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FIGHT NAZIS IN LOS ANGELES

Flint Backs C.I.O. Auto Convention

Martin's Splitting
Tactics Repel
Members

THIRD GROUP MEETS

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
FLINT, Mich., Feb. 20—Members of the United Automobile Workers in this city staged a mass exodus from the camp of Homer Martin this week, asserting their determination to stay within the C.I.O., and to attend the Cleveland convention on March 27.

Considered for months to be an impregnable Martin stronghold, this auto center nevertheless has witnessed a wave of indignation against Martin's splitting away from the C.I.O. Flint auto plants were littered with discarded "I Am for Homer Martin" buttons, and even Charles E. Madden, formerly Martin's main supporter in this district, ran for cover back to the camp of the C.I.O. Executive board.

While two weeks ago Martin supporters were able to stage big meetings on his behalf, this week only 100 men attended a meeting of Chevrolet local 156 called by Bert Harris, Martin's supporter. A previous meeting of this local, two weeks before, was attended by more than 1200 workers.

Third Group Conference
Representatives of the new third group, which endorses neither Martin nor the Stalinist Executive Board majority, held a conference here to lay plans for building rank and file support for their program. The group demands rank and file control of the union, adherence to the C.I.O. Industrial union movement, and a vigorous fight against the Stalinist bureaucratic machine at the Cleveland convention.

Although the Martin faction held elections in the Chevrolet local 156 last week, the C.I.O. elections in this local will be held soon, and will undoubtedly represent an overwhelming majority of the Chevrolet workers. The third group will run its own slate for the Cleveland convention, on its own union building program, calculated to turn the union back into the hands of the rank and file.

TRIAL SET FOR 5 ARRESTED AT ANTI-NAZI RALLY

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
NEW YORK, Feb. 23—A sworn statement by his physician that he had been so badly beaten by police in the street and again in the police station after his arrest that he could not appear today, won postponement until March 6 of the case of Peter Saunders, arrested at the Monday night demonstration against the Nazi meeting. (See page 3 for Saunders' own story.)

Ball of \$100, medical attention, and legal defense for Saunders was furnished by the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees.

The case of George Mason, arrested at the demonstration and declared guilty in night court of disorderly conduct was appealed. Trial for four other victims of police brutality, Michael Nardich, Peter Shotes, Lionel Sheppard, and Abe Dollinger, was set for March 4. Pending trial they were released on bail furnished by the American Fund.

In addition to legal defense for these defendants, the American Fund provided medical attention for twelve other demonstrators who were seriously injured when police protecting the Nazi meeting spurred their horses into crowded picket lines.



The Democratic horses of the Democratic Cosacks of Democratic Mayor LaGuardia are defending Democracy outside Madison Square Garden by riding down and slugging workers who tried to exercise their democratic right to assemble and picket the Nazi gangsters whom the police protected so tenderly. That's a little lesson that the workers are learning.



The anti-fascist workers, who were not sucker enough to rely on the Democratic horses of the Democratic Cosacks, are shown here protecting their rights in action, by a little lesson to a Nazi Storm-Trooper outside the Garden who made the mistake of provoking and attacking them in the street. The Nazi is a little sadder today, but a whole lot smarter.

Fight Fascism With Workers' Guards!

Fascism is a movement of scabs and thugs. We don't have to GUESS at what it aims to do. We don't even have to look at Europe to find out what it has been doing. All we have to do is see what it is planning to do and what it is doing right here, under our very eyes. It wants to smash and prohibit every labor union, every workers' organization. It wants to smash and prohibit every labor political movement. It wants to deprive us of our right to free speech, free assembly, free press, the right to organize, to strike, to picket. It wants to send the Jew back to the Ghetto, or wipe him out altogether. It wants to deprive the Catholic and Protestant of the right to worship as they see fit. Last Monday night was Fascism's first big mobiliza-

tion in New York. The 50,000 workers who demonstrated against the thugs and scabs showed that they want to fight them, are ready to fight them. How is the Fascist monster to be crushed? By the La Guardias and their police? By the "democratic" politicians? Foolish, criminal, fatal illusion! La Guardia and his police PROTECTED the "rights" of the Fascists. But they DENIED the workers THEIR right to assemble and picket. When workers strike in defense of their jobs, hours and wages, how do they deal with scabs, strikebreakers and thugs? By relying on the police and their political bosses, who always take the anti-labor side? No! They organize their pickets, their defense guard.

