

## 'Save Union' Move Gains More Locals

Francis Dillon, Professional Union Pay Roll  
Leech, Crawls Into Auto  
Faction Struggle

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)  
DETROIT, Feb. 18.—Local 210 of the McCord Radiator Co. voted at a membership meeting to send delegates to the Cleveland convention and join forces with the four locals fighting for the program "One Convention, One Union, One Fight Against the Bosses" and against Stalinist-Lewis domination of the United Automobile Workers of America. (The four locals previously on record for this program are Local 15, Fleetwood Fisher Body of Detroit, Willard Storage Battery Local 88, Weatherhead Local 463 and Baker-Rauland Local 451 of Cleveland.)

DETROIT, Feb. 15.—Mister Francis Dillon is in town!

Francis Dillon, the labor skate who sold the auto workers so far down the river they could see the ocean back in 1935-1936, is fishing for a conference with Homer Martin.

Dillon is in Detroit now as the personal representative of William Green, vaguely empowered by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor to consummate the split in the auto workers union through some kind of deal with the waning forces of Homer Martin.

No Comment From Martin  
Martin issued a formal denial that he would meet with Green but had no comment to make on the intentions of the craft union bureaucrats of the A.F.L. to wangle a toe-hold in the present factional conflict in the Auto Workers Union. It is not unlikely that a conference is in progress at this very moment, or at any rate that interested third parties are attempting to arrange one.

William Green properly characterized Martin's dilemma after the latter had withdrawn from the C.I.O. "Obviously," Green commented, "it will be more difficult for him to retain an independent status than Dubinsky." Dubinsky,

head of the Ladies Garment Workers Union, had a united organization and no rivals when he quit the C.I.O. and assumed an independent existence. But Martin must fight for his very life against the sentiments of the overwhelming majority of the auto workers, who are pro-C.I.O. He will need support. And willy-nilly he will be compelled to fall back on the A.F.L. This is first confirmation of what we wrote in the Socialist Appeal, Feb. 14: "Martin is compelled by necessity to align himself with the Green-Frey-Hutchinson diarchy of the Executive Council of the A.F.L."

Represents Corruption  
Those who mistakenly believed that it would make no difference at this juncture whether the auto workers were affiliated to the C.I.O. or to the A.F.L. got a rude shock when Dillon turned up in town as the representative of the A.F.L. Dillon represents everything that is rotten and corrupt in the craft union structure of the A.F.L. It was Dillon who held the harness over the auto workers during two eventful years when organization could have swept the industry. He was the agent of the craft wolves who were waiting to split the Auto Workers Union into a thousand morsels. He was the

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## OAKLAND CIO HITS STALINISTS FOR FINK ACTION IN ARRESTS

Tanner-Bates Defense Committee Formed  
As C. P. Gang Leads Boss Chorus  
Against Two

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—A sharp rebuke to the Stalinist stoopigues who rushed to inform the authorities of the "guilt" of Myra Tanner and Roland Bates, militant anti-fascists and members of the Young People's Socialist League, was delivered Monday night by the Oakland C.I.O. Council.

A letter from the League, protesting the action of Estoly Ward, Stalinist secretary of the council, in rushing to City Manager Hassler to disclaim all responsibility for the militancy of the anti-

fascist demonstration in that city on Feb. 10, was read at the council and favorable action taken on it.

## LOYALISTS READY TO MAKE PEACE IF NO REPRISALS

Frenchman Acts As  
Azana, Franco  
Go-Between

Senator Leon Berard, French envoy to France, has delivered to the fascists "a message from Spanish President Manuel Azana, agreed to by Foreign Minister Julio Alvarez del Vayo when he was here in Paris, that the Madrid government will abandon the war and surrender the territory it holds without bloodshed if it has assurance that no reprisals will be taken against Loyalists."

This, the most concrete report yet made on negotiations between the People's Front government and the fascists, appeared in the New York Times, which has hitherto been cautious about previous rumors, on Monday.

Stalinists Mum  
No denials of the various reports on moves to capitulate to Franco have come from the Loyalist government. After much blustering last week about continuing the struggle, the Stalinist press has become very uncommunicative about developments in the central zone of Spain.

It is clear, therefore, that far from going to the central zone to carry on the fight, Negrin and del Vayo went there, as we charged, to arrange for surrender to the fascists.

Franco Terror Grows  
That Franco's promises to bar reprisals mean nothing is already clear from reports from Barcelona. Numerous executions of workers have already taken place. Franco is making a Roman holiday out of these murders, broadcasting them by radio.

The Peoples Front government leaders, equipped with passports and airplanes, may flee. The masses cannot. Yet the "democrats" of the Peoples Front have no compunction in surrendering the masses in exchange for safe-passage for the treacherous leaders.

Two days after the demonstration Stalinist speakers, at a meeting held near the California University Campus, denounced the League members as "provocateurs" just as Ward and others had done during the demonstration itself when they and other militants called on the crowd to take more effective action against the fascists than holding a meeting a half a block away from the hall in which Aileen O'Brien, Franco nurse, was speaking.

C. P. Sheet Aids Court  
Joining in this hue and cry against the League members the People's World, Stalinist slander sheet for the West Coast, practically declared that the charges of "assault and battery" and "inciting to riot" with which these two demonstrators are faced, were true. The World declared:

"Trotskists who had joined in the demonstration set up a cry to 'return to the picket line' directly in front of the auditorium where NO PERMISSION FOR A MEETING OR PICKETING COULD BE OBTAINED."

"Roland Bates, Trotskyite leader, responded to one of the blows (from a cop) by knocking down an officer..." So anxious are these informers to finish their work by helping to convict Tanner and Bates that they insisted yesterday in court on bringing the case to trial immediately despite the fact that Bates is still in the hospital as a result of the beating he received at the hands of the police. Even the judge was shocked by their zealotry. He read the Stalinist lawyers an affidavit from Bates' doctor describing the youth's condition and put the case over for two weeks.

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# 50,000 ANTI-NAZIS ANSWER S.W.P. CALL

## AT THE GARDEN PICKET LINE



Max Shachtman, editor of the SOCIALIST APPEAL, addressing a section of the huge crowd that jammed 51st Street on Monday night in the counter-demonstration called by the Socialist Workers Party against the Fascist Madison Square Garden meeting.



Here's how Mayor La Guardia's Cossacks protected the Fascist meeting, bottling the anti-Fascist workers in the sidestreets facing Eighth Ave. Several workers were hurt when the cops rode their horses into the crowd.

## LOCAL NEW YORK RALLIES WORKERS

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Shouting "Drive the Fascists out of New York," the members of the Joe Hill unit of the Y.P.S.L. picketed a meeting of Coughlin's fascist Union for Social Justice held at the Audubon Hall in Washington Heights last Friday night.

The meeting was one of the many neighborhood rallies held throughout the city in their effort to build up the Feb. 20 fascist meeting at Madison Square Garden.

The Young People's Socialist League called on the workers of Washington Heights to "Smash the fascist meeting at Madison Square Garden." They further called on the workers to join the picket line in front of the Gar-

## S.W.P. Protests Police Brutality

The following telegram was sent on Monday night to Mayor La Guardia:

In name 50,000 demonstrating workers we vigorously protest your police slugging and riding down anti-fascists while solicitously protecting Nazi gangsters' meeting stop Elected Mayor by thousands labor votes you have betrayed their confidence by aid and comfort to sworn enemies of all labor rights stop We demand you hear our protest and consider evidence of police brutality. — Ernest R. McKinney, Socialist Workers Party, Local New York.

## 1,780 LaGuardia Cops Protect Nazis from Workers' Wrath in Brutal Attack on Demonstrators

An imposing, fighting demonstration of fifty thousand workers assembled near Madison Square Garden on Monday evening to protest the first big fascist mobilization in New York City.

In addition to the fifty thousand demonstrators who responded to the call of the Socialist Workers Party for a labor rally against the fascist concentration, official police estimates given to the press counted another fifty thousand among the spectators. With few exceptions, the latter made clear their sympathy with the aims and slogans of the demonstrating thousands. With a brutality recalling the days of Czarist Cossacks,

## NAZIS CHEER NEW YORK COPS FOR CLUBBING OF PICKET LINES

"History Is Written Not in Ink; But in Blood!" Declares Jew-Baiting Swastika Leader

When Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund, finished his oration in Madison Square Garden Monday evening, he thanked "New York's finest, the police department, for the splendid protection it has given." His voice was drowned in the longest and loudest ovation of the evening, the Nazi audience arising and applauding the police department vociferously.

