Branch Competition Gets Hotter In Twice-Weekly Drive

JOBS FOR EVERY UNION WAGES

FUND AT \$1,330 AS PARTY BEGINS TO REACH QUOTAS

But More Speed Is Needed to Reach Our Goal

By ROSE KARSNER

Appeal Campaign Director Total to date is \$1,330.70 with reports from the St. Paul-Minne-apolis New Year's Eve Jamboree not in as we go to press.

Of the branches competing for the Fourth International banner, San Francisco and Detroit have gone over the top. Both these keep on collecting for the campaign.

Returns from the branches are picking up, but still too slowly. In the remaining four weeks, the barometer must take bigger and faster leaps if we are to realize the slogan of The Twice-a-week Appeal on the Road to a Daily. Let us prove in action the superiority of our ideas.

PRIZES

In addition to the three banners for the branches making the best showing in the campaign, considering size and ability of membership, we have three autographed copies of C. L. R. James' Two copies of "World Reoviution" and one of "Black Jacobins." These are to be given to sympathizers sending in the biggest collection on the Appeal folder now in the mails, or members plugging hardest in the branches. Let us know who they are and what they have done.

From Our Branches Local New York-The Astoria Branch is the first in the Local to fulfill its quota 100 percent. The next branches making the best showing so far, are Downtown, Bronx and Lower East

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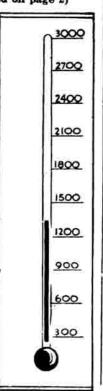
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FIGHT CUTS IN W. P. A

New Year's Resolution No.1

branches are not satisfied to rest on their laurels. They promise to keep on collecting for the cam-Strike in New York

LaGuardia Mobilizes Full Police Force as Reply to Union Demands for **Decent Conditions**

NEW YORK CITY.-A battle between 11,000 taxi-drivers and the big fleet companies began this week when the C.I.O. Transport Workers Union called a strike Tuesday afternoon.

Within two hours, 8,500 drivers and 1,000 maintenance men responded to the call, leaving 7,000 cabs idle in the garages. The addition of the night men will bring the total of cabs laid up to 8,500. Over 5,000 owner-driver cabs classed as independents are not affected by the strike call.

Nearly 100 full time and volunteer organizers carried the strike message to the drivers at shiftchanging time. The men quickly responded. They had voted strike authority by a big majority last

Cops Mobilize

La Guardia's 19,000 cops were fully mobilized in a show of strength to curb the militancy of LaGuardia in 1934 that police broke a big cab strike.

Weeks of stalling and months of chiseling by the big companies culminated when the contracts expired on December 31.

Demands

contained in the contract proposals include: the closed shop, job security, hiring through union halls on a rotation basis, elimination of the "shape-up" system under which drivers are picked each day by the shop foremen; an end trial appearing in the Moscow to racial discrimination; nine press, according to Harold Denny, hours daily for day men; ten New York Times correspondent, hours work for night men, with who underlines the significance of holidays the day men be allowed the trial been published in the an extra working hour, and night Daily Worker here during the men two extra hours; seniority rights providing for selection of days off and vacation periods; drivers with one to five years service, one week's vacation with \$25 and 3 in the New York Times. pay, and drivers with five or more

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Moscow Frameups **Exposed by Trial** Of Ukraine GPU

Admit 'Confessions' Extracted from Victims

That Russia's secret police systematically extorted false confessions which constituted the basis for judicial frame-ups-a concluthe strikers. It was under Mayor sion established last year by the Commission of Inquiry headed by John Dewey in its exhaustive investigation of the trials against Trotsky-received weighty confirmation from reports arriving this week of a trial of five G.P.U. officials which culminated in an The immediate union demands order for their execution on January 3.

The trial took place at Kiev. in the Ukraine. Despite its obvious importance, the trial was reported only in the Sovietskaya Ukrainia of Kiev, no word on the provision that on Saturdays and this silence. Nor has a word on course of the trial nor prior to our going to press. Our sole information so far is based on two dispatches by Denny, January 2

Swear to Any Crime

In the trial, it was brought out that five G.P.U. officials, under the direction of a superior official who "died" before trial, had methodically organized frame-ups, giving them substance by extorting confessions from innocent persons. Among the frame-ups organized were the extortion of confessions in which victims swore they belonged to Fascist youth organizations and testified that others belonged with them. although the organizations were non-existent and innocent victims were forced to accuse others

whom they did not even know. The reports in the Sovietskaya and returned to jail. The Black-Ukrainia, Denny says, were careful to give "no inkling of just tuted by a broad circle of anti-

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BRENDA'S PARTY

No Refuge for Oppressed "What will we do with all the European refugees once they get

here? Who is going to keep them alive in the United States? Isn't lowed him in withdrawing from there unemployment enough as it is, without adding to the army of the jobless?"

These are some of the questions heard wherever the problem

ing them too.

We do not want to pretend that the questions do not deserve an answer We think on the contrary, that they do. We think,

Let us see if we cannot find at least a hint at a solution from the case of Miss Brenda Diana Duff Frazier. Now what can she possibly have to do with the question

foodless.

Miss Frazier just had a lovely coming-out party in New York, as one paper described it, "in a practically solid gold setting at the Ritz-Carlton" Hotel. Being the year's most gorgeous debutante, she just had to have a little party.

And from all reports, it was a high-class shindlg. Supper and breakfast alone came to \$8,000. Now a man can't eat without

Quite A Shindig

washing it down, can he? So \$1,-(Continued on Page 4)

Slashes Plotted As Foil to Arms Plans

Roosevelt Presents Congress With Huge Armament Budget as Garner & Co. Prepare Blow at Jobless

A specter haunts Congress, the specter of 15,000,000 unem-President Roosevelt is asking for a gigantic war budget, for

battleships, for thousands of new warplanes. The unemployed are asking for food, for homes, for jobs. To finance the arms program he needs to fulfill the war plans of Yankee imperialism, Roosevelt is prepared to slash away at the meager funds now allowed for the jobless and the 3,000,000

workers on W.P.A. Homes or battleships, jobs or war-that is the reality behind the fanfare in Washington.

Unquestionably with Roosevelt's tacit okay, the other Democratic big-wigs, led by Vice-President Garner, are launching a

campaign whose avowed aim is to cut W.P.A. appropriations by at least a third for the coming

for the current fiscal year has

been exhausted in six months.

Now it is being proposed that

only \$500,000,000 be provided for

the next six months, in other

words, one-third of what was

spent in the last six-month pe-

W.P.A. administration under Col.

ceed to wholesale shaving of

A Smelly Deal

This is the proposal of Repro

which will pass on the W.P.A. ap-

In other words, it begins to

smell very much like a deal in

which Roosevelt will get his arms

budget, will be permitted to "de-

plore" the plight of the jobless

and make his usual promises.

while the Garners and the Wood-

rums cut away at the frail struc-

One of the first barrages in this

campaign is going to be the re-

port of the Senate Campaign Ex-

penditure Committee which will

been used to oil the Democratic

political machines, especially in

some of the contests last Fall.

ture of unemployment relief and

propriations.

C. P. MISRULE IS EXPOSED IN This is the plan that lies behind all the palaver about "tak-ing the W.P.A. out of politics" TEACHERS UNION "reorganizing the W.P.A." and "returning control to state and local agencies." The \$1,425,-000,000 appropriated for W.P.A.

Progressives Fight for Inner-Union Democracy

A sensational exposure of the rule-or-ruin course which the Stalinists in control of the riod! Meanwhile the revamped Teachers' Union in New York are pursuing inside that organi- Francis Harrington would prozation, came to light suddenly when announcement was made of the W.P.A. rolls and make it posthe resignation from College sibe to put over a still smaller Teachers Union, Local 537, Amer- appropriation for the fiscal period ican Federation of Teachers, of after next July. one of its prominent members, Professor John L. Childs.

The announcement was followed with the information a few sentative Woodrum, Democratic days later that three other mem- chairman of the sub-committee bers, instructors, like Childs, at Columbia University, had folthe organization on substantially the same grounds. The three included Professors F. Ernest Johnson, Bruce Raup and later Dr. Louis M. Hacker.

Hacker, Childs Resign In making public their withdrawals from the union, the resigning members, especially Childs the W.P.A. projects. and Hacker, declared that they could no longer remain members of a union in which democratic control of the organization was mythical, having been replaced by be devoted mainly to airing the reality of Stalinist factional charges that W.P.A. funds have domination. The union, they asserted, had been converted into an instrument for the furtherance of the political line of the

Communist party. Though those informed about the real situation in the labor movement have known for some time of the destructive bureau-

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The hearings on confirmation of Harry Hopkins' appointment as Secretary of Commerce will of course be used for the same pur-

Every effort will be made to use misuse of W.P.A. funds as a pretext for justifying cuts in those funds by the present Con-

But the workers-employed and unemployed-must act to prevent Roosevelt, Garner & Co. from

putting over this cheap piece of trickery.

Our Answer

We've got our own answer to the questions these Washington gentlemen raise about "politics" in the W.P.A.

Yes, we say, take W.P.A. out of "politics"-i.e., out of the hands of the New Deal politicians and put it in the hands of the workers themselves!

And to this campaign to cut W.P.A. funds we must counterpose our own program and make Congress heed it:

ALL WAR FUNDS TO THE UNEMPLOYED!

W.P.A. JOBS FOR ALL UN-EMPLOYED AT TRADE UNION

OPEN ALL IDLE FACTO-RIES! OPERATE THEM UN-DER WORKERS' CONTROL!

A JOB FOR EVERY WORKER AT A LIVING WAGE!

Champagne for the Idle Rich;

Jewish and other refugees from fascism is being discussed.

It is not merely the average or conservatively minded worker but we've read a good deal about who puts these questions. Even her in the papers. No doubt so many class conscious workers, have many others, including the who are imbued with the spirit of unemployed, the homeless, the international solidarity, are ask-

There Is An Answer

also, that there is an answer.

what methods were used to ex- Fascists, has been vigorously of the refugees? This:

We don't know the young lady,

campaigning for his release.

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available."