Fascism is a national organized movement of scabs and thugs, which threatens the very existence of the working class. The lesson of the Madison Square Garden mobilization of the Fascists is: Labor must have a counter-mobilization! It must immediately organize its Workers Defense Guards! It must put the fear of ORGANIZED WORKERS POWER into the cowardly hearts of the Nazi hoodlums! Only a fool will wait until he is in a concentration camp. The workers of Italy, Germany and Austria are sorry THEY waited. Don't wait—act now. Act strongly! Act militantly! Unite your ranks into anti-fascist WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS!

8 Locals Quit WAA, Form Fighting Union

Essex County Majority Issues Militant
"Declaration of Independence"

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
NEWARK, N.J.—The rule-or-ruin company union policies of the Stalinist leadership of the Workers Alliance received a powerful blow this week when 8 locals, representing 75 per cent of the membership of the Workers Alliance of Essex County, adopted a Declaration of Independence, withdrew from the Alliance, and set up a new organization, the Workers Relief and W.P.A. Union.

The break was in every sense a progressive step, forced upon the rank-and-file by the decisions of the recent Camden state convention where the Stalinist-John Spain leadership rode roughshod over the demands of the powerful Essex delegation, which represented fully one half the membership of the state organization, for a program of action to meet the state relief crisis and the coming flood of W.P.A. layoffs.

In the Declaration of Independence, the grievances set forth against the national and state boards showed how far the organization had been run into the ground by the present policies of the leadership. The Essex locals protested at the program offered by the national office: "For too long they have answered the demands of the rank-and-file for a program of action that will help fight unemployment with orders for us to send postcards, telegrams and letters. . . . The inadequacy of this program has resulted only in more relief cuts, more W.P.A. layoffs, more hunger and misery. It is now time for us to act."

Expose National Office
They also exposed the attitude of the national office toward the Congressional appropriation of \$725,000,000 as a 90% victory" (as Lasser called it). If this appropriation, which according to Lasser himself, means a layoff of two million W.P.A. workers by June 30 unless more money is appropriated. (Continued on page 2)

Mayor Stalls Delegation Protesting Cop Brutality

NEW YORK—Delegations from the Socialist Workers Party, the Young Peoples Socialist League, and the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees went to City Hall last Tuesday afternoon, to protest against police brutality at the anti-Nazi demonstration the previous evening. City officials claimed that Acting Mayor Newbold Morris was "not in." The delegations left, returning later in the afternoon, to be informed that Morris was "attending an executive session of the City Council."

Demand to See Mayor
Mayor La Guardia, his aide said, would not be back until Thursday. The delegations demanded that his aide arrange for an interview with the mayor. But Tuesday evening, La Guardia returned and immediately issued a statement to the press exonerating the police from the charges of brutality. The text of the protest handed (Continued on Page 3)

Alliance Meeting Waves War Flag

Fink Leaders Drop Last Vestige of Action
for Unemployed Workers

by BILL MORGAN
(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
NEW YORK—The Stalinists staged a state "convention" of the Workers Alliance here last week, and from reports, including the Daily Worker, the rule-or-ruin gang has made short work of what was once a strong militant organization.

The often-heard remark, "Every thing the Communist Party touches turns to lead," could easily be applied to this phoney gathering. All the delegates were hand-picked in advance, so the convention was nothing more nor less than a full unit meeting of the party members. **Activists Absent**
Absent were many well-known workers whose untiring efforts and organizational abilities built the Alliance and established its reputation as a class struggle weapon second to none before Mr. Browder's wrecking crew took it over. The absence of these workers was explained in part in the report of the Executive Board on membership. "It is true," said one of the organizers, "that many locals and hundreds of workers left the W. A. under the influence of Trotskyites." "The split which occurred last fall in New York City left the Alliance with only a few scattered locals and most of these are behind in dues. . . ." said another.

(The Workers Alliance dues system is a sore point with the Stalinists and they suffer untold embarrassment whenever the question is discussed out loud. The continual jacking of dues, initiation fees, and the many "special" assessments lead many workers to believe that the Alliance is nothing but a collection agency for Mr. Sam Wiseman and his stooges. Needless to say, the question did not arise at this convention.) The frantic haste of the Communist Party to hog-tie the unemployed and W.P.A. workers to (Continued on Page 2)

An Open Letter

To Members of the Communist Party

To All Members of the Communist Party
and Young Communist League:

On Monday night, February 20, in Madison Square Garden, the Nazis and Fascists staged their greatest concentration so far in the history of New York City.

This meeting of the fascist thugs and gangsters was a deliberate provocation to every New York worker. This meeting, with its uniformed storm troopers and its wild hymns of hate, was laying the basis for terroristic assaults on the Jews, the unions and the other labor organizations of New York.