Outside on the streets, New York's "finest" were clubbing down the workers who had come to exercise their right to picket the fascist meeting.

## All Races, Creeds Join Picket Line

By FELIX MORROW  
The fighting anti-fascists who answered the call of the Socialist Workers Party were of many types.

Among those who pressed against the horses, fighting for every inch of ground, were Spanish and Latin-American workers, aching to strike the blow at fascism which had failed to strike down Franco; Negroes standing up against the racial myths of the Nazis and their 100% American allies; German-American workers seeking to avenge their brothers under the heel of Hitler; Italian anti-fascists singing "Bandiera Rossa"; groups of Jewish boys and men, coming together from their neighborhoods, to strike a blow against pogroms everywhere; Irish republicans conscious of the struggle for the freedom of all peoples if Ireland is to be free; veterans of the World War; office-workers, girls and boys, joining the roughly-clad workers in shouting and fighting; workers of every trade and neighborhood of the city.

Can't Stand Nazi Smell  
They had come, the overwhelming majority of them, not because they were adherents of the Socialist Workers Party—to most of them indeed the name became etched on their consciousness for the first time—but because that party, alone among the working class and anti-fascist organizations of the city, had clearly and unambiguously called them to confront the hated fascists.

Some of them brought homemade signs, eloquent of their anxiety to speak out. "Give me a gas mask, I can't stand the smell of the Nazis," read one, perched on the end of an umbrella rib. "Hitlerism is Political Gangsterism" read two others, identifying their bearers as "German-Americans of Yorkville." One group of Jewish-American World-War veterans from Brooklyn brought a large American flag.

Learn About Cops  
Many of the demonstrators learned for the first time what the cops are. While the Socialist Workers Party spokesmen were addressing the huge crowd on 51st Street, making clear to the demonstrators the role of the police as protectors of the Nazis, an impatient Jewish boy appealed

Jew-Baiting Prevails  
"History is not written in ink but in blood!" With this as his theme, Fritz Kuhn had begun his harangue, bringing 18,000 of his followers to their feet roaring with approval. "It will take more than words to answer our program! We are preparing with the only language international Communist Jewry understands!"

The climax of the meeting came near the end of Fritz Kuhn's oration against the "vile role of international parasitism and the Jewish Mordecai Karl Marx."

A man broke through the phalanx of uniforms surrounding the press section and gained the stage. He sprang bare-handed toward Fritz Kuhn at the microphone in the center and front of the rostrum. As he fought to reach his objective, the Order Division smashed him to the floor. The audience rose excitedly, women screaming, men breaking from their seats and milling in the aisles.

Some thirty police scrambled onto the rostrum. They muscled away the Division Order from their victim and began beating the man as he writhed on the floor, the whole vast crowd of 18,000 Nazis yelling at the top of their lungs, as if they were watching a lynching.

Laud Fascism  
During the evening, before Fritz Kuhn took the microphone, speaker after speaker gloated over the bones of the workers who have died in Italy and Germany under the bestial attack of the fascist storm troops of Mussolini and Hitler. They brought great shouts of jubilation ringing from the topmost balcony as they described the new victory of race prejudice, ignorance, and fascist reaction in Spain.

But they drew even greater applause as they cursed "international Jewry" for two solid hours, and denounced anything but "fascist, gentile, Christian, right-minded unionism" in terms as venomous and vicious as Hitler ever dared use prior to his rise to power.

"We have been called reactionaries. We admit we are definitely reactionaries! We are for tolerance, but tolerance must cease when it is confronted with that parasitic international hook-nose." The meeting began with almost 450 members of the well-dressed

1,780 of Mayor La Guardia's police, the largest number of cops ever collected in the city against a single demonstration, slugged and trampled under horses' hooves scores of workers in an unsuccessful attempt to break up the demonstration. From 6 p.m. until 11, the workers engaged in a series of bitter clashes with the police.

Size Exceeds All Hopes  
The size of the workers' counter-demonstration far exceeded the expectations of even the most optimistic.

Efforts had been made on all hands, prior to the Nazi meeting, to minimize the significance of the call issued by the Socialist Workers Party, to smother it by a campaign of silence, and to sabotage it directly.

Supercilious critics of the "Trotskists" in the social-democratic camp sought to dispose of the counter-demonstration by ridicule and disdainful talk of our alleged insignificance. Neither the Socialist Party of Norman Thomas nor the Social-Democratic Federation would take any

## ARREST, BEAT 5 FOR PICKETING

Five workers were arrested, after being beaten into unconsciousness, by LaGuardia's cops during the workers' demonstration Monday evening.

George Mason was convicted by Magistrate Lindan on a disorderly conduct charge, and fined ten dollars. The arresting cop said Mason had broken two plate-glass windows.

Peter Schopes, Lionel Shephard, Abe Dollinger, and Michael Nerevitz, charged with disorderly conduct, will be tried on March 2.

They are being defended by counsel provided by the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees.

Recognition of the call for the demonstration, much less endorse it. They were nowhere to be found in the demonstration.

C. P. Role Despicable  
The Stalinists played a particularly despicable role, which aroused widespread bewilderment and confusion in their own ranks, which contain thousands of workers who really want to fight against Fascism.

On the day of the demonstration, all that the Daily Worker had to say was its report of a speech in favor of democracy by acting Mayor Newbold Morris. Not a single word about the "Trotskists," or their call. It would have been a little embarrassing even to such brazen pen-slaves as Stalin employs in New York to write, on this occasion, diatribes against the "Trotskists."

As for the Monday edition of the Freiheit, Yiddish organ of the Stalinists, it solved the whole annoying problem by not printing one line about the Nazi demonstration or about the counter-demonstration. It just shoved its head into a deep pile of sand. The three other Jewish daily

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## In the Trade Unions

By B. J. WIDICK

Over 100,000 steel workers are expected to obtain pay increases this month under the recent ruling of the United States Department of Labor under the provisions of the Walsh-Healy Public Contracts Act covering wages paid on government work in the steel industry.

This represents a victory for the S.W.O.C. which has put up a strong fight for enforcement of the Walsh-Healy law. It is, however, a victory with dangerous potentialities unless further steps are taken to aid the steel workers.

### Wages as Low as 36c an Hour

Briefly, under the federal ruling, the prevailing minimum wages whether arrived at on a time or piece-work basis are supposed to be:

1. 45 cents per hour in the locality consisting of the states of Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Oklahoma, Texas, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Virginia and West Virginia (except the counties of Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Harrison, Monongalia and Marshall);

2. 60 cents per hour in the locality consisting of the states of Washington, Oregon and California;

3. 60 cents per hour in the locality consisting of the states of Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Wyoming, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and Arizona;

4. 58½ cents per hour in the locality consisting of the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri and the area in and about East Saint Louis, Illinois;

5. 62½ cents per hour in the locality consisting of the states of Wisconsin, Illinois (except the area in and about East Saint Louis, Illinois), Michigan and Indiana;

6. 62½ cents per hour in the locality consisting of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

"The effect of this decision will be to remove certain definite inequitable wage differentials which give competitive advantage to a number of steel manufacturers who cling, through the years, to a low wage policy," Philip Murray, S.W.O.C. appointed chairman, said.

In Gadsden and Birmingham, Alabama, for example, wages are as low as 38½ cents an hour. Certainly the wage increases there will be welcome.

### Big Southern Companies May Pay Less

But the tragedy of the ruling is that it recognizes, with the approval of the S.W.O.C., the right of big companies to pay their southern workers less wages than northern workers. A difference of 17½ cents an hour is allowed between wages in the South and North.

New England is landscaped with "ghost towns" whose textile industry moved south to get cheap labor. The United Rubber Workers delegation from Akron, Ohio, gave at the C.I.O. convention a vivid picture of decentralization of the rubber industry because of cheap labor elsewhere, and in particular in the same city, Gadsden, Ala.

### S.W.O.C. Silent On Danger

There is not one word about this danger in the big ballyhoo carried on by Steel Labor, official organ of the S.W.O.C. over the federal decision.