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Blackwell Freed,

Washington Hears

Militant Acquitted

After Trial at

Valencia

Russell Negrete Blackwell

free, acquitted by a Spanish

court, and is now at the Amer-

ican consular offices in Valencia,

according to a telegram received

Tuesday by his wife, Edna Black-

well, from Acting Secretary of

Welles said that Moffat, consul

at Valencia, will report Back-

well's departure from Spain

"which will be by safest means

Blackwell, American militant,

arrested on charges brought by

Stalinists, was released last sum-

mer and placed on board boat by

the American vice-consul but was

then seized by Stalinist agents

well Defense Committee, consti-

State Sumner Welles.

Yankee Imperialism At Hitler's Munich triumph has the door of its empire to the wide counter-offensive against purely economic forms (war hemisphere. The "good neighbor,"

sive for the conquest of the world. as a savior. The slogans abandoned by Anglo-French imperialism at Munich-"democratic anti-fascist front," common action against the aggressor." "collective security" have now become the weapons of Wall Street. Under these slogans Roosevelt called the Latin American countries to Lima, and they inspired the "Declaration of

The first fruit garnered by American imperialism following demands. The Munich crash gives cover nearly two-thirds of world the United States what Hull fould commerce—obliging England to not obtain in three years of tenacious striving: a month offer many. Munich the Anglo-American commercial accord is signed, and it s followed by the American-Can-

launch a gigantic counter-offen- terrified, looks toward Roosevelt Toward World Emptre

The United States takes over

Nazi and Japanese imperialism, declares open war against German barter trade, places German products on the black-list, incites world public opinion against German barbarism and ostentatiously breaks the neutrality law in favor of China. The United States bars the road to further conciliation between England and Germanythrough the Anglo-American and Great Britain to America's trade American-Canadian accords which declare economic war against Ger-

> First Act at Lima Lima is the stage on which the American imperialists have play-

States delegation sought to con- toration of complete liberty of solidate Yankee hegemony in commerce, lowering of tariffs, Latin-America, to eradicate all loans, etc.) In the Western Hemifront of the stage, the world con- for military strategy. flict assumes a new form. Now it

European influence, to expel Ger- sphere, however, that counter-ofthe front line in the battle against many and her allies from Latin- fensive assumes definite political America's markets and, in short, forms, ranging from collective to destroy all positions hitherto declarations against aggressors conquered by rival imperialisms, and proposals for defensive alli-As the United States comes to the ances to ever more precise plant American imperialism aims at is not simply the old conflict be- more than monopolizing the tween the starved imperialisms, markets and the sources of raw impelled to the offensive by their materials of the entire Western sources of raw materials as vital desperate condition, against the Hemisphere. It also aims at maksatiated imperialisms who benefit- ing the Americas, from Cape Horn sive and offensive power of the ted from Versaille and are con- to Patagonia, the physical, eco-

stantly on the defensive, having nomic and strategic base required as their only aim the preservation for the coming decisive struggles of their booty. Now a new parti- for the possession of the world. tion of the world is being pressed | This is why Roosevelt bellicosely most determinedly by the United proclaims, alongside of the evanadian accord: Great Britain opens ed the first act of their world- velops its counter-offensive, under and nail, all the countries

impelled American imperialism to Yankee rival, Meanwhile Stalin, Germany and Japan. The United against controlled commerce, res- Wall Street, in reality aims to transform its neighbors into American-controlled Manchukuos and Czechoslovakias. What "Defense" Means

Authoritative military circles do not conceal what they understand by defense of our hemisphere: the military unification of the Amer-

The U.S. War Department considers military control of Latin America and the possession of its to the development of the defengelical preaching of Hull, that the which are not sufficiently pro-Elsewhere, Wall Street still de- United States will defend, tooth duced at home to provide for the

American war machine. Among materials which the United States must secure abroad, the War De one as "strategic" and a few others as "critical," that is, materials

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Hague Emboldened By C.I.O. Weakness APPEA

CHALLENGE UNION RIGHTS IN JERSEY

Union-Busting Drive Resumed Full Blast

NEWARK, N. J .- The failure of the C.I.O. to lift the fight against Hagueism, for civil liberties and workers' rights, out of the dragiging grip of the courts and onto the field of mass actions and intensive union organization has emboldened New Jersey reaction. Two recent opinions expressed by Vice Chancellor Berry are a challenge to existing unions in this

The deportation and egging of Norman Thomas aroused public sentiment against the abrogation of guaranteed liberties. It focussed national attention on Jersey City. But at best, it was only a sample of reaction's concealed weapons. Union organization was prevented in Jersey City, but elsewhere, unions remained immediately unharmed. Now reaction has drawn a dagger that is aimed at the part of a motion that was adoptheart of every union.

Injunctions "Dime a Dozen"

Injunctions restraining picketing are being handed out "a dime a dozen" by courts dominated by the Hague machine through gubernatorial appointments. And as a consequence, bosses operating under union contracts are preparing to break them. A real unionbusting drive is opening up.

In the case of the strike being led by Culinary Alliance Local 611, A.F. of L. it was the opinion or the Vice Chancellor Berry that:

"If the employees were not satisfied with the way the employer was able to pay them, they had a perfect right to quit and walk out and she had the same right to hire others in

workers are replaced by scabs, no the United Automobile Workers strike exists. Any further attempt Union and the General Motors to picket would be illegal and con- Corp. is not only being felt by stitutes grounds for granting to G. M. workers but it is admitted the boss an injunction restraining by members of the bargaining picketing.

Picketing "Not Legal"

"There is no law in this state ing." says Berry; and therefore ber of the committee. And on all picketing can be declared il- these no decision has been ar-United Retail Employees, C.I.O., agreement." The points in ques-Kitty Kelly Shoe Corp. This in orlty to G. M. workers employed the face of a 100% walkout. Here for more than a year and the retoo the court ruled that it was vision of the "D" list of preferconvinced that in this case the ential employees. strikers' places had been filled by others, that business was proceed mg normally, and that therefore, there was no strike situation.

The issuance of injunctions for such brazenly stated reasons has this single meaning: the courts jobs. They have been unemployed are prepared to strangle every union that dares to strike. It hopes to involve them into drawn out legal entanglements. Thus it is calculated that union funds will be dissipated and the morate of the membership will be broken down. And it is true that if the unions permit this, they will be victimized accordingly. Appeals against injunctions require hun- ously held. Now conferences are dreds of dollars and months of

Win Strikes by Action

The fight against injunctions will not be won in the courts. Judges' ears are not attuned to the protests of workers but to the instructions of political bosses. Nor will the fight be won by lobbying for an anti-injunction bill as the Anti-Injunction League has been doing for more than a year. Judges will stop issuing injunctions only when, in spite of them, strikes are won by mass action.

A.F. of L. and C.I.O. unions are affected alike. They must unite on this issue. The whole organized labor movement of New Jersey has to be awakened to this fact. When mass picket lines close down struck stores, strikes such as that of Local 108, U.R.E.A. against the Kitty Kelly Shoe Corp. will be won. Vice Chancellor Ber ry, Hague, and the bosses of New Jersey must be shown that infunctions can neither break a union nor defeat a strike.

LABOR BOOKSHOP NOTES

In order to make the latest books available to all workers, the Labor Bookshop has reduced the circulating library carries the

NEW INJUNCTIONS American Student Union **Takes Rabid Jingo Line**

The fourth annual convention of the Stalinist controlled American Student Union, meeting in New York during Christmas week, completed its transition from a militant anti-war force to an outright jingoistic, war propaganda agency on the campus when they adopted resolutions in favor of "national defense" and R.O.T.C.

The Young People's Socialist League, which broke from the A.S.U. last September because of the latter's pro-war line, picketed the mass meeting at the Hippodrome which opened the first session of the A.S.U. convention. More than 150 Y.P.S.L. pickets shouted "Against Imperialist sergeant for the army. The reso-War"; "Schools Not Battleships"; lution adopted stated the follow-"R.O.T.C. Funds to NYA"; "The A.S.U. Supports R.O.T.C."

Support Imperialist Plunder The entire tone of the convention was support of the New Deal. Particularly important was the fact that the A.S.U. came out openly for the imperialist foreign policy of the Roosevelt administration. To demonstrate their support of the imperialist plunder of South America the following is

"We are confident that vigorous leadership by the American democracy is more necessary than ever after Munich. It is for this reason that we approve the steps taken by the United States at Lima to strengthen democracy in the Western Hemisphere and to unite it against aggression. We urge education for and support of a democratic(!) application of the Good Neighbor Policy by

Negotiations With G. M. Are Stalled

DETROIT.-That no progress is being made in negotiating a In other words, where striking new and better contract between

In almost a month of negotiations only two points have been which in terms legalizes picket- discussed, according to a memlegal. In this manner, Local 108 rived at-not even a "gentlemen's was restrained from picketing the tion are the extension of seni-

Jobs Jeopardized

Unless seniority is extended to these unemployed workers on January 1, 1939, 6,000 Chevrolet workers in Flint will be considered as having no claim to their since January 6, 1938. The "preferred list" has not been a major grievance, although it can be used as an entering wedge against good union men or for the starting of a company union.

The fear of the G. M. workers getting together has caused the International officers to discontinue the G. M. conferences previbeing held of various G. M. divisions such as Fisher Body plants, foundries, assembly plant, tool and die, etc. At these conferences, new demands on the Company were not made. Their chief purpose was to discuss plant standards and grievance procedure. No uniform demands were suggested by the International or demands drawn up. Problems common to all G. M. workers or the policy of the union toward

G. M. were not on the agenda. No real progress can be made toward a better contract until a conference of G. M. workers is demands of the June, 1937, con- ERTY. ference must be reaffirmed with some revisions.

Four Point Demands

The 30-hour week with nemployed G. M. workers. Numseniority and the elimination on it. completely of any break in seniority because of unemployment for the withdrawal of the letter its circulating library rates to 15c giving G. M. disciplinary powers profits for the boss and his son week and 3c a day. Latest over union workers. This letter cially prominent daughter, are books available at the present was previously rejected by the told to "Get going!" Who cares time are THIP BLACK JACO- November, 1937, conference. The about an unemployed worker? BINS by C. L. R. James, SCHOOL above demands were drawn up Let him apply for Home Relief! FOR DICTATORS, by I. Silone, and approved by the Executive and MY LIFE AS A REBEL, by Board of Local 15 at a recent does it honestly try to rehabili-Angelica Balabanoff. In addition, meeting and approved by a unani- tate the unemployed worker with dime here and there than be a came to more than 5,500!!! In oth- crease in illness and disease. mous vote. They are to be pre-

ence in the affairs of other nations, common consultation to safeguard the Hemisphere against fascist penetration, and the carrying thru of the trade agreement program in such a way as will strengthen democracy in the Western Hemisphere."

