, an active Socialist worker and former assemblyman from Milwaukee pointing his finger party, Clarence Senior, and leadall means of production and dis- at the committee members who ers of labor and unemployed or- strators are expected. The parade tribution, thus giving employment claim to be programives, said, "If ganizations.

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return with ball bats."