The question of organizing the South properly belongs at the top of the agenda of a national steel convention. In particular steps to implement the federal ruling to boost all wages should be drawn up with rank and file participation.

When are the steel workers going to get a genuine national convention to form their own international union affiliated with the C.I.O., elect their own officers and decide their own program of how to build a powerful and militant industrial organization?

Isn't it about time that John L. Lewis and Murray and the other C.I.O. top leaders stop prating about defending democracy abroad, and instead be forced to allow a little of it in the C.I.O.

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## Inside the Garden

By ARGUS

The Pro-American Rally and George Washington's Birthday Exercises, to give the affair its official title, filled practically all the seats of the Garden with an enthusiastic crowd. It was noticeable that in the balcony there were very few women, perhaps one in five of the spectators. As a spectacle, it was a fairly good show—with much marching and countermarching of uniformed storm troopers, massing of flags (mostly American), ruffling of drums and blaring of trumpets—though the young man on my left insisted it was nothing to what Hitler used to put on at the Berlin Sportplatz.

The speeches were a wildly contradictory mixture of Americanism and anti-Semitism. One after another the grey-shirted, leather-booted leaders of the Bund mounted the platform, to stand before a thirty-foot painting of a rather spectral George Washington and to praise "Amurricanism" in heavy Teutonic accents. The Father of His Country was mentioned in every speech, and was always good for a hand. One speaker enthusiastically described the landing of the Pilgrims on "Bishop's Rock." . . . Another came right out with it: "To us Americanism means we will fight international Jewry." . . . Organ music throbbed softly as the audience rose to take the oath of allegiance to the American flag. As the music dies away, the grey-shirted trooper at the mike barks out a word of command, harsh and staccato as on a Prussian parade ground, and the flagbearers march stiffly to the rear of the platform. Is it Valley Forge, one wonders—or Potsdam?

### Nye Gets a Hand

The Bund's national organizer, fresh from a coast-to-coast recruiting tour, reports that eleven new branches have been formed—four of them in Texas, "the home state of our patriotic congressman, Martin Dies." Dies got a big hand. So did—for different reasons—Senator Gerald P. Nye, of all people.

The Americanism was laid on so thick that, if it were not for the Jew-baiting and a few cracks about the Administration's foreign policy, one might have thought one's self at a Stalinist rally.

### Dreary Jew-Baiting

Whenever the name of Father Coughlin was mentioned, even in passing, the speaker had to wait until the cheers and applause died down. These demonstrations for Coughlin were the most fervent of the whole meeting. Coughlin seems to be the only big personality the fascists have at present. Fritz Kuhn, the national commander of the Bund, aroused little enthusiasm, and delivered a speech so dull and academic that people began to walk out in the middle of it. He gave an exhaustive survey of Jewish traitors in American history, a worthy companion piece to Earl Browder's famous monologue on Early American Trotskyists I Have Known. It seems that the most notorious Confederate blockade runner in the Civil War was a Jew—a bit of data which left the audience quite calm. He also gave a detailed biography of Judah P. Benjamin, vice-president of the Confederacy. The Bund line on the Civil War, by the way, seems rather confused: a few minutes later, Commander Kuhn was sliding violently with the Ku Klux Klan.

Garden Is "Betrayed"

According to the papers, "Major Harold Dibble, booking manager of the Garden, said Bund officials had assured him there would be no anti-Semitic utterances, and that the word 'Jew' would not appear in any speech." The Major was the victim of one of the most wholesale acts of treachery and perfidy in recorded history. The speeches from beginning to end were one tissue of Jew-baiting. Before the evening was over, every Jew of the slightest prominence in song or story had been "exposed," to the accompaniment of automatic boos and jeers. The Devil's list ran from Ezra, of the Old Testament, to a weird mixture of Barney Baruch, Felix Frankfurter, Madame Francis Perkinsvsky and Franklin D. Roosevelt. Nor was "the Jew Karl Marx Mordecai" forgotten, he whose "oriental cunning" inflicted on us all "the greatest scourge and enemy of mankind: international communism."

"America," said one oberkommandant profoundly, "is not a democracy. America is a republic."

The Reverend Dr. Sigismund Von Bose, who delivered the official Washington Birthday Speech, expressed his suspicions of Jewish statesmen: "One does not hire house wreckers to do an archi-

tect's job." How about house painters, Dr. Van Bose?

### Isolated from Masses

Judging from this rally, the Bund is still isolated from the American masses. It apparently does not dare to introduce any major demagogic line except anti-Semitism. Very little was said, even demagogically, about jobs or living standards or economic issues, although the strong applause for Father Coughlin (whose demagoguery is more positive, hence more effective) and the lively response to the few such remarks that were made at the rally, showed that the audience was thinking of its livelihood as well as of its hatred of Jews. The most spontaneous demonstration of the evening was the loud cries of "No! No!" that went up all over the house when a speaker oratorically asked, "Has the New Deal solved unemployment?"

The bitterness of tone of the speakers was at least partly a reflection of a feeling of isolation—that they are looked on with hostile eyes as "aliens" by most Americans. It was announced that 147 telegrams had been received congratulating the Bund for its rally. Four were read out, one from an individual who was proudly identified as a former sergeant-general in the U.S. Army, and the others from such phony paper groups as "The National Federation of Patriotic Societies." The ones not read must have been from even less impressive sources.

### No Middle Ground

"We are against all 'isms,'" Commander Kuhn wound up: "Fascism, Communism, Zionism, etc., etc." Except, of course, the most potent 'ism' of them all: Americanism. But one of his lieutenants earlier in the evening apparently was following the old Third Period line. "The battle is not between democracy and fascism," he said. "It is between communism and fascism. There is no middle ground." Evidently Commander Kuhn and Comrade Browder both have their troubles in stretching the star spangled banner over all portions of their movements.

## All Races, All Creeds Join the Protest Line

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to his friends: "Help me get up to speak to the police for two minutes, they'll leave us through if we appeal to them and explain we just want to picket."

A few minutes later those he sought to appeal to were grinding him down under their horses' hooves.

As the main contingent of the demonstration pressed against the horses on 51st Street, the veterans from Brooklyn sought a simpler solution. With their big flag at their head, they marched to 53rd Street and 9th Avenue, then down 9th Avenue to 50th and attempted to turn east toward the Garden. As they marched they sang "Hallelujah" with its original pious words, and shouted to onlookers: "All those who believe in democracy march behind the American flag." As they tried to turn toward the Garden, the police stopped them. "We're veterans," the front line shouted, "We're good American citizens." Then came the shambles.

The horses drove them on to the sidewalk, then followed them there—eight mounted cops driving them down on the street like so many hunted animals. At 51st Street the cops wheeled and came back at full speed, driving those who had hidden in doorways out into the open where they could ride them down again. Veterans fought back wildly and hard and gave the cops more than they took; at the end of the fight, their flag emerged with only tatters left on the flag-staff. The cops had torn it to ribbons. It was 9:15, two hours after the veterans had appeared. A lesson in democracy.

### The Jolly Lieutenant

In the 47th Street police station the lieutenant was laughingly ruefully as the work piled up. A young student was brought in, picked out by another. The lieutenant sought to question him. "Am I under arrest?" the boy asked. "If so I want to telephone for a lawyer." "Yah smart, young fellow," grinned the lieutenant. "Well I ain't booking you, what do you know about that? Take him upstairs and make him talk!"

### The Poor Horse

Almost tearfully, a cop reported that his horse's mouth had been injured when he had ridden him into the demonstration; he had arrested a demonstrator who had grabbed at the bridle when the horse came at him, and he blamed the bride-puller for the horse's injury.

"Is he hurt bad?" the lieutenant inquired solicitously. "Take

## NAZI RALLY HAILS COPS FOR ATTACK ON PICKET LINE

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"Order Division" marching up the aisles behind the color guard and drum, fife, and bugle corps of the youth section. Over them, great banners pinned to the balconies spelled out the sinister meaning of their uniformed ranks: "WAKE UP AMERICA! SMASH JEWISH COMMUNISM! STOP JEWISH DOMINATION OF CHRISTIAN AMERICA!"