Recruiting Sergeant's Manual

The discussions at the convention were not over the question of whether or not the A.S.U should support national defense but rather on how the A.S.U. would act as the best recruiting

"The A.S.U. believes that the first line of national defense for the United States must be its foreign policy. . . . To the extent that our foreign policy is effective in checking aggression, to that extent do we limit the need for armaments. . . The A.S.U. instructs its National Executive Committee to undertake . . . a study of what are the defense needs of the United States. . . ."

campus, completely reversed its picket line. position and has decided to drop the fight against militarism on League urges all anti-war elethe campus.

in the true spirit of their war- war mongers.

mongering methods, the convention welcomed the announcement by President Roosevelt that 20.-000 students must be trained for the army air corps. Molly Yard speaking on the floor of the convention, stated that she was proud to say that she welcomed the military aviation training proposed by Roosevelt for the student bodies because she felt that in that way we could be guaranteed that the air force will be used in the interest of the people

Y. P. S. L. Warns

The Young Peoples Socialist League warned the members of the A.S.U. that the Stalinist leadership would eventually lead them to support the war mongering aims of the government. A good deal of resentment was shown by rank and file A.S.U. members at the convention, which was dems onstrated by the cagerness with which they bought and read the Challenge of Youth, paper of the Y.P.S.L. which carried an open letter to Joe Lash, exposing the A.S.U., predicting that the A.S.U. would drop the R.O.T.C. fight. 65 delegates bought the Challenge. Even the Socialist Party youth, who did not break with The American Student Union, the A.S.U. after it demonstrated which in former years led the its complete war line, indicated fight against R.O.T.C. on the their sympathy for the Y.P.S.L.

The Young Peoples Socialist ments on the campus to break To top off the whole convention with the A.S.U. and other campus

United States--Padlocked Pantry for Unemployed

By BILL MORGAN

Christmas week with its spirit of peace on earth and good will toward men brings sharply to mind a small news item of 1938. It seems a mother of four small children refused to feed her family despite a well-stocked pantry. The pantry door remained locked while the food rotted away. The youngsters cried with the pain of hunger but the mother turned a deaf ear. Finally neighbors, aroused by the pitiful wails of the hungry bables, broke in and had the mother taken to a hospital for mental disorders.

All will agree that an insene asylum is the proper place for such a mother. But how many stop to consider the fact that every day here in America, the richest country in the world, thirteen million unemployed workers are faced with the awful problem of providing for rent, food, clothing, light, gas and medical attention. Think of it! The U.S.A.-the largest producer of wheat, cotton, coal, oil steel, and machinery is unable to provide for the men who build the buildings, the bridges, the railroads, the steel

mills and the automobiles. . . . Private Property's Padlock

These men go hungry in the midst of plenty. Even the President has had to recognize the fact that at least one third of the nation isnout proper food, clothing and shelter-the three main necessities of life! Families are broken up. Young men commit suicide. Girls become prostitutes. Old men and women are sent to the poor houses where death is a welcome relief. The man with a job lives in deadly fear of being fired and cannot buy back the very goods he pro-

America, the mother of thirteen million unemployed workers turns deaf ear to her hungry childwith the sacred lock of Big Busi-

one. This to absorb some of the keep it oiled and in good condi-

The Relief Administration decent food and clothing so that

How Home-Relief Works

First a picture of the relief setup. How many cases? How many homeless? How many cases of illness? etc.

ber 24, 1938 gives the following figures for New York City: There were 5,421 new cases added to the of December, bringing the total cations are rejected systematically every day! This seems, according to the records, to be a de-

The week ending December 10th saw 6,089 new applicants. Only find another dollar for the twice-2,728 of these were accepted. That five or more, were rejected two time left us." weeks before Christmas. (Moral: With a spirit such as is ex-

Walk for Your Slop!

Also we learn that there are 10,174 homeless men and women in the city. They are lodged in various shelters fondly referred to by the occupants as "LaGuardia's Scratch-Houses." Here the ren. The pantry remains locked daily life of homeless men and women is run by Army officers ness and the 60 families. That who know their business quite held. At such a conference the lock is called PRIVATE PROP- well. All are routed out at 5:30 or 6 in the morning in order to And the private property of the walk thirty or more blocks (de-60 families and Big Business is pending upon the location) to the very well cared for even when it soup kitchen. Then walk back to 40 is not in use. Idle machinery is the flop-house for a thin lunch of ber two is a closed shop contract, ed and must not be allowed to different from the lunch. The con-Number three is complete revi- rust or freeze. The machinery and stant walking up and down town Municipal Lodging House or the er hand, the men who built the men's Emergency Shelter. It takes "lunch."

doorways-along the Bowery and of St. Nick, comes to 7,894. on side streets in the warehouse

tinually remind him that he is a 'pauper' dependent upon petty whims of even pettier politicians? Let us examine this business of relief and W.P.A. and see for ourselves how it works and why. Let us examine the grievance records of the Unemployed and Project Workers Union and in addition a very informative little booklet issued to relief supervisors by the Department of Welfare in New York City. Let us go along with the U.P.W.U. to see how cases are taken up and let us visit an official of the relief administration and ask him a few questions.

The Department of Public Wel fare, in a bulletin issued Decemrolls during the first two weeks number to 160,038. The number of new applicants during these two weeks amounted to 11,790. Only about 45 percent of these were accepted. (And we shall discover that at least half of all new appliliberate policy.)

make our quota. York City. hours pay must be point number well provided for. Watchmen watery soup and stale rolls after stance, in District 10 where Local dent charter from the C.I.O. for which they must walk back to the 4 of the Unemployed and Project the Billings Hospital. Recogniztion. It represents money invest- first kitchen for a supper not too Workers Union is located, 45 cases ing that the Stallnists were runsion of the seniority clause, buildings are insured against fire is designed to prevent the men transferred to W.P.A., one was giving it jurisdiction over the changing the present six-month and theft. The boss looks out for from getting together to discuss entitled to unemployment insur- hospitals of the far South Side. provision to 60 days to establish his private property-keeps a lock their plight and conditions in the ance, while 37 were cut off for Attorney Francis Heisler, Bud decided policy. Meeted negotiat-But the unemployed, on the oth- South Ferry Annex or the Wo- the city in closed cases for that ployed workers in America and Number four must be a demand factory and produced the goods three hours exactly to walk up W.P.A., 75 entitled to unemploy- despite all the "relief," "workwhich in turn produced the town to the kitchen for breakfast ment insurance, and 1,525 for relief," "A.A.A.," "CWA," "PWA," and three hours to get back for "other reasons . . " The total for "C.C.C.," and "T.V.A." Ten years Many men prefer to sleep in only two weeks before the arrival work relief have not solved a

McKinney Hails Twice-Weekly

By E. R. McKINNEY

The Twice-a-Week Appeal should be welcomed by every worker, by every reader, by every sympathizer of the Socialist Workers Party and all those who want to see a real revolutionary workers' paper increase its influence and prestige in the United States,

The Twice-a-Week Socialist Appeal is an answer to the demands made on the revolutionary party-the Socialist Workers Party-for more frequent discussion and interpretation of the many significant national and world-wide events in which the working class of the United States is involved. Furthermore, the appearance of the Socialist Appeal twice a week means a doubling of the volume of news stories; especially, trade union news, the doings of Congress and Roosevelt's war preparations

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FUND AT \$1,300 HOSPITAL UNION AS PARTY BEGINS | CUTS LOOSE FROM TO REACH QUOTAS C. P. DOMINATION

(Continued from Page 1) Side, each with two-thirds o

their quotas turned in. Kansas - According to all rules, comrades Whiteside and Smith in this district are entitled to one of the prizes. But both of them write: "A twicea-week APPEAL will be banner enough for us." Both these comrades have exceeded their promises, and they say they are not through yet.

Los Angeles - From Mark Knight, local campaign director: 'All the comrades promise to give justification to your patriotic support of Los Angeles." Its not mere patriotism, Mark. Its confidence based on experienced with the California comrades.

San Francisco-Glen Trimble sends the balance of their quota and says: "The enclosed puts us over the top by the end of the first month. We had to plug hard, but the comrades re-

sponded nobly." Sacramento - John S. Gilderthe implication in your last letter that our branch be dropped from the Score Board, we must admit that the criticism of our delay is justified.

We can only hope that the enlosed check justifies us." It does indeed, especially since you more than fulfilled your quota and you promise to send a few more dol-

St. Louis City and County Branches-David T. Burbank is not given to rash promises or empty enthusiasm. He says they will have a hard time collecting the full quota, and adds: "Most of our pledges will not be paid until the latter part of January, but I shall try to send

something each week." quota."

Youngstown, Ohio-M. Hess: "Enclosed find another small payment on our quota. All of us feel confident that we can raise the full amount before February 1. Within the next weeks you'll see how quickly we can multiply our percentage!" Punta Gorda, Fla., from an un-

employed comrade: "Enclosed a-week campaign. Members will means 3,361 applications repre- have to respond immediately if senting in many cases families of we are to make the top in the

Do Your Xmas Shopping Early!) pressed in the above quotations, is it any wonder that here at the national office we feel confident of the final outcome of this campaign? Even the new branches are joining. Merton Seling of Portland, Ore., writes: "We will

one sleeping in a doorway in New

Rejected! Another interesting set of figures in the Department's little bulletin is the number of closed cases and the reasons given for "othe rreasons . . . " The total for number of applications rejected of home relief and ten years of

ability to work? Or does it con- run by the city there is another we began. Thirteen million unemistence.

Advances Swiftly **Under Progress**ive Leaders

members.

more papers than they have ever

done. Send in your increased or-

der now. February 1st is the

APPEAL ARMY BULLETIN

Bulletin No. 2 of the Appeal

should be completed by the end

of this week. As we announced

last week, it will contain all the

new Appeal, plus suggestions for

increasing branch circulation.

All lit-agents will receive copies,

As we expected, December

turned out to be an all-time rec-

month was 47 subs, which is

any previous month in the ap-

month was highly gratifying. All

Watch for it in the mails!