The audience chanted the Star Spangled Banner and extended their arms in the full Nazi salute. Then when the color-guard had halted at rigid attention on the rostrum, standing behind their row of American and Nazi flags under a 30-foot painting of George Washington, the chairman announced that trouble might well develop from the enemies who were against their holding the meeting, and that whatever might happen, the ordinary Nazis were to keep their seats. "Let forces intended for that purpose handle any disturbance."

### Hear Protest Outside

During the entire evening the crowd was extremely tense. Sounds from the demonstration outside penetrated the auditorium occasionally in muffled and dull fashion, sounding like deadened explosions deep underground. Many wondered if it might not be the firing of tear gas shells. When a photographer dropped a flash bulb inside the auditorium, thousands sprang to their feet, turning apprehensively toward the entrances, the speaker halting in mid-sentence. Those sounds of struggle outside might preface the vanguard of the demonstrators battling their way in. Policemen moved nervously toward doorways and stairs.

After the meeting two Bund members were overheard discussing the evening as they went down the stairs toward the street. "It was worth 40 cents just to see the cops beat that fellow on the stage."

And most significant of all the reply of his companion: "Yes. But all this is just practice of what's coming."

him up to the veterinarian right away. Book your prisoner for disorderly conduct and separately for cruelty to animals. Where is he?" "We got him upstairs," the cop answered grimly.

Past a group of cops at the curbstone gently caressing the injured horse, a cop came dragging a young boy who was saying, over and over, "Let go my collar, you're choking me." The cop shoved the boy in front of the lieutenant's desk, and a minute later the boy fell heavily to the floor, unconscious. Involuntarily, a newspaper reporter moved to pick him up. The cop shoved the reporter away with all his strength, and kicked the boy's fallen hat into his unconscious face. "Didja notice how easy he fell down?" asked the lieutenant. "Just slid down. It ain't gonna do him a bit of good."

### Mood Changes

As the evening wore on, and incident piled upon incident, the mood of the crowd changed. "Curiosity seekers," as the press called them, who stood watching at 6 p.m., were shouting slogans at the direction of the Party's squad marshals at 8 p.m. At 10:20 they fought back, blow for blow, as the cops rushed them on 8th Avenue between 47th and 48th; they would not give way even when the mounted cops took to the sidewalk and drove them up against the plate-glass store windows. Clear and musical, came the sound of one window after another cracking under their weight, pressed against the windows by the horses, and determined not to retreat.

### Cops In True Light

For hours thereafter, even when the Socialist Workers Party spokesmen had concluded the action and the formal demonstration had ceased, the demonstrators walked up and down Broadway, and the appearance of a patrol wagon or a mounted or motorcycle cop was the signal for spontaneous boos. They had learned their lesson: the cops whom they had been taught in public school were civil servants, they had found to be friends and protectors of the Nazis, and vicious, brutal, sadistic attackers of a peaceful anti-fascist demonstration.

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Because of the extreme importance of the anti-fascist demonstration led by the Socialist Workers' Party last Monday evening at Madison Square Garden, it was necessary to hold over a considerable amount of material until next issue.

The inspiring struggle against the German-American Nazi Bund and Mayor La Guardia's police crowded everything else out of the limelight.

Next issue will carry everything we had to hold over because of the inescapable requirements of space.

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## DEMONSTRATION SIDELIGHTS

By B. J. WIDICK

The Party and Yipsels went to from trampling over the march-town Monday night against theirs. He tried again, and it took six cops to stop him.

Tens of thousands of people watched the Socialist Workers Party lead the anti-fascist forces in the counter rally. And the Stalinist and Socialist rank and filers who joined with our forces were sick at the abject failure of their parties.

A tour of the Madison Square Garden area two hours before the anti-fascist demonstration began was reminiscent of a trip through an army camp. Blue-coats and dicks swarmed around every street like bees in a hive. This didn't daunt the spirit of the anti-fascists in the least.

51st Street and 8th Avenue was the center of the biggest rally. Tens of thousands joined our forces there in a splendid demonstration against the fascists.

"We Demand the Right to Picket!"  
"Stop the Fascist Meeting!"  
"Workers, Unite to Fight Fascism!"

"Long Live the S.W.P.!"  
These slogans roared from the crowd and rolled down Times Square and into the fascist meeting!

Cheers thundered as speaker after speaker called for the formation of Workers Defense Guards to fight fascism. In turn, Max Shachtman, Natie Gould, B. J. Widick, Marty Aborn, James Burnham, and Bill Morgan aroused the huge gathering to demonstrate their hatred of fascism. Lifted to the shoulders of some husky Yipsel comrades, the speakers castigated the cops who sat nervously on their mounts a few feet away. Boos at every mention of LaGuardia's name indicated the temper of the workers present.

Pride in the Fourth International was written in every comrade's face as thousands of people joined in our parade down Times Square and around Eight Avenue. Side-walk spectators frequently applauded as the cry of "Smash the fascists in New York" came from the marchers. The streets and sidewalks were jammed.

Outstanding among the marchers were fifty Negro workers who came down to aid in fighting fascism. It was their first contact with the S.W.P.

A social-democrat remarked, "I've always respected the Trotskyists for their brilliant theories, and now I'll have to give them credit for their action!"

A perplexed Stalinist said, "How can these Trotskyist fascists picket the fascist meeting?" To which a comrade replied, "The point is that they aren't fascists, and where is your party?"

An army officer looked at the parade scornfully. "Bash the heads of a couple of their leaders and they'll all run," he said. Fifteen minutes later, the cops tried it but didn't get very far.

An unknown hero showed how workers want to fight fascism. When the cops rode into the demonstration, he grabbed the bit of a horse and tried to stop him.

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REMEMBERS:  
(1) A few newsboy aprons are still left. Have you ordered yours?

(2) Are you taking care of your current Appeal bill?

## OAKLAND CIO HITS STALINISTS FOR FINK ACTION IN ARRESTS

(Continued from Page 1)

Defense, Stalinist-controlled legal and defense organization, has not found it possible to recall the bail it put up for these two defendants along with that put up for the other four arrested at the demonstration. It is clear the Stalinists are afraid that working class opinion, already outraged by the belly-crawling attitude of the Stalinists, would rise in righteous wrath against the Communist Party if this were to happen.

Meanwhile a Tanner-Bates Defense Committee is being organized to raise funds for the defense and to expose the slander now being directed by the Stalinists against these two militant anti-fascists. Workers and liberals everywhere are urged to send in their protests, against this arrest to City Manager John F. Hassler and Police Capt. J. Frank Lynch, Oakland, Cal. Protests against the informing of the People's World should be sent to that paper at 583 Market St., San Francisco, Cal. Copies of all protests and funds to aid in the defense should be sent to Glen Trimble, chairman Tanner-Bates Defense Committee, 2013 Grant Avenue, San Francisco, Cal.

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# IN THE WORLD OF LABOR

By Paul G. Stevens

## How Leon Blum Saved the Present Fascist Mayor of Barcelona

A certain Matteu was named mayor of Barcelona immediately upon Butcher Franco's entry into Barcelona at the beginning of the month. Senor Matteu is the head of the trust that has for years controlled the electrical industry, not only of Spain, but of Central France as well.

At the time of the heroic uprising of the Barcelona workers on July 19, 1936 against the Franco insurrection, Senor Matteu, among other reactionary capitalists and their lackies, was fast in the grip of the revolutionary workers committees.

What happened? How was Matteu released? Who is responsible for his escape and for his transformation from prisoner to jailer of the Barcelona workers?

An amazing revelation of the facts in the case is made in the February 3 number of the French journal *Jeune*. An article signed Rous reveals the following facts:

Senor Matteu was linked to international and particularly French finance through Forquet, director of the famous Hispano-Suiza concern and a former French cabinet minister in the days of the Andre Tardieu premiership. Hispano-Suiza has been defended in French courts by none other than Leon Blum.

On July 30, 1936, the socialist and communist workers in the region of the Eastern Pyrenees learned with astonishment that Matteu had been released and thus saved from the course of revolutionary justice. At the Catalan border, where the news was tracked down finally, it became known that this arch-capitalist was released on demand of Leon Blum, then heading the first French People's Front government!

In fact, he had crossed the French-Catalan border that day in the company of the "Socialist" Montel, confidential secretary of Leon Blum, who came to call for him in his automobile!

Thus, while Blum and his French Socialist Party were participating in the face of the "Non-Intervention Committee" and denying aid to the hard-pressed Spanish workers under the pretext that it would involve Europe in a world war, he was actually giving aid to the forces that were out to crush them.

For Matteu, once released, continued to aid the Franco rebellion with his financial resources, being rewarded with the appointment as mayor of Barcelona upon the Fascists' occupation of the city.

These facts speak volumes about the inner corruption of the People's Front. They are a demonstration of the baseness of its proponents in the so-called socialist and communist parties.

## Rumanian Fourth Internationalists Under the Blows of Reaction

The recent attacks upon the Fascist "Iron Guard," culminating in the murder of its leader, Codreanu, were followed up by the enrollment of some 70,000 Fascists in King Carol's Rumanian Guard. With the "Iron Guard" out of his way, the King-Dictator of Rumania has concentrated his fire on the left.

Among the latest victims of Carol's drive are comrades Stegan-Stefanov, Ion Donitrescu, Lucia Niculescu and Oscar Fraenkel, of the Rumanian Section of the Fourth International.

All honor to the Rumanian Bolshevik-Leninists who have fallen victims to the royal-fascist terror by their valiant struggle in the front ranks of Rumanian labor! Aid them by supporting the American Fund for Political Prisoners, which acts in the cause of such heroes as these.

## French 4th Internationalists Join the P.S.O.P.

On January 28, the Socialist Workers and Peasants Party (P.S.O.P.) carried through a mass demonstration in the heart of the Paris boulevards, calling for the opening of the French-Spanish border (that was just before the fall of Barcelona) and for the right of asylum to the Spanish refugees. No less than 1,500 arrests were made in the course of the demonstration.

In light of the P.S.O.P.'s development, the minority of the French Fourth Internationalist party has recently joined the P.S.O.P., following the convention of their party. The statement of these Fourth Internationalists is printed in the official organ of the Socialist Workers and Peasants Party, prefaced by a note from the leadership greeting it. It declares that the leadership of the P.S.O.P. did not accept such a proposition. Pressure of time and the fact that important numbers of advanced workers who have broken with the People's Front have rallied to the P.S.O.P., the statement continues, have convinced the signers that they must at once join these forces in the closest daily activity in order to develop the resistance of the working class as a whole against the assaults of capitalism, war and Fascism.

"To be sure," the statement concludes, "it is known that we have not at all abandoned our ideas and that, particularly, we retain our complete loyalty to the Marxist transition program adopted by the Congress of the Fourth International in September 1938. We believe that this program would constitute an incomparable weapon in the struggle for the P.S.O.P. While we have given up our affiliation to the Fourth International we must, however, declare that we do not at all renounce the right reserved to us within the framework of P.S.O.P. discipline, to work for the unification of our party with the World Party of the Fourth International."

## Mr. Arthur Horner in Footsteps of Ramsay MacDonald

Among those who are beating the drums for British war preparations is Mr. Arthur Horner, a Stalinist leader who after many years has reached eminence as President of the South Wales Miners Federation. While miners are engaged in a hard strike struggle to unionize the Cory Pits in South Wales, Mr. Horner is feted as a dinner guest by . . . Mr. Iestyn Williams, Secretary of the Coal Owners Association (South Wales Echo, January 23, 1939).

Another guest at the same dinner, the Echo informs us, was Sir David Morgan, intimate friend of the late Ramsay MacDonald.

Arthur Horner is well on the road of Ramsay MacDonald and only picking up speed. "Stalinism is Twentieth Century MacDonaldism."

# On the Line . . . with Bill Morgan

In the waiting room of the agency you just sit and wait. There are about fifty others ahead of you and fifty behind. The room is small and the air stinks. One dirty window tries to allow both air and light to enter but without success. At the other end of this room, behind a small railing, a little fat guy with fishy eyes and a stubby cigar keeps watching the crowd and smiling to himself.

After a while he stands up and calls out several names. A half a dozen thin young kids step forward eagerly and say, "Yes, sir!" They are sent out on a job. You are called in the next batch.

## Take It or Leave It!

"This ain't no permanent job, see? It's only for a few months. Ya want it?"

"What are the wages? How long do we work?"

"Ya get paid by the hour and the hours are short."

There is no choice. Take it or leave it. Anyway, try it out. Besides the agency has your three bucks. . . . And, after all, a bus boy gets his meals—that's something to consider.

Take the B.M.T. local to City Hall station (a nickel is exactly one fourth of your total amount today . . .) and then walk south to Fulton Street. It is cold and you hurry in the hope that employees eat before starting work.

The cashier sends for the manager. He looks you over and asks for the agency's card. Then down to the kitchen. An apron, a swab for wiping off tables and a heavy metal tray—these are the tools of your new trade.

"Wait here until I send for you."

All the new bus-boys sit down and look at one another. The kitchen is hot and the dishwashers are wrapped in clouds of steam. Everything seems greasy. It is 11:15 a.m. And you are hungry.

## Hurry! Hurry!—The Boss Is Watching

At twelve the manager appears and shouts, "Upstairs, all of you, and step lively." Up you go and he assigns each boy a section of tables to keep clean.

The ability to load the tray with speed, and at the same time with as many dishes as possible is the trick to holding this job. And, since each employee pays for all the dishes he breaks—well, you have to be careful. And another little thing—don't spill food on the customers.

For two long weary hours you rush from tables to kitchen. Snatch up the plates and glasses—almost before the food is eaten—and load up the tray and then rush to the kitchen. The dishwashers snatch the trays and empty them with a smooth, swift motion. Out to the tables again. Hurry. Hurry. The boss is watching each trip—each load.

One fellow almost trips with a complete load. We catch our breath. The counter-girls smile when he returns and they say, "Watch yourself, Mister. Don't scare us like that."

At two-thirty things slow up and the employees eat in two shifts. Thirty cents worth each. The counter-girls are friendly and the portions of food a little larger than usual.

Everyone talks in whispers. The boss walks around in rubber-soled shoes. We eat in silence.

"The Union?" says one. "This boss won't allow us to join a union."

"But he has nothing to say about it. You just join and after everyone is a member, the union calls him on the phone for an appointment. He has to talk with the union when everyone joins."

"We had a union once and it was no good. They only collected dues. We didn't get a thing."

"We have nothing now, have we? This is up to us. We join and then we elect our committee to talk to the boss. What can we lose? Jobs like this are always open."

"He'll get others to take our places. Besides the counter-girls won't stick together. And the dishwashers—they don't like the counter-girls and the bus-boys."

"Will you join if I do? O.K.? Then you speak to your friends and I'll speak to mine. Let's see what happens in a week. And don't mention a word to the cashier—she's stuck on the boss."

## Things Begin to Happen

Yanno, a dishwasher, was six feet tall and had hands the size of dinner plates. He didn't talk much. He just looked and said, "Union? Sure I join."

Helen, a counter-girl, was scared and refused at first, but when Joe, a cook, joined the union, she decided to sign up just to be with the rest of the bunch.

In two weeks all but three workers had cards in their pockets. The boss knew something was going on and he tried to pump something out of the counter-girls by hinting that business was bad and that he might have to lay off a couple of people.

Then everything happened at once. A tray crashed to the tile floor and a bus-girl fainted. The boss ran out on the floor and said, "Get downstairs. Turn in your apron. You're fired!" He followed her down into the basement and kept shouting. She started to cry. He slapped her across the face. Then Yanno, the dishwasher stepped up and let him have it. Right on the button. The strike was on.

And it was twelve, noon, just when the place was crowded.

## It's a Union Shop Now

The police arrived to find a picket line marching up and down and a cafeteria full of bewildered customers. People were walking out without paying their checks. Others were yelling for service. The cashier was crying. The boss was trying to call the agency on a telephone that no longer worked. . . . It was a wonderful sight.

At the trial, when Yanno testified how the boss slapped the bus girl, all the strikers cheered, and the judge cleared the courtroom.

The boss finally had to settle. The picket line and the business agent were on the line every morning and there was hell to pay when scabs tried to get past the line. Now it's a union cafeteria. Yanno is the shop chairman.

# LABOR! PICKET THE FASCIST GARDEN RALLY ON FEBRUARY 20!

Workers of New York!  
Rally to stop the Fascists!  
They are mobilizing at Madison Square Garden Monday night, February 20.  
Hitler's German-American Bund gangsters, Pelley's Silver Shirt scum and Coughlin's mob of labor-haters have hurled a brazen challenge at the workers of New York.