RECORD MONTH FOR

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America!

NOW IN PREPARATION!

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.-The Hospi tal Workers Union of this city, which a year ago was under Stalinist leadership, has completely freed itself of C. P. domination. Local 787, which replaced the defunct Local 396, is today making rapid progress.

In the spring and summer of 1937, Chicago hospital workers rallied to unionization. Under the progressive leadership of men like John Anderson and Peter Swanson of the Augustana Hospital. Thomas McShane, John Dyma and William McCarthy of the Grant Hospital, and Henry Swambat, Jacob Giller, Alex Templeton and Gus Lundberg of the Billings Hospital, Local 396 organized about 20 hospitals in two months' time.

The union, which has the confidence of the workers behind it sleeve, Jr.: "Much as we resent had little difficulty in negotiating with the hospital managements Improved conditions and wage increases were granted almost for the asking by managements

Three full-time union officers (Stalinists, of course) were installed. A "spectacular" organization campaign was initiated.

Sessex and Delancy Sts.; Bookstore at Grand and Attorney Sts.; Candy Store, S.E. 9th St. and Second Ave.; Biederson, 145th St. and St. Nicholas Ave.; 110th St. and Columbus Ave.

Mercy Hospital (maintained by Martin: "Enclosed find money or- employer exploiting workers, but der as part payment on our quota as Catholic. The effect of these in the great semi-weekly Appeal tactics upon the Catholic workers campaign. More money will be was disastrous. Workers deserted coming in very shortly for we the Mercy Hospital branch in are determined to surpass our droves; in two months the branch had to be dissolved.

> Phony Picket Line Michael Reese Hospital (maintained by the Jewish Charities and employing 650 workers) entered into negotiations with the union. Though the negotiations were proceeding to everyone's satisfaction, including that of the C.I.O. Regional Office, a picke line was thrown around the hos pital. Signs, carried by members of the Workers Alliance and r by union members, attacked the management, which up to then was friendly to the union. Negotiations collapsed, though the picket line was withdrawn. Membership in the Michael Reese branch of the union fell to 10 members.

The few non-Stalinists on the executive committee were taken by surprise but allowed the Stalinists to carry the day on the promise that the Labor Board would intervene, that the Workers Alliance would mobilize the masses. Jacob Giller, a progres sive who had previously had experience with this crew, main tained a consistent opposition.

Billings Hospital Breaks Giller finally forced an open discontinuing the cases. For in- break by demanding an indepenwere closed in the week ending ning the union, the C.I.O. com-December 10th, Of these, 7 were plied, Local 787 was chartered,

week was 1,793: 193 going to the number is growing every day single problem facing the work-We also learn that the average ers of America. Ten years of maldistrict-to the "Scratch-Houses" number of new applications per nutrition and lack of medical care and would rather pan-handle a week since September 10th, 1938 has resulted in a tremendous in-"monkey-on-a-stick" for LaGuard- er words, after nearly ten years Decades of progress have been works of Marx, Engels, Lenin and sented at the next plant meeting he may maintain his morale and ia. For every man in a flop house of depression we are back where lost in the struggle for mere ex-

APPEAL ARMY

Remember! 104 issues for the Now with New Year's safely same price as formerly! past and the Appeal drive at the half-way mark, the time is ap- CLEVELAND DOING FINE proaching for the actual issuance WORK! of the twice-weekly Appeal. In

When we go out of our way the time left between now and to praise a branch for its good February those branches that work in handling the Appeal you have not already laid their plans can rest assured that such praise for extra distribution activity must be deserved! And Cleveland must take action immediately. It deserves its full share for its is up to the literature agents in recent great pick-up in activity. these branches to bring the This branch is taking more paproblem to the attention of all pers than ever before; actually selling and paving for them. We Also, we urge literature agents have in our hands a fine leaflet o start sending in their increased distributed to workers and deoundle-orders at once so that we scribing the contents of the can lay our plans. The success Appeal. This leaflet might be of the twice-weekly paper natuused as a model-not only in its rally depends upon greatly inattractive appearance but in concreased circulation. New York tent-by branches throughout the City, Detroit and Cleveland are country. already on record to handle many

Following is the list of subscriptions sent in during the week:



Only one bundle order increase was received during the week. That was from Elsie Meyers, caord month for the number of pable agent for the East Oaksubscriptions turned in! The land, Calif., branch, who inaverage per week during the creased her bundle to 25 copies.

quite close to our goal of 50! BOUND-VOLUMES-1938:

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And don't forget that we still Let's hit our average of 50 subs have on hand bound-volumes for per week in January!

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which put almost no obstacles in the way of the union.

Wrecking Campaign Starts

This steady progress was, however, disrupted by the decisive victory of the Communist Party clique in the union elections. The new executive committee immediately set to work in the fashion of the well-known wrecking crew.

Three full-time union officers

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Mercy Hospital (maintained by the Catholic Church, and staffed by Catholics) was attacked in vio-Freeman St. & Southern Boulevard; 174th St. & Boston Rd.; Kingsbridge Rd. & Jerome Ave.; East Moshula Suhway Sta.; 3897 Sedgwick Ave.

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Ogren and Emil Reviuk, men.ex-1 787 received the unsolicited appliperienced in trade union work. were invited by the Local to help in its work. After gaining recognition from the Billings Hospital the Bob Roberts, the Lying-In and Woodlawn Hospitals, winning recognition and small, but important, improvements in conditions and wages.

Local 396, in the meantime, pro-

ceeded to ride rough-shod over the rights and needs of the membership. The three paid officials. ing committees were ignored in negotiations with hospitals. Delegates were elected to fake Stalinist organizations. The treasury was exhausted by contributions to Stalinist enterprises as well as by paying the unnecessary officials. \$4,000 collected from dues was dissipated in four months, leaving the Local in the red Never during all its existence, did it pay its per capita tax to the C.I.O., though Local 787 paid its per capita tax regularly.

Local 787 Takes Over In November of this year, Local

cation of the Grant and Augustana hospital branches after their memberships had unanimously voted to disaffiliate from Local management, the Local organized 396. These were branches in Local 396. Trying desperately to head off this movement, the Stalinists unloosed a slander campaign against Local 787 in which they charged the leadership of Local 787 with being "Trotskyist." The workers answered that if the leadership was Trotskyist, and the union made gains, then the Trotskyists must be good trade unionists.

> Local 396, left without members, was compelled to return its charter to the C.I.O., thereby yielding its jurisdiction over the North Side hospitals.

Local 787, now the only hospital workers union in this city, is proceeding with a well-planned organizational campaign. Democracy prevails in the local; the executive does its work, and the membership makes the final deck sion. The local publishes its own mimeographed paper, the Hospital Worker, as a bi-weekly.

Yankee Imperialism Is the Main Enemy in Latin America

(Continued from Page 1) necessities of a war. Most of these materials are to be found in the rest of the Western Hemisphere. bia, Mexico, etc.

Cannon-fodder too

Latin-American contains another raw material of primary im- Uncle Sam of blood tribute by the portance which American military oppressed peoples of Lain Amer-

experts greedily eye: man, can-ica! American Totalitarianism

The political and military ob- | however, who can believe that jectives of Wall Street in Latin threat is imminent, when we see America are totalitarian, embel- Japan entirely absorbed in China, lished though they are by Roose- Germany geared to the Herculean veltian democracy. Washington task of devouring Easern Eurseeks a monopoly in everything: ope, and Italy preoccuped in the in raw materials and markets, in Mediterranean? This pretext was ideology and politics, in foreign unmasked for their own purposes relations, in military missions, by the representatives of "demowar supplies, naval and air lines cratic" English imperalism at and bases, in military prepara- Lima, the Argentine degates. tions. Washington wants no other powers - not even "democratic" France! - to maintain military missions in Latin America. Washington obliges the Latin American to frighten the peoples and govdispense with long-established new, exclusively American ones, It even leases war vessels to Brazil. The old plan for a second will be used there, when the canal, in Nicaragua, is taken from the archives. Military aides are tionary mass movements for nasent to all the Latin American capitals with the objective of molding their military mechanmilitary, naval or aviation missions are already operating in Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Haiti, Guatema, Columbia, and they are coming in other countries; they do not instruct, nor will they instruct, the forces of these counfries in the special problems of their own defense, but aim to create strategic bases for the war plans of American imperialism tic note in the call for common Cuba already is nothing more defense of democracy issued by than an outpost of the American | Roosevelt-Hull to the Latin-Amernaval system, as much so as Por- ican governments. What sort of to Rico. All this is geared into democracy can these governments Roosevelt's gigantic armament defend, the satrapies of Getulio program, for which we are being Vargas, Benevides, Somosa, Trucalled upon to provide astro-

nomical sums. A Flimsy Allbi

The pretext for building this will unhesitatingly sell themselves tremendous apparatus is a threat to Hitler or to the Mikado, if the by a foreign totalitarian power. switch would serve to continue Under world conditions today, them in power.

Toro in Bolivia and Cardenas in

assure the monopoly of Latin-

America's markets. The constant

turmoil and the growing political

and economic restrictions in the

power reserves of LatinAmerica on the five billion dollars (40% of equal those of the United States. America's total investments Today, in fact, its imnediately abroad) invested in the mines. Among these raw materials are available trained manpower is su- petroleum, public services, elec-Canadian nickel, Bolivian tin, perior to that of the Yankee tricity, meat packing, territorial rubber, manganese, Brazilian and metropolis! Washington estimates Columbian coffee, Argentine wool, that Latin America can immedi-Chilean nitrate, Mexican silver, ately put into the field more than petroleum from Venzuela, Colom- a million men with military training. This means that, as soon as war breaks out, the very first shots will initiate payment to

No, these sensational prepara-

tions are not for defersive pur-

poses. That pretext merely serves

to delude American workers and

deceiving as the tunes emanating

from Berlin, London, Tokyo, Paris

Democracy Stretches

The enslaved peoples of Latin

America cannot but feel a sarcas-

jillo, Batista and Company? To-

day they are the devoted lackeys

of Wall Street, but tomorrow they

become, thanks to its methods of

control, subsidies, etc., the most

in the zone of Yankee monopoly.

Slogans Hide Reality

petitors, Wall Street raises the

To defend itself against its com-

or Rome.