Wrapping themselves in the cloak of patriotism and "Americanism," the Fascists prepare to spew their anti-labor and anti-Jewish poison throughout New York City.

These gangs have already gone too far. They must be stopped.  
What are you going to do to stop this murderous crew?

We must not let this filthy, creeping slime get a foothold in New York.  
Gather in front of Madison Square Garden Monday by the thousands!

Be there at 6:00 P.M. sharp!  
Let the Fascists feel the anger and the might of the working class—Get out and picket!

Don't wait for the concentration camps—Act now!  
On to Madison Square Garden Monday night!

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## Parade Down Broadway

Suddenly, after having stood their ground for three hours, the workers veered around upon the signal of the demonstration's spokesman and marched down the street in a tremendous column for a parade down Broadway.

It is a long time since New York's most famous avenue has seen such a militant, vociferous, determined and large a working class parade. The police, concentrated around the Garden, were so scattered along Broadway that they did not even attempt to halt the parade.

Shouting their slogans as they marched along the almost equally crowded sidewalks, the paraders, led by the banner-bearers of the Socialist Workers Party, turned south from 51st Street and, after reaching 42nd Street with unbroken ranks numbering thousands, moved West to 8th Avenue again. At that point, the marchers turned North and proceeded in the direction of the Garden, which is located between 49th and 50th Streets.

## Cops Attack

Just as the head of the march reached 47th Street, it ran smack into a newly-formed line of cops. Without a word of warning, they plunged into the parade, mounted cops in the lead, with rows of foot cops behind them. The horses were driven straight into the ranks of the marchers, first in the center of the street and then on the sidewalks. Shop windows were shattered to smithereens, and workers wounded by the jagged splinters. Others went down under the horses, as is so graphically revealed by the sensational photographs which were published in the press. Clubs were drawn and swung freely and viciously.

This was not in Czarist Moscow, in Hitler's Berlin or Mussolini's Rome. No! This took place in the domain of "democratic" New York, under the administration of "progressive" Mayor La Guardia, successful candidate of the American Labor Party in the last election!

Notwithstanding the assault, the lines of the march were still reformed. The parade turned down 47th Street and proceeded once more to Broadway. There a fresh attempt was made to organize a meeting at the Duffy monument. But another police concentration was on hand and a violent struggle ensued.

The workers refused to be shoved around. They had seen many of their comrades seriously injured and beaten. When the police sought to disperse the marchers, they encountered the stiffest resistance.

## March Terminates

Finally, after breaking through the police line, the crowd drove through to 49th Street, where the march was terminated by an announcement from an S.W.P. speaker whom the police, helplessly trying to break through the firm block of workers, sought in vain to reach so that he could be torn down from the taxicab he had mounted in order to address the marchers.

As the militants disbanded, along about midnight, the Tuesday edition of the *Daily Worker* appeared on the street. Unbelievable as it sounds, while the Stalinist sheet had a report of what went on inside the Garden at the Nazi meeting.

It did not even mention the fact that there had been tens of thousands of workers gathered near the Garden in a stormy, anti-Nazi protest meeting! From its report, one would conclude that the Nazis held their mobilization undisturbed by the presence of a single worker. The encouragingly huge protest demonstration, the police brutality, prominently featured by every capitalist newspaper, was deliberately and completely suppressed by the Stalinist paper!

## Stalinists Sabotaged

But that incredibly stupid device will not save Browder and Co. from giving an accounting to their members as well as the workers in general. Everybody in and around New York knows about the demonstration, who initiated, sponsored and led it. Everybody knows that the Stalinists sabotaged it from first to last. And thousands, including rank and file Stalinists, of the Party and the Young Communist League, are so disturbed by this policy, so ashamed of it, that they will demand an answer to the question that is being asked on all sides.

Meanwhile, the answer to the bigger question—How fight Fascism?—was given in thunderous tones by the magnificent demonstration which reached its highest note on the cry:

Workers Defense Guards to crush the Fascist danger!

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11. Workers Defense Guards against Vigilante and Fascist attacks.

## The Craven Jewish Press

During the anti-Nazi mobilization against the fascist Madison Square Garden meeting, nothing was more contemptible than the attitude of official Jewry, its spokesmen and its press.

That the Socialist Workers Party's call for an imposing picketing demonstration expressed the feelings of whole sections of the New York population, including the Jews, was demonstrated by the extraordinary turnout.

But the answer of the Jewish daily press to this call, and to the queries of their readers, was to unite on a single slogan: Stay away from the demonstration.

The German, Austrian and Italian experiences have taught nothing to the proprietors of this press. They repeat here the contemptible exploits of their predecessors in Europe; they call the workers away from the real struggle against fascism.

"Reports have come to the Forward that certain irresponsible organizations are sending people to today's Nazi rally in Madison Square Garden in order to demonstrate there.

"There can be no more shameful thing for the Jews and opponents of the Nazis than such demonstrations which will lead to bloody fights and riots.

"Avoid the area around Madison Square Garden today and do not participate in any demonstration around the hall."

The Day developed the thought that if we all lay down and play dead, nobody will ever hear of fascism.

"Jews of New York, do not let your sorrows guide you! Avoid Madison Square Garden this evening. Don't come near the hall! Don't demonstrate! Don't give the Nazis the chance to get the publicity they desire so much."

The Morning Journal combined the same language with an additional nauseating touch of rabbinical piety.

The Freiheit, Yiddish organ of the Stalinists, solved the problem by printing not a word about either the Nazi rally or the workers' counter-demonstration.

And these cowardly fools, all of them, call themselves opponents of fascism! They dare to claim the right to speak for Jewry in the fight against fascism!

They got their answer, in the outpouring of Jewish workers at our rally. In spite of these "spokesmen" for Jewry, the best sections of the Jewish labor movement joined their fellow-workers in the real fight against fascism.

We are confident that the Jewish workers will answer the advice of "their" press in the language it deserves!

Long considered by advocates of the capitalist system as the "model" democracy, Switzerland gained the additional distinction on February 14 of being the first of the world democracies to formally recognize the innate antagonism between the democratic nations and fascist dictatorships . . . by officially recognizing Franco's insurgent regime as the legal government of Spain.

## Behind the Fireside Chat

When one of the Army's secretly developed war planes crashed recently in Southern California, a great deal more was brought to public attention than the mere fact that the United States government is pro-

ducing the world's deadliest and most destructive machines of slaughter.

After it had leaked out that in addition to the pilot an official representative of the French government had been injured in the crash, the American people learned that this was not the first time during the past year that a commission from a foreign imperialist government had arrived under cover of secrecy to purchase war materials.

After then in swift succession it became known that the cloak of secrecy was imposed by President Roosevelt himself and that in all likelihood he had committed his government through secret alliances with Great Britain and France to march the American farmers and workers into the bloody trenches of the coming world war.

Secret conferences between the Senate Military Affairs Committee and President Roosevelt further confirmed this, as did the statement of the President that the frontiers of the United States extend to the Rhine. The adjournment of the Senate and the President's hastily decided fishing trip were but political moves designed to allow time for public apprehension and anger over these revelations to die down.

Like all capitalist governments, the administration of Roosevelt functions upon two levels: the level of lying public declarations which correspond to the aspirations, desires, and fears of the oppressed people and the level of secret intrigue where the capitalist owners decide what shall be the fate of the population.

Roosevelt realizes perfectly that if the American people knew the machinations of his government and what fate he has prepared for them, they would arise in such wrath that he, his administration, and the entire system it represents would be utterly consumed. That is why he uses secret diplomacy to hide what he is doing.

Roosevelt fears only one thing—the revolutionary upsurge of the workers and farmers in the United States. He fears it with good reason. That is why he is opposed even to a popular referendum on war. Roosevelt cannot allow the American people to become conscious in the slightest way that he represents nothing but the will of a small minority.

Roosevelt has decided behind your backs that you shall die ignobly defending profits for a few giant corporations and a handful of stockholders.

Behind the backs of the masses he has signed a contract with his fellow butchers. For the unemployed, starvation! For the workers and farmers, concentration camps and trenches! For their wives and mothers, Gold Star labels!

That is what secret diplomacy means!

"Is honesty so cheap a virtue that we sacrifice it in order to save a few cents?" asks the writer of a feature called "Points for Parents." Honesty, under capitalism, is an undreamed of luxury for those on the make; for the rest of us it is a club over our heads wielded by the boss class to put the fear of God in us.

## In Central Spain

The latest reports indicate that not only Azana, but also del Vayo is implicated in the peace negotiations with Franco; and del Vayo went to France as Premier Negrin's representative. It is clear, therefore, that the whole People's Front leadership is involved in this treacherous move to surrender intact to Franco the central zone of Spain.

In the Feb. 8 issue of the Daily Worker there appeared the following estimate of the possibilities for continued struggle in central Spain:

"The position of the Central Zone for resistance is strategically good. The army numbers around 500,000, the population is around 8,000,000 and the territory is protected by natural defenses in the mountain ranges of Nevada, Morena and Guadarrama. . . . By adapting their forces to the new situation the Loyalists can resist."

That estimate remains true, even though every collaborator of the Stalinists in the People's Front leadership is now prepared to surrender to Franco. Remember this estimate! Remember it, and confront the Stalinists with it tomorrow, when they try to find an alibi to excuse the People's Front capitulation to Franco!

"The temperament of the people will tend to a peculiar moodiness, though as a whole they will be fairly good natured and hopeful this month," says Dr. Gustav Ekstrom, of the American Association of "Scientific" Astrologists. Yea, verily, there are two things in this world wonderful to behold—nay, three: The way of a man with a maid, the way of a maid with a man—and the way John O. Workox bears with his masters!

## Balance Sheet

For thirty months of civil war in Spain, the Stalinists poisoned the Spanish working class and paralyzed its fight by the cry: Rely on the Great Democracies, France and England; they are the friends of Spanish Democracy!

On Feb. 16, the Daily Worker printed two dispatches, one from France and one from England, which appear side by side under the following headlines:

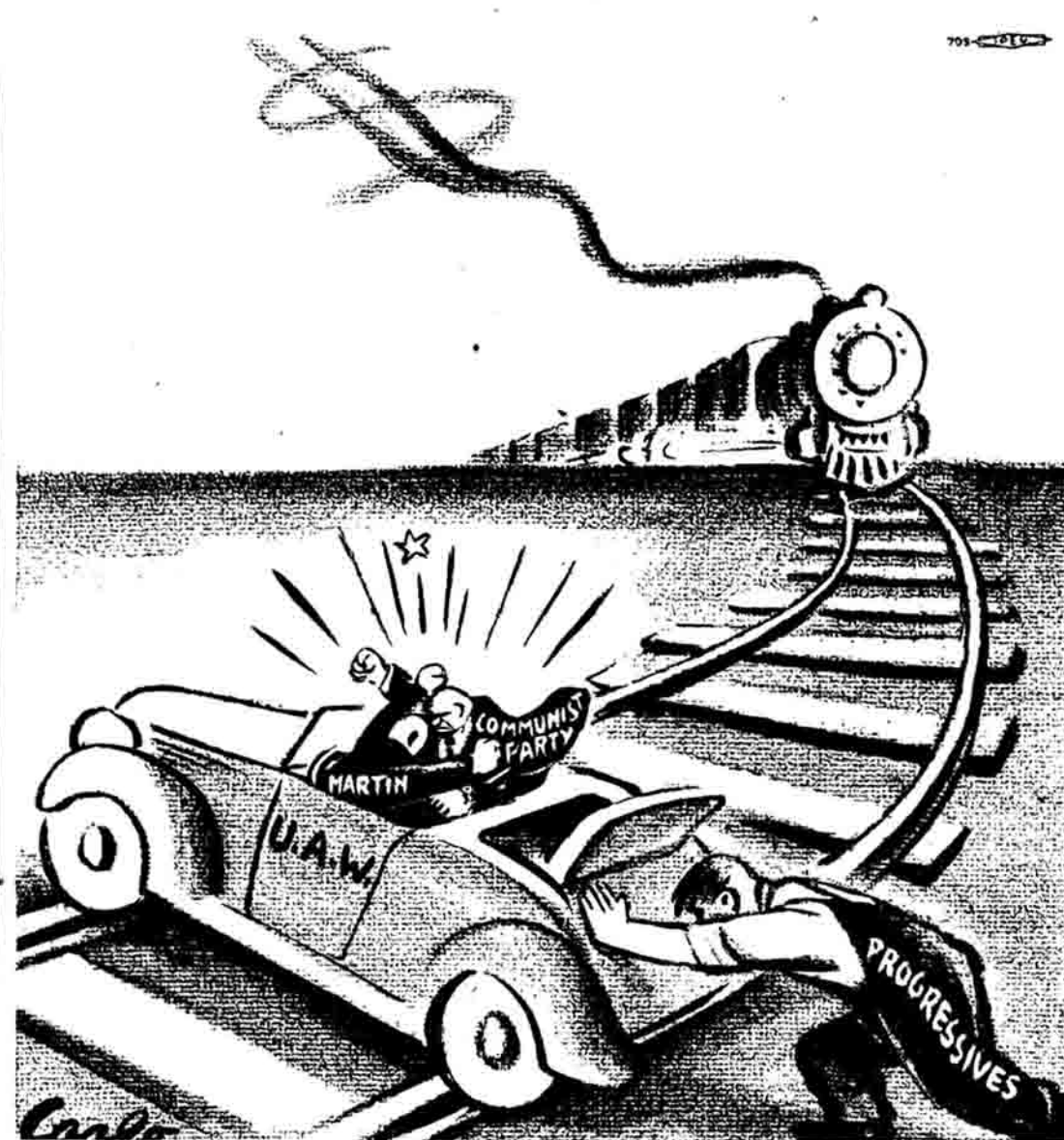
"Guns Cover U.S. Vets in French Camp. Held Like Prisoners; Franco Propaganda Fails; Ask Aid."

"Chamberlain Recognizes Franco Regime. Cabinet Votes De Facto Recognition; Presses French Gov't."

That's the balance sheet of the Stalinist "Democracy" fraud.

Missing Iowa banker found in Little Rock, with \$46,000 left from the \$48,000 lifted from the First National Bank of DeWitt. He'll probably be charged with "bad judgment."

## Save The Union!



## Judiciary Crawls With Corruption

The Cases of Judges Manton, Rudich and Others Bring to Light the Rottenness of Boss Courts Where "Justice" Has Its Price

It is no news that corruption is an integral part of any class society. But when corruption passes a certain point, when a society's ethical standards are so lacking in authority that even the ruling class violates them constantly, then it is reasonable to infer a general ill health of that social system. The corruption of the French nobility and court in the eighteenth century, the corruption of the Russian ruling classes in our century—these presaged the death of social regimes. So, too, the Ostric and Stavisky scandals almost brought about the end of the French Republic in 1934. And so, too, we are living today in a time of increasingly open corruption in high places. As each scandal bursts out, in business, in politics, in the judiciary, the bourgeois press pretends it is unique, exceptional, merely a matter of individual sinners. But this is not true. The scandals that are now blackening the headlines day after day are tied into the very warp and woof of our system of society. They are bred like maggots by the decay of the capitalist system.

## The Judge Banks

## A Million

This week let us consider the courts of justice, most hallowed temples of bourgeois democracy. Until his resignation a few weeks ago, at the cordial invitation of President Roosevelt, Martin T. Manton was a senior justice of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the second highest court in the land. The president was shocked to learn, among other things, that of the \$1,000,000 income of Judge Manton between 1916 (when that other great idealist, Woodrow Wilson, appointed him to the bench) and 1939, only \$250,000 came from his salary. But the President should have been prepared for the revelation: rumors and charges have been flying about the head of Judge Manton for many years. It was not until an anti-New Deal newspaper and a Republican district attorney broke the case wide open last month that the President was forced to act.