What They Mean by Democracy

The defense of "democratic" in- | year it rose again to 34.4% for the

stitutions means concretely to whole of Latin America - more

Washington two things: the eradi- than the combined imports from

cation of German-Nipponese com- Great Britain, Germany, Japan

petition and the preservation of and Italy. But Germany-prac-

the big American trusts against consequence of the war-has

the bourgeois-nationalist indepen- meanwhile pushed into second

dence movements exemplified by place ahead of England and has

Behind Roosevelt's sonorous serious competitor of the United

phrases is the determination to States, seeking to open a breach

European and Asiatic markets liberal slogan of return to free

makes the Latin American mar- commerce; in actual content, how-

kets ever more important to Wall ever, that slogan gives Latin Street. Latin America now takes America the same status as was

20% of all American exports, De. held by the American colonies

spite its supremacy in commercial when they did not have the right

relations with the twenty south- to trade except with the British

ern republics since 1918, the crown, As for the "defense of in-

United States feels itself threat- ternational law," it means simply

ened by competitors and, as a that in spite of the fictitious sov-

matter of fact, during the last ereignty of the dependent nations

two years did lose first place in of the New World, the Yankees

five of the principal countries of reserve for themselves the right

Latin America (Mexico, Brazil, to intervene in the internal life of

etc.). The American share of these states to restore, if neces-

South American importing mar- sary by force, the privileges and

kets was 44% in 1920, but that fig- monopolies that they enjoy there,

The Right to Be Squeezed

ure decreased to 30% in 1928; last or to impose new ones.

the concessions and privileges of tically eliminated in 1920 as

The gentlemen of Wall Street are terrified by the danger that gree of "democrats" and "anti- of the imperialist cliques. fascists" to dictators like Vargas and Benevides, while they insinuate through the kept press that Cardenas favors fascism.

concessions and plantations which

constitute the key positions in the

economic life of Latin America.

Knows No Limit

In squeezing the Latin Amerithese countries, demands prompt payment for old debts, the end of American governments, and the immediate handing over of Wall countries, one after another, to ernments of Latin America into Latin American banks for lack of port of his party, to begin the revalries among the imperialist seeking shelter under the wings exchange. As if this were not actionary offensive and conscious- bandits serve to protect Latin European military, naval or aviaof the Yankee eagle. If these enough, Wall Street tries to dely prepare for the transition to America from such an invasion. tion missions and to establish arms, apart from their use in the prive these countries of their tracoming inter-imperialist war, are ditional markets for products employed in Latin America, they which America also produces (wheat, cotton, sugar, etc.). The necessity arises, to crush revolu- catalogue is not complete without referring to the reprisals and tional independence in the semiboycotts organized by Wall colonial countries! The Yankee Street against any country imperialists cannot be defenders which, like Mexico, dares to exisms into the strategic plans elab- of those peoples of whom they propriate imperialist concessions. orated in Washington. American are the principal exploiters and Wall Street cannot but strangle which listens to the mermaid song | eggs. of Washington! That song is as

Fight Is Against Imperialism!

We are confident that the ers Government. Latin American masses will not allow themselves to be duped inmacy to stifle it.

It must be stressed that the principal enemy of the Latin

Enemy Is At Home

In the advanced democratic countries, not to struggle above ers and peasants in struggle all against your own national capitalist class and its "demo- against their own immediate excratic" governments, means not ploiters. can lemon, Wall Street piles con- to defend democracy but to pretradiction upon contradiction. It pare the way for fascism. If the obliges the tributary countries to examples of Italy, Germany, Austhat rule most of Latin America buy only in the American mar- tria, and Spain did not suffice, are maintained by the support kets, but at the same time drains we now have the fresh examples they get from Washington or into its own coffers the gold of of Czechoslovakia and France. London, the imperialist capitals. exchange control by the Latin to fascism. In France the much- gentina, or Nicaragua does not Street credits now frozen in overnight, with the complete sup- the totalitarian powers. The riitalists and establishing a Work- of doing that are still remote.

In the dependent and semicolonial countries of Latin Amerto abandoning the anti-imperial- ica the fight against fascism is ist struggle, which will continue finance capital - i.e., American despite the efforts of dollar dip- finance capital which holds the lion's share and is the chief imperialism oppressing the two continents-and its native agents. the Mexican example will prove American peoples is not fascism The Latin American capitalists, contagious. They move to block in general but imperialism. Fas- far from being able to lead a the road to more audacious ex- cism in Latin America is only struggle for the independence of propriations. They grant the de- one of the uniforms used by one their countries, simply become agents of Yankee imperialism. The liberation of Latin America is a task that falls to the work-

against the imperialists and

Dictators Backed by U. S. The reactionary dictatorships Czech democracy quietly and au- The danger of a Nazi, Italian, or tomatically transformed itself in Japanese invasion of Peru, Aracclaimed chief of the People's lie in a spectacular armed inva-Front, Daladier, decided almost sion by the armies and navies of fascism. The same process of In order to make a landing on democratic degeneration will in- the coast of Brazil, Germany evitably take place in this coun-would first have to destroy the try unless the American workers American fleet, and probably the succeed in overthrowing the cap- British as well. But their chances

Fascist Danger Is At Home

cist domination in Latin America American imperialism and by the oppressors. Woe to any people the goose that lays its golden is internal. It rears its head in fact that the Latin American ters. Meanwhile his "democratic" each and every country. It is countries are transformed into

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Only a few days after the Lima Conference came to an end huzzas for the united front of the American democracies—the black splotches on the map show those countries actually ruled by grinding dictatorships—the New York Times correspondent suddenly revealed that at Lima the dictator-In essence, Secretary Hull calls exploits in Mexico, Cuba, Haiti, ship of President Benavides had actually submitted the conference delegates to a kind of reign of upon the Latin American states Nicaragua, etc.—the right to col- terror. The Times headlined "censorship, intimidation and espionage" at Lima and the correspondent de la Torres, Grau San Martins, expense of the Latin American to concede the right of Wall lect, with machine guns and can-detailed a lengthy account of how Benavides had hounded the newsmen at the conference to prevent Street to repeat its past infamous nons when required - the divi- any news of an anti-Pascist character from being sent abroad!

Pave Way For Fascists When petty bourgeois nationalist leaders like Haya de la Torre or Grau San Martin, or "socialist" leaders like Grove, abandon the traditional struggle against U. S. imperialism in order to unite with it for a "common" struggle against fascism, the Nazi agents in Latin America are quite content. The capitulation of these leaders makes it easier to reach the masses with fascist demagogy. It also makes it easier for the fascists to make connections with those national capitalists (mainly the local industrialists) who aspire to economic independence. The agents of Hitler or Mussolini can thus mask them-

economic vassals of the Northern of the great foreign monopolies-, American proletarians do not mostly American or British-to have anything in common with the Brown Shirts of Argentina,

Thus, to suspend the struggle against Yankee or British imperialism, even for a single mo- a common tongue, in unison ment, is to hand the masses over against the common oppressor! to the mercies of the fascists, to make it easier for the fascist of the United States, section of selves as nationalists. They can enemy to conquer from the in- the Fourth International, revolumake use of the masses' hatred side!

Rulers Cannot Fight Fascism

The reactionary dictatorships | director of the country's agriculin the majority of Latin Ameri- tural and credit bank. In Peru, can countries cannot serve as in- more than half the country's struments of struggle against inmock constitution granted (by divine right?) to Brazil by President Vargas on Nov. 10, 1937, was directly modelled on totalitarian lines. His coup d'etat was active participation of the Integtransform himself into a Brazilian Henlein, it was only because civil war and could not count on sufficient direct aid from Hitler. The immediate danger of fas-Inourished by the patronage of He chose, therefore, to return to the fold of his old Yankee masconstitution cloaks a regime of terror, concentration camps, deportations to plague-infested is- gling against imperialist oppreslands, torture and murder. Trade sion. But this struggle means na- States summon all the revoluunions are organs of the state tional independence. It means tionary, anti-imperialist and naand political parties are prohi- an agrarian revolution to bring tional-democratic forces of Latin bited. This is the kind of "de- about the distribution of land to America. mocracy" Roosevelt asks the the tillers. It means expropria-Latin American people to defend tion of the foreign monopolies. against the advance of the Fas- It means the granting of unrecists from across the Atlantic!

Fascist Economic Gains nature, favor the penetration not This is the only program that can only of Fascist ideas, but of Fas- liberate the millions of Latin cist economic and political influ- American slaves from the chains ence. Thus the German consul of imperialist oppression, of fas-

banking activity is controlled by ternational fascism but rather as the Bank of Italy. In Brazil, channels for its penetration. The Vargas divides the Amazon region between the Mikado and Henry Ford. In Santo Domingo, Trujillo opens a land concession to 40,000 Nazified Germans. In these countries farm hands and planned and carried out with the European immigrants, suffering under the general economic backralistas and other Nazi agents. If wardness, and contemptuous of Vargas did not at that time the cultural inferiority of their new lands, are easily attracted by the racial myths and respond to he feared popular opposition and the perfected demagogic technique of the German and Italian propaganda machines. Struggle Must Be Revolutionary

The conclusion from all this is clear: semi-colonial Latin Amer- ant masses of Central and South ica, an opressed continent, cannot escape Fascism without strugstricted democratic liberties to the people and the elevation of These regimes, by their very the living standard of the masses. in Salvador assumes the post of cism, and creole dictatorships!

'Anti-Fascist" Illusions

Unfortunately, this program is | Stalin's personal organ, Pravda, rejected not only by imperialist urged the United States to have hirelings but by nationalist petty- "a more active foreign policy" bourgeois leaders who are im- and to enter into "common action pressed by the advance of the with all the democratic elements inist demagogy. Haya de la Torre, possible way of resisting the defor example, believes in the "sin- structive forces of fascism." Thus, simply does not understand that anti-imperialist leaders. Stalin's

Tweedledum and Tweedledee

In essence, however, Roosein the American delegation at his superiors in the hierarchy of

Stalin Serves Roosevelt

res. On April 17 of this year Browder.

fascist powers and by noisy Stal- of Latin America, as the only triumphant conclusion. cerity" of Roosevelt. Why? Be- while Roosevelt drags the dictaise Roosevelt has not yet used tors and fuehrers of Latin Amer troops and cannons like some of ica into the "democratic anti- of the semi-colonial peoples! his predecessors and teachers fascist front," the Stalinists at-(Wilson!). Haya de la Torre tempt to entice into it the popular Wall Street is not yet reduced to supreme hope lies in Wall Street Soviet Republics of all the Amermethods of last resort and des- and he demonstrates to it his peration. Hitler cannot wait; but usefulness. The Popular Front of Chile is the most finished expres sion of that policy. If Browder, fuehrer of Ameri-

velt's foreign policy is that of can Stalinism, could not find a his predecessors and of his Re- place in the American delegapublican rivals. Landon's place tion as a lackey of Hull-Landon, Lima demonstrates that fact. labor lieutenants of Wall Street There are no differences on imperialist policies within the rul- ter (C.I.O.) and Tracy (A.F.L.) ing class of the United States. were there to provide a "working class" sanction for America's tenced to one and two day jail predatory policy. The Latin terms for violation of an anti-Roosevelt's demagogy is ably American peoples were presented picketing injunction last week served by Stalin and his minions with the spectacle of a sacred here. The charge of contempt of in deluding the Haya de la Tor- union extending from Landon to court sent them to the "jug,"

Lackeys Do Not Speak For Us!

Groves, etc.) the idea that the peoples. American working class solidar- But the vast majority of the

The labor lieutenants of Wall izes itself with the imperialists Street, lackeys of the imperialist of their own country. This is Truck Drivers Joint Council, and exploiters of the Western Hemi- false! These lackeys of imperial- T. C. Dethloff, president of Taxi sphere, by their presence at ism represent only the labor aris- Drivers local 345 were the leaders Latin American peoples and their crumbs cast to them by the im- ance of the injunction against "all most popular leaders (the Haya perialists from their feasts at the persons" aiding Drivers Local 348.

make them believe that the anti- these aristocrats and lackeys. imperialist fighters and the revo- Though miserably deceived by lutionary militants are nothing the labor lieutenants and the but agents of Wall Street and Stalinist hirelings, the millions of London. This method is the American proletarians have true principal one used by all the na- class instincts. They feel in their tive fascists in Latin America depths that the enemy who exbacked directly or indirectly by ploits them in this country is the Hitler or Mussolini: the Integral- same oppressor who keeps under istas of Brazil, the Gold Shirts an even more terrible yoke the of Mexico, the Nacistas of Chile, semi-slave masses of peasants and workers south of the Rio Grande. Speak out to your brothers in the North, workers and peasants of Latin America, and they will learn to answer you in

The Socialist Workers Party tionary vanguard of the American workers, before the brother peoples of Latin America denounces the grim comedy of Lima. We warn our brothers in Latin America against the maneuvers of the American delegation which spoke there for Wall Street. We appeal to the semicolonial peoples of the south to unite with us against the common enemy: imperialism, and that includes the American brand. We pledge our unremitting aid in rallying the working class of this country in effective solidarity with the Latin American peoples in their struggles for national freedom.

For Joint Struggle

The liberation of Latin Americe from the imperialist voke the destruction of the threat of fascist intervention at its very roots, can be achieved only by common action of the American working class with the worker and peas-America.

To this great historic task the Bolshevik-Leninists of the United

Our Fate Is Yours

Your national independence will be a gigantic step in speeding the socialist revolution in the United States. Likewise the victory of the proletarian revolution in this country will guarantee the complete liberation of the peoples of Latin America. Our fate is indissolubly linked with

In the coming struggle for freedom, the historic task of the revolutionary vanguard of the United States and of Latin America, organized under the banner of the Fourth International, will be to place itself in the forefront of that battle and lead it to a

For the national independence of the Latin American countries! For the agrarian revolution and

For the proletarian, socialist revolution in the United States! For the Federation of Socialist

New York, December, 1938.

DRIVERS' LEADERS JAILED IN AKRON

By R. FERGUSON

AKRON. Ohio - Two drivers union business agents were senafter they made a test-case of the validity of a sweeping injunction against all picketing of a fink gasoline station.

Chet Smead, president of the Together with John Ellis and Sam Pollock, two other A.F. of L. union business agents, these unionists formed a "Civil Liberties Committee" to carry on picketing activities while Local 348 was under legal restraint. The last two named escaped sentences because the judge found "a reasonable doubt whether these two men had willfully violated the court or-The courtroom sessions were at-

tended by large crowds of A.F. of L and C.I.O. unionists intensely interested in the case. The presence of these unionists "convinced" the judge that he had better tread lightly in his antilabor activities.

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Moscow Frameups Bared By Ukraine G.P.U. Trial degenerate bureaucracy against all its potential enemies let loose onto achieved their aim. Finally, The fact that the trials were not

(Continued from page 1) the ten men who appeared as by the prosecution on the necesprosecution witnesses." The wit- sity of the public's having faith that G.P.U. officials "compelled" crime is particularly heinous," them to make the confessions.

Ordinarily news out of Soviet Russia is limited to what emathe Moscow press. Apparently lible deeds." Denny picked up the Kiev story independently of the official news sources. In view of his former minor cog in the vast mechanism uncritical attitude, Denny's un- employed by Stalinism in the trial did not bring out the instru- the three most celebrated trials privileges require a functioning cret, undoubtedly, for the good derlining of the fact that the two-year blood purge of which mentalities employed to secure took place in Moscow but which

confessions speaks volumes. Denny further points out the Union.

motivation for this trial in the tract the false confessions from fact that "much stress was placed nesses were limited to describing in the political police." "This the prosecution declared in asking the death sentence, "because it has sullied the honorable name of nates from Moscow officials and Chekist (G.P.U.) with contempt-

Thus a tiny corner of the curtain has been lifted exposing a included hundreds of frame-up Preserve Faith in G.P.U. trials throughout the Soviet

Frankenstein which threatens to destroy everything, including has had to expose part of its own Union indicates that the ruling the bureaucracy itself. Industrial mechanism in the hope that this clique still hopes to provide such production, military work, administration in every sphere-everything falters as fear-paralyzed nature of the whole regime-iron-limited audiences, and without functionaries and workers flinch ical touch!-the scapegoats had to much publicity. The all-devourat every step, fearing that any ape their own methods, convict- ing paralysis, however, will not initiative, anything, may bring ing themselves in the Kiev trial be lifted by these measures or, them into the view of the secret police and cause their downfall. As though stricken with a plague had to be extorted by those very take. Nothing but the removal of of inertia, the whole nation sinks efficacious methods of "compelinto passive sullenness. The ter-

Why Truth Comes Out

The ruling clique is therefore are still to be used in future driven to find ways and means to purges. reassure the people, or at least

Why the present revelation? the past year, therefore, Soviet istrators and Stakhanovists, who The murderous onslaught of the leaders have made various reas- presumably were summoned in in desperation, the bureaucracy reported throughout the Soviet extraordinary step will create the reassurance by such local trialnecessary reassurance. But in the demonstrations, with discreetlyby self-confessions.

No doubt these confessions, too, roristic methods of the ruling very careful not to have decurity, for its own power and extortion methods are kept seand sufficient reason that they

The Klev trial was attended by

the millions of functionaries. In officials and intellectuals, adminthe bureaucracy itself can underthe Stalinist bureaucracy, the reling" which the authorities were vival of the Soviet and the establishment of a new revolutionary clique thus endanger its own se- scribed in the courtroom. The party can save the Soviet Union from destruction.

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Musica and Business Secrets

(Reprinted from the Northwest Organizer of December 22, 1938)

This Coster case gives us ideas. Why not let the workers of the United States get a good long gander at those financial operations that even now are being covered up by the uncaught Costers and Whitneys in the marts of trade and gold?

Why not find out exactly why these big corporations can't pay a living wage? Why they can't provide more jobs?

Let labor's trusted representatives open the books of the big corporations.

We know the trusts and the big shots don't keep any secrets from each other. The business secrets of today are part of a gigantic plot of the monopolists against the interests of the peo-

Why not see how many Musicas, Whitneys, Mellons, Insulls and Morgans there are, robbing, faking, plundering the wealth of the underpaid workers who produce the goods they finagle with.

Let's have a good old-fashioned peeking contest, with the American workers for judge.

Then we'll find out who it is that's cheating whom.

How the Arms Program Works

On December 30th, the U.S. Navy awarded a quarter of a million dollar contract to the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Two days before, E. G. Grace, Czar of the corporation, announced to the press that he would fight recommendations of the N.L.R.B. to disband the 20-year old company union.

this question, long-shrouded in

of coolie misery. Out of their

slave labor comes the fabulous

wealth of the Doris Dukes, the

Barbara Huttons, the Brenda

Fraziers and the rest of the para-

sitic, upper-class bums of the 60

The Wages and Hours Bill in

no way solves the problem of sub-

standard labor. It merely smears

a little soothing salve on this fes-

tering sore in the aim of making

American workers more amenable

to becoming cannon fodder in

Wall Street's coming war, and of

easing competitive conditions for

Down at the bottom of this pit

are the workers in the needle

trades, cane sugar, fertilizer,

pecan shelling and lumber indus-

One Cent an Hour

In Puerto Rico, for instance.

according to U.S. Labor Depart-

ment statistics, 31.4 percent of

the women engaged in the needle

trades earn less than one (1) cent

per hour, 31.1 percent earn one

and under two cents and 31.4 per-

cent earn two and under four

cents. Adult male labor in the

sugar cane fields averages less

than ten cents per hour. The La-

bor Department states that the

cost of a proper diet in Puerto

Rico is \$3.19 per week. Yet over

one-fifth of the families interview-

ed by government investigators

had total weekly earnings of less

than 50 cents and almost four-

fifths earned less than \$3.00 per

In Texas there are many wo-

men workers averaging less than

five cents per hour; in the entire

pecan shelling industry the wages

range from less than five to seven

There are countless other ex-

amples of pay below 25 cents per

hour. Notoriously low is the pay

of the turpentine workers of Flo-

rida and the fertilizer and cotton

workers throughout the entire

Western Union "Wages"

and Postal Telegraph Companies

typify super-exploitation. About

50 percent of the Western Union

In the North the Western Union

tries of Puerto Rico and the

ruling families.

the big capitalists.

South.

week.

Wages and Hours Bill.

nomic ladder live? The answer to earn 20 cents per hour or less.