District Attorney Dewey listed, with details, six interesting episodes in the Judge's fiscal career. Several of them were comparatively small potatoes—as "The Lotzch Matter," which involved merely a \$20,000 loan to a Manton enterprise, the National Cellulose Corp., by a bank president under jail sentence—a conviction that was speedily reversed by Judge Manton's court. But others involved bigger fish. Harry M. Warner, for example, the film magnate, who has recently ordered the Star Spangled Banner to be played at least once daily in every Warner Brothers theatre—this superheated patriot lent the Judge \$50,000 on September 11, 1933. On September 12, 1933, the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals,

Martin T. Manton presiding, decided an important patent case in favor of Warner Brothers. But the prize exhibit is No. 6, "The Lord & Thomas Loan," which involves the American Tobacco Co. (Lucky Strikes), the fine old downtown law firm of Chadbourne, Stanchfield & Levy, and the big advertising agency of Lord & Thomas, whose head, personally implicated, is Albert D. Lasker, once chairman of the Emergency Shipping Board in the late war and now one of Chicago's leading citizens. The sum involved is fittingly large: \$250,000, which was "loaned" to Judge Manton on May 11, 1932, while he was pondering his decision in a stockholder's suit against American Tobacco. (The suit, incidentally, was about \$10,000,000 which was alleged to have been illegally paid out to the company's executives in bonuses.) On June 13, 1932, Judge Manton decided the case in favor of American Tobacco. The \$250,000 loan has never been repaid.

Endorsed by Cordell Hull . . .

## And "Dutch Schultz"

MAGISTRATE HULON CAPSHAW of New York has also been suspended because of his failure to explain why he had thrown out of court certain big "policy game" cases. District Attorney Dewey gave the Magistrate an uneasy two days in court as a witness in the trial of Jimmy Hines, Tammany chieftain and until lately in charge of New Deal patronage in New York City. Dewey proved that Magistrate Capshaw dismissed the cases at Hines' request, who in turn acted on orders from "Dutch Schultz," Flegeneheimer, deceased (violently) gangster. Magistrate Capshaw, also, was obliging enough to underline the real significance of his case when he proudly told the courtroom that his candidacy for magistrature had been endorsed by, among others, Bishop Manning of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and John W. Davis, chief lawyer for J.P. Morgan & Co. and Democratic candidate for President of the U.S. in 1924. He also pointed out that, when he applied (successfully) for admission to practice before the Supreme Court, his sponsor was Cordell Hull. After which, it was quite a leap to Dutch Schultz and his mob—or was it?

Roosevelt Sows  
a Few Scandals

Alarmed by these scandals, President Roosevelt has ordered Attorney General Murphy to investigate the entire Federal judiciary. The G-men, with J. Edgar Hoover personally in charge, are at work on the Manton and Thomas cases. But even while he is taking steps to punish erring judges, the President is forced by the necessities of his political position to sow what may well be the seeds for future scandals. Thus he has just appointed to the Federal Circuit Court in Kentucky one Shackleford Miller, Jr., who managed the unsavory campaign this fall of "Dear Alben" Barkley, the Administration's leader in the Senate. And the Senate has lately confirmed another blatant political appointment to the Federal bench, that of ex-Governor Alfred of Texas, whose chief qualification is his loyalty to the President during the late "purge." The President formally announced Governor Alfred's appointment last summer from the dignified and judicial eminence of the rear platform of his "Purge Special."

THEIR  
GOVERNMENT

By James Burnham

During the past year, Stalinism has become the chief agent of Yankee imperialism among the Latin American masses. Committed to advocacy and support of Roosevelt's coming war, Stalinism is thereby committed also to the steps needed for the preparation of the war. Primary among these is the firm alignment of Latin America as a base both for material and man power.

In order to accomplish this, the people of Latin America must be persuaded that the United States is their friend and protector, and that their enemies are neither at home nor in North America, but across the wide sea, in Tokyo and Rome and above all in Berlin. This is the "Good Neighbor" doctrine, as put forth identically by Roosevelt and the Stalinists.

It was in the light of this doctrine that the Stalinist press covered the Lima conference. The doctrine itself has been further elaborated at the recently concluded conventions of the Communist parties of Cuba and Mexico.

## Browder Invents a New Theory

The doctrine, however, is rather a stiff dose for the masses in Latin America to swallow straight. In their own lives and on their own backs they learn a contrary truth: that Yankee imperialism is their main enemy. They have felt its lash swung by United States marines and plantation owners and gun-boats and overseers and Yankee-controlled puppet tyrants. It is not so easy to persuade them that overnight their main enemy has lost all of its spots.

The Stalinists have evidently noticed this persistent fly in their social-imperialist ointment, and, not being able to get rid of it, are trying out a new device to prevent its being noticed. This device is nothing short of a brand new theory of imperialism, a great and comforting improvement on the old-fashioned views of Marx and Luxemburg and Lenin.

Browder and Laborde announced the theory at the convention of the Mexican Communist party. It goes something like this: The Roosevelt government is not merely non-imperialist, but anti-imperialist. It is the representative of the "democratic aspirations of the American masses." Yankee imperialism has not, however, completely disappeared. It is now administered by the monopoly corporations and Wall Street, and by the political opponents of Roosevelt—the Republicans, conservative Democrats and other varieties of Tories.

## The Beauties of the New Theory

This new theory is a very neat job indeed. The trouble that the Stalinists have had convincing the Latin American masses that they were no longer oppressed by Yankee imperialism ends. The Stalinists can now say: Of course you are still persecuted by Yankee imperialism. But that imperialism has nothing to do with Roosevelt and his government. It is the imperialism of Wall Street and the Republicans-Tories, of the enemies of Roosevelt.

The way to fight Yankee imperialism, therefore, is to get behind Roosevelt! What a wonderful irony! To support Roosevelt's coming war is—to fight imperialism, including Yankee imperialism. To be against the war is—to line up in the camp of imperialism.

The awkwardness about the habit of telling lies is that one lie is always tending to contradict another. Lying theories are not exempt from the general rule: one is always refuting another. Let us recall:

In the 1936 elections, as explained by the very well known Stalinist theory, the New Deal was the army of progress, the Republicans, led by Alfred M. Landon, the troops of reaction. This has continued to be the lineup: New Deal progress versus Republican-Tory reaction.

## One Lie Plus One Lie Equals Two Lies

Up to date, the most grandiose public expression of Roosevelt's Good Neighbor policy was the Lima Conference. According to the new theory of imperialism, it would follow that the Lima Conference would have been fought tooth and nail by the Republicans-Tories and by Wall Street, since the theory declares that the conference was anti-imperialist, hence directed square against the imperialist interests of Wall Street and the Republican-Tories.

But, alas for Stalinism, even the fanciest lies cannot wholly do away with facts.

Without a single exception, every spokesman for Wall Street and the monopoly corporations and the Republicans-Tories came out one hundred percent for the Lima conference. Their praise and rejoicing rang through the columns of the press and the radio mikes. No anti-New Deal snarl or curse marred the touching unanimity.

Especially noteworthy were the lengthy declarations of Henry L. Stimson, who is—oh, painful memory—the ex-Secretary of State of that well known progressive leader, Herbert Hoover.

And the leading delegate to the conference was (did you remember, Browder, while speaking in Mexico?) none other than Alfred M. Landon.

Labor Looks Through  
The Press

By ARTHUR HOPKINS

"Japan does not believe the United States has aggressive designs against her and the Japanese navy does not attach much importance to American plans to arm the far Pacific island of Guam," Admiral Mistumasa Yonai, navy minister, said in parliament recently. "Japan's navy is prepared to defend the country in any contingency," Admiral Mistumasa Yonai told the house of peers in answer to questions regarding American plans to fortify Guam and other Pacific islands. I say, Addy, old boy, you should let your upper lip know what the lower is doing.

A Minneapolis parachute jumper who went out to municipal airport to look over the army bombers recently bitterly complains: "Those planes were paid for with taxpayers' money. When some self-important petty officer, whose wages are paid for by the taxpayers, tells the taxpayers that they can't get within a mile of the ships, then something should be done about it. Poor John Q. Public couldn't even get a glimpse at what his dough has been paying for." Why doesn't someone tell him the FACTS OF LIFE?

"No Early WPA Cut Seen," declares Linus C. Glotzbach, Minnesota W.P.A. Administrator. He said that the present national W.P.A. policy is to avoid reductions in northern states during the winter. They're waiting for summer when the unemployed can sleep in the parks and eat grass.

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MAX SHACHTMAN  
(Editor of the Socialist Appeal)  
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DR. WILLIAM E. BOHN  
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