THEIR WAGE IS ONE CENT AN HO

down at the bottom of the eco- New York City over 25 percent campaign of firing and evasion.

coming to light thanks to the of living necessary for health, ef- workers are being laid off, bring-

Compelled to seek information applies only to those 11,000,000 there to 350,000. Saw mills in Ar-

for the purposes of applying the workers whose products or ser- kansas and Mississippi have

Bill, the Wages and Hours Ad- vices are used in commerce be- closed. 5,000 to 7,000 workers of

ministration has uncovered det tween the states. Under the Act the pecan shelling industry

grading conditions of poverty and they are to receive not less than around San Antonio have been

exploitation which has kept mil- 25 cents an hour and their work shown the gate. In the North, the

lions of workers in the black pit week is limited to 44 hours for Western Union Telegraph Com-

40 hours. Time-and-a-half is to be

In terms of real life this wage

scale means that a man lives de-

cently and marries on \$11 per

week. The second year he is

raised to \$12.60 and puts a couple

of kids into the world. By the

time the eighth year comes

around he is getting \$16 per week

and is looking for investments

Bill Does Not Effect All

It must constantly be borne in

mind that the Act will affect only

some 2.225,000 of the 11,000,000

workers directly or indirectly en-

gaged in interstate commerce.

not so engaged receive no atten-

There are other tremendous

gaps in the Act. Child Labor (un-

der 16) in interstate commerce is

prohibited, 50,000 children will be

released from sweatshops immedi-

ately. Yet the New Deal has made

no provision for supplementing

Labor not involved in interstate

courts say it is the problem of the

Furthermore, the Act provides

no minimum wage for part time

workers, learners, handicapped

persons and messengers. Workers

handling, preparing or canning

horticultural and agricultural

products or making dairy prod-

ucts 'within the area of produc-

tion" or at nearby plants having

seven or fewer employes are also

These are the gaps which be-

come evident at first glance. As

time goes on the government will

inevitably multiply them in order

not to drive weak businesses to

the wall. It must also be remem-

bered that all cases of dispute

Employer Evasion Begins

The employers, however, have

are settled by a boss court.

states. All courts have said so

since 1916.

excluded.

"boys" outside of New York City punch additional holes into the

paid for overtime.

for his surplus cash.

In a few words: the Navy gang knew that Grace was using scab sponsoring a company union and intimidating workers from becoming real union men. And Grace knew he could sponsor a company union and union-busting methods and get the Navy contract.

The whole army-navy building program as revealed by this little incident is, in the final analysis, a scab union-busting program. It starts by giving the plums to open shops as well as to unionized establishments. Then as war comes closer and the might of the militarist gang (working hand-in-glove with the New Deal 'liberals") increases, it begins to make inroads on the union organizations. That's what the M-Day Plan is for. It begins with a little favoritism for company unions and ends by putting the real unions behind the eight-ball.

There's a real point in Grace recalling that the company union plan was worked out in 1918 in cooperation with the War Labor Board. It is not merely a recollection—it is a prediction of the way things will look when war

Hitler Apes Stalin

On January 3rd Hitler initiated the biggest "treason" trial in his six years of power. As one reads the official dispatches and the accounts of the first day of the trial, one is forcibly reminded of Stalin's juridical methods. Hitler seems to have drawn more than one leaf from the book of the Moscow trials.

As in the Moscow models, one learns in advance that those who are to be tried are already assumed to be guilty: some seventeen or so are to be beheaded. The trial is preceded by vituperative official releases. The chief victims are presented as oppositionists from of old, when they have actually been adherents of the regime. Ernst Niekisch, the most prominent defendant in the Nazi court, is presented as a Socialist who "antagonized National Socialism long before 1933"; actually be became a militarist in 1923, supported the Nazi conquest in 1933, and published a newspaper after Hitler became Chancellor

The trial, like the Moscow ones, includes secret sessions, while the public sessions are to be in the nature of demonstrations, with some twenty-two principal defendants and numerous supernumaries. It is reported they will confess in open court. It will be a big show.

Stalin, however, still leads Hitler in the number of victims.

ficiency and general well being," ing the number of unemployed

the first year; the second year pany has threatened to dump 3,-

they will receive 30 cents and 125 "boys" onto the street because

work 42 hours; the third year the company is operating at a

they will receive 30 cents and deficit (\$1,615,919 for the first ten

work 40 hours; the eighth year months of 1938); yet R. B. White,

they are to get 40 cents and work president, and Newcomb Carlton,

again.

Socialist Party Comes to An End

Party Folds Up to Become an "Educational" Society Inside the American Labor Party

PATCH UP A LITTLE MISUNDERSTANDING

By the combined support of the extreme right wing (Thomas Laidler) and their Tyler-Zamite satellites, a majority of the membership of the New York State Socialist Party has just voted in favor of a proposition submitted to referendum by the State Committee which provides for the members of the S.P. entering the American Labor Party.

The vote really brings to a conclusion a whole stage of development of the Thomas organization and marks its voluntary liquidation as a political party. Its liquldation as a left wing organization was effected some time ago.

After its break with the incorrigible social - democratic "Old Guard" a few years ago, the Socialist party not only took on new life but moved rapidly in the direction of revolutionary Marxism. The growth of a genuine left wing in its ranks, however, frightened the centrists and the right-wingers who had remained after the split. With a bureaucratic cynicism not exceeded by any Stallnist clique, the Thomas-Tyler leadership thereupon arbitrarily expelled from the party every member who stood for a revolutionary program.

Prediction Confirmed The mass expulsion of left-Party a year ago, did not have portunist liquidation. That opporits prediction: it declared that realized jointly by Lewis, Thomas with the left wing gone, the ex- and Tyler. treme right wing would have undisputed and undisputable sway Precisely that has happened now. en reduced to a shadow-a far cry from the days, only a few years ago, when it looked down contemptuously upon the small

revoutionary groups from the "heights" of its 15-20,000 membervirtually wiped out as an electoral New York ballot because it failed to poll even half of the required votes; its showing elsewhere was the worse yet recorded in the last

The Dual Strategy

To-date 3,300 complaints have The Roosevelt "solution," the been registered by unions and mystery and kept from public at- Wage and Hour Act, which is to groups of workers. In Puerto Rico tention by the venal press, is now maintain "the minimum standard 120,000 of the island's 420,000 the "Old Guard."

The entry into the A.L.P., not existence" in store for



NORMAN THOMAS

which depends entirely on the so much by Thomas, much less

policy which it is intended to fol- Zam, as by Alex Rose, Dubinsky low inside it, means in the given and Hillman disgust. The left wing, which plan. Tyler-Zam and their friends hierarchy. formed the Socialist Workers even denounced it sternly as oplong to wait for the fulfillment of tunist liquidation is now being

the remnants of the S.P. are prop- by; there will be many such moin the party and would reduce it crly house-broken, the unification ments again in the days to come. to a conservative, impotent, so- with the Social-Democratic Fed- Yet there is a little more than cial-democratic "educational" sect. eration, led by the distinguished that. In the referendum in New The membership of the S.P. has Cahan and James Oneal, is being members (85 out of 345, or oneal program of the united organ- Committee proposition. In this, we ization can easily be imagined are sure, these comrades did not now. It will differ from the classic opportunism of the present S.D.F. like a skinny mouse differs from revolutionary socialist program, ship. In the last elections, it was two skinnier mice. After 37 years as their distrust of the unprinof independent existence in New cipled and opportunistic leaders machine, losing its place on the York, the Socialist party will have of the S.P. This distrust is fully produced a Fabian mouse, looking warranted, for gentlemen like in its old age for scraps of cheese Laidler and Altman will do exactin the A.L.P.

The Centrist Lament Simultaneously, the right wing endorsed the majority proposition, developed a "dual" strategy. First- | nevertheless begged piteously that ly, dissolve the party into the "there must not be an unorganiz-A.L.P., now that the S.P. had the ed rush which will denude the "official party," which makes its personnel and make independent TO SP

ABE CAHAN

case the end of the S.P. as a In a word, its "existence" will political party. Two years or so be as real and independent and ago, virtually the entire party critical and free as is that of the membership looked askance at the S.D.F., its partner in the coming proposals of Alfred Baker Lewis family reconciliation. You can and Co. to convert the S.P. into more easily catch a bird by saltan educational society, that is, in- ing its tail than catch Laidler and wingers took the heart and soul to a "respectable" Fabian club. Company saying or doing anyout of the S.P. Hundreds who No other party leader dared then thing that hurts the bureaucratic were not expelled, dropped out in to associate himself with this political position of the A.L.P.

Future for S.P. Militants

What is left of Thomas' famous "all-inclusive" party? Little more than reminiscences of the tender moments it spent together with To make absolutely sure that the "Old Guard" in the years gone "revolutionary socialists" Abe York, a surprising number of rushed to completion. The politic- fourth) voted against the State express an unbending opposition to working inside the A.L.P. on a ly as much to infuse the A.L.P. with a class-struggle program as The "minority" statement of the Louis Waldman and August Claes-Zamites in the referendum, which | sens have done-neither more nor

But what will these comrades do now? And the youth comrades in particular, for among them "good fortune" to cease being an branches and sub-committees of there are still many who want a militant socialist party? To all or members eligible for membership socialist existence impossible in them, the Socialist Workers Party in the Labor Party of New York. fact, even though guaranteed in and the Young People's Socialist Secondly, fuse with the Social theory." The plea will be coldly League (Fourth International) Democratic Federation, that is, ignored by Thomas, Laidler and call for true socialist unity, on a return to the withered bosom of Altman, who are the real and only revolutionary Marxist program. bosses. The "independent socialist Their place is with us, comrades Spring, but had not made his in a common struggle. Is it not

QUESTION BOX

(Conducted by the National Educational Department)

QUESTION: How do you answer the argument that the big armaments program will provide jobs?-M.B.F., Boston.

ANSWER: If the armaments program is a "blessing" for this reason, then so was the tornado that swept the East not long ago. It cannot be denied that tornadoes, earthquakes, fires, etc., also provide jobs-provided they take place on a sufficiently large scale. It is obvious, however, that such calamities waste the wealth of society and make every member of society so much

The same is true of the armaments program. The products of this industry do not go to satisfy a single human need; they do not add a whit to the wealth and goods available to society. The government might just as well decide on a billion-dollar program to build Egyptian pyramids every mile from coast to coast. On the contrary, unlike pyramids, the armaments program means the expenditure of money (wasting of wealth) in order to make possible the destruction of more wealth, not to speak of livesthis being the sole use for which armaments are manufactured.

The armaments program, in brief, means expenditure for socially useless, or rather socially destructive ends. We propose that the huge sums which Roosevelt wants appropriated to build huge battleships, and make machine-guns and poison gas, be spent rather on low-cost, non-profit housing, to provide substitutes for the slums; to build decent dwellings for the families now condemned to live in fire-traps and unsanitary hovels. Homes, not battleships! This expresses sharply the contradiction between advocacy of the armaments program and the interests of the masses

It is also noteworthy that out of a billion dollars spent on armaments, as against a billion dollars spent on (say) W.P.A., a smaller percentage of the former will end up in the hands of the needy workers themselves, because of the exorbitant profitmaking which is rampant in the munition-making industry.

It cannot be denied that the great armament programs of other countries have resulted in propping up industrial activity, at least at first, and have created a kind of artificial prosperity, temporarily and on a limited scale. It acts as a shot-in-the-arm for capitalism, temporarily stimulating but leading eventually and shortly to an even greater relapse

Thus far, we have answered the question on the basis of economic considerations. But it would be short-sighted to look upon the armaments program as a measure for domestic economic recovery. The armament program is another link in Roosevelt's preparation for the imperialist war which he knows is inevitable. It is one of the laps in the arms race which is progressing so feverishly among all the nations of the world. It is Roosevelt's saber-rattling to catch the attention of Germany and Japan.

This means that sooner or later the armaments program WILL provide a job for every able-bodied man-the job of killing his fellow-workers in foreign uniforms. We will be permitted to fight for the investments of the Fat Boys in Latin America and elsewhere, while dictatorship is clamped down at home, the militant labor movement is smashed, labor is squeezed to carry on the war, and Roosevelt makes pretty speeches about "democracy." This is the armament program's job-nothing else.

(Readers of the Socialist Appeal are urged to submit their questions for an answer by this department.)

C.P. MISRULE IS EXPOSED IN **TEACHERS UNION**

(Continued from page 1)

cratic regime which the Stalinists have established in the Teachers' Union, the resignation of four prominent members of Teachers College served to bring the fact dramatically before public atten-

Professor Childs pointed out that he had, in fact, resigned from the Local some time last withdrawal public out of a desire not to injure the union. He was impelled to make the an nouncement publicly, he said, only after an insinuating and characteristic attack had been made upon him and his associates in the pages of the Nation by the well-known C. P. stooge, James Wechsler. The Wechsler article was calculated to discredit in advance any possible public criticism that Childs might make

Militants Fight C. P. Misrule

of Stalinist misrule in the Union.

Militants in the New York reachers' Union, who have long been conducting an organized fight against the class-collaborationist bureaucracy of the C. P., have expressed themselves as regretting the decision of the college teachers involved to quit the union.

Their position is that it is now more than ever-necessary to stay in the union and extend the fight against the disastrous policies and leadership of the Stalinists. Many of them feel gratified at the statement by Professor George S. Counts, former collaborator of the Stalinists who has recently broken with them. the World's Fair, has proposed a but who has declared, in connection with the resignations of other members from the Teachers' Union, that while he is discontented with the management of the union by the Communist all unemployed cab drivers hired Party people, he intends to stay

The union must win the present | Professor Child's revelations of p.m., Masonic Temple, 1095 Trefight for a contract with the big the C. P. stranglehold on the mont Street: "The Negro People companies if it hopes to have union proved very interesting, and World Imperialism, the power to prevent Whalen's He pointed out that after the official Columbia University Stalin-Progressive unionists want ist paper "Vanguard" had repeatedly published stupid and mallcious attacks on the faculty and expense of the bosses and the the College, he made an attempt to have the Teachers' College Union Chapter made public a dis-Whalen's scheme is another at- avowal of any connections with tempt to divide the employed and the Stalinist sheet. In this effort, he was defeated by the Stalinist the work" program, Progressive overlords who were interested primarily in defending their clique interests, no matter how stupidly expressed or injurious to the union. It was after this cul- tried to have him meet with minating demonstration of the Browder and Hathaway, C. P.



OPENS NATIONAL TOUR IN PHILA

C. L. R. James, noted English lecturer and writer, opened a national speaking tour on Friday, January 6th, in Philadelphia, and will speak in Newark on Sunday.

A series of meetings addressed by James in New York prior to his departure brought enthusiastic praise for his oratorical ability and capacity for analysis of world events, Audiences will have an opportunity to hear him in almost every important city in the United States.

His next lectures are scheduled for the following dates and

New Haven: Tuesday, January p.m.: "The Twilight of the

Roxbury: Thursday, January. 12, 8 p.m.: "Twilight of the British Empire," Otisfield Hall.

Lynn, Mass.: January 13, 8 p.m.,

Empire." Boston: Sunday, January 15, 8

ings will be reported as the tour progresses.

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can't dance? So another \$500 went to buy 300 gigolos to keep the

inspection of the books looking other \$400 went to hire private dicks for the night.

She Needs Relaxation

set her back some \$25,000-\$50,000 for the night, and considering the clean, healthy fun they all get out of it, it was cheap at twice the

Now don't think we begrudge Miss Frazier a little fun. Not for do and she ought to be allowed a little innocent relaxation. Imagine problem in the simplest, boldest how hard you would have to work to manage an estate which totals \$4,051,000! Well, that's what Miss gees" will be automatically re-Brenda has to draw her modest income from; and it's this little income that she must watch ever so carefully so that she can have

But Here's A Point And as we were reading the re-

Hundreds of thousands of horribly persecuted people in Europe haven't even a crust of bread or a glass of clean water-much less a roof over their heads. They are refugees from the fascist barbarans. They ask that the tradition-

that the doors of "democratic America" may be opened to them. And here are a gang of gigolos and clothes-horses, swilling pay. around like so many swine at a gilded trough, wallowing drunkenly in champagne, squirting away about \$50,000 for just one

out" of a worthless social parasite. Relieving Miss Frazier Why, it would be the easiest thing in the world to maintain

hundreds of thousands of refugees in this country! It would be ust as easy to extend real relief o the millions of unemployed, All that has to be done is to relieve Miss Frazier of most of her worries. Just slap a tax-a real one-on the fortune which she squanders in slop and swill, Slap the same stiff tax on all the

members of her useless class! And if the working class were to fight for that, for really putting the squeeze on the parasite class, the problems of the masses would be the easiest thing in the

world to solve. It is not the refugees who are the problem. The problem is the Brenda Fraziers and the rest of her class. And if we tackle that and most direct way, we'll find that the "problem of the refu-

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The union is asking for 45 percent on the gross take for day men and 50 percent for night men. Under the expired contract the men obtained 421/2 percent. Elimination of company strongarm squads is also one of the pressing demands.

Union officials said that day men were now averaging \$17 weekly and night men \$15. The demands would bring a pay increase.

future of the union depends and which can be met successfully only through strike victory. Make-Work Fakery

during the coming World's Fair. Grover Whalen, commissioner of reactionary scheme. He wants

their present low rate of pay. Union members want to have under the contract, and then oth- inside the organization and fight ers to be hired also at union scale against anti-democratic malpracof wages and under the contract. tices,

scheme from succeeding. the union scales on the jobs.

unemployed through a fake "share unionists counterpose a program of jobs for all at union wages.

be badly compromised.

at all reprehensible in itself but will be circumscribed rigidly not time they took their proper place?

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night of celebration-the "coming

However, there is another issue behind the strike upon which the

It is the problem of cab service

W.P.A. and relief workers to run 7,000 cabs in special service at

W.P.A. and relief workers to have a job and a decent living at the government and not to drag down

Talk of arbitration through La-Guardia or the state mediation board has already begun, and the strikers will have to be on guard complete factional control which leaders, in order to "straighten if the union demands are not to the Stalinists exercise over the out" union matters (!!) that union, plus the fact that they Childs resigned from the Local.

C. L. R. JAMES C. L. R. JAMES

the 8th.

places:

10, Fraternal Hall, 19 Elm Street, British Empire." Wednesday, January 11, Negro Community Cen-

Lynn Labor Lyceum, 127 Oxford Street: "Twilight of the British

Time and place of later meet-

University Luncheonette

AT YOUR NEWSSTAND | al right of asylum be invoked so

BRENDA'S PARTY

Compared with America's capacity to produce, the Act's \$11 worth of purchasing power is a mockery. It has time and again been shown that a living wage begins at \$30. By setting such a sub-standard minimum the government has encouraged the bosses to reduce wages. This was done under the N.R.A. and will be done

Whether or not the Act can even to some slight degree benefit labor as a whole will only be decided by the activity of the trade unions. It is not enough for them The 24,000,000 workers who are to register complaints with the Wage and Hour Division. Where the bosses lay off and reduce wages, the unions must demand toward reinstatement and restoration of wages if the boss can pay. If the business is running at a deficit, as Western Union is, the workers must demand that the the income of their parents who government take it over with are unable to support them. Child | workers control of wages, hours and financial operations. If the commerce goes on. The New Deal enterprise is too small to be taken

chairman, continue to draw \$76.-

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for those who have been cast onto the streets. No reliance on the government! Make the boss or his government pay! For a 30 hour week at a \$30

over, the union must demand pub-

lic works at trade union wages

In the article on Argentine last week an erroneous reference was made to a "Bolshevik-Leninist League" in Argentine. Actually several groups of the Fourth International tendency exist in Argentina and the Pan-American Sub-Secretariat of the Internation-

al is at present sponsoring

unity negotiations.

CORRECTION

not waited for the New Deal to ASK FOR THE APPEAL

(Continued from page 1) 500 was spent on champagne for one evening, and another \$1,000 for Scotch and rye and just plain Bourbon. And you can't just sit around making a pig of yourself at the table, can you? So another \$2,500 was paid for a little music to keep things moving. And what's the good of music if you

girls amused at the party. And you wouldn't expect them to dance around in a room that looks like a barn, would you? So another \$1,500 went for decorations, including flowers. Nor could you take chances on any roughnecks crashing a quiet little private party, could you? So an-

In a word, Miss Frazier's party

a minute. She has a tough job to

another little party next month. . . ports of the accounting of Brenda's little estate, and the details of her cozy little party, we were struck by a little point.

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