It was the duty of every militant worker to show publicly, on the streets, his determination to resist and fight against the advance of fascism, to fight it from its beginning to the end. Your Party Prevents You From Fighting Fascism

Where was your Party on that night? Where were your leaders?

Many of you, we know, were with us in the great demonstrations that proved the will of New York workers to fight fascism, were with us while La Guardia's police, guarding with tender care the precious rights of the Nazis, forcefully prevented the workers

5,000 WORKERS ANSWER S.W.P. CALL TO PICKET

Police Battle To
Protect Bund
Meeting

MEETING DELAYED

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23—Following the example set in New York, more than 5,000 workers responded here last night to the call of the Los Angeles section of the Socialist Workers Party and staged a militant counter-demonstration against a meeting of the German-American Bund in the Deutsches Haus.

The anti-Fascist pickets sent the uniformed Nazis scurrying. An emergency call from the Bund members inside the hall brought police cars to the scene and from that point on the police protected the cringing Nazis from the demonstrators.

Several Los Angeles Unions supported the call of the S.W.P. and workers carried banners and placards calling for a militant struggle against Fascism as the only means of defending the very

BULLETIN

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23. The following telegram was received today from the workers of the Dura Steel Shop: "Dura steel metal workers contingent, members of Local 1421 of the United Electrical Radio Machine Workers of America, congratulate the Socialist Workers Party and the Young Peoples Socialist League in taking the initiative in organizing the splendid demonstration against fascist thugs on Washington's birthday in Los Angeles."

existence of workers' organizations.

As in New York, the Communist Party boycotted the anti-Fascist struggle but numerous rank-and-file members of that party joined the ranks of the S.W.P.-led pickets.

Associated Press Account

NEW YORK, Feb. 23—The Associated Press reported the demonstration against the German-American Bund meeting in Los Angeles in part as follows:

"Pelted with eggs and over-ripe vegetables by a violent crowd of anti-Nazi demonstrators, 300 persons attended a meeting of the German-American Bund here last night at which Adolf Hitler was likened to George Washington.

"Seven radio cars of police answered a riot call at the Deutsches Haus as booing pickets outside smashed windows with rocks and drove uniformed Bund members to cover.

"One man, wearing Nazi insignia, was beaten. Another man was hit by a flying rock.

Meeting Held Up

"Once during the meeting, which was delayed more than an hour by the demonstration, a wedge of pickets attempted to gain entrance through a side door, but were stopped by police. "Officers said Bund members armed themselves with clubs for use in event the crowd surged inside, and a length of iron gas pipe was taken from one of them. "The anti-Nazis carried placards of the Socialist Workers Party with the exhortations: 'Smash Hitler', 'Fight Against Anti-Semitism', 'Build Workers Defense Guards'. Girls and youths were prominent in the picket line, which sang the 'International.'"

OFF THE RECORD

By Dwight Macdonald

On the Other Side of the Railroad Tracks

The 1938 edition of the "Periodicals Directory" is a volume of 465 close-printed pages which lists and describes 10,200 publications, most of them trade papers. There is a section headed "Grocery Trades," with 29 publications listed, another headed "Vending Machines," with 4, and so on. But there is no section headed either "Murkitions" or "Armaments" or "War Supplies," and the only trace of the subject in the lengthy index is: "Rifles—See GAMES AND SPORTS: Hunting; Shooting."

The munitions industry apparently boasts not a single trade paper. As the respectable citizens of a community don't talk about the red light district across the railroad tracks, so the business fraternity observes a taboo of silence on that great industry which has become the very heart of modern capitalism: Death, Inc. The furriers have trade journals, and so have those who make paper cups and harmonicas and perfumes and ice cream, but the merchants of death, whose vast enterprises are keeping the great capitalist economies of the world going along even as limpingly as they are today, these gentlemen do not discuss their trade in public. Their business lies across the railroad tracks.

Fig out of Thistle

According to the Good Book, thistle trees don't produce figs. But I challenge any reader of this column to guess what periodical printed the following editorial comment on Roosevelt's recent "War Message" to Congress:

"We must make up our minds, said the President, to save our religious and democratic institutions, for we know what might happen to us of the United States if the new philosophies of forces were to encompass the other continents and invade our own." Although the aggressor States were not named, it was sufficiently obvious that Mr. Roosevelt had in mind Germany, Italy, and Japan. He failed to indicate, however, that whatever these countries formerly could boast of freedom and tolerance was destroyed from within, and not from without. Nor was any reference made to the complete improbability of an attack by any or all of those aggressor governments upon the United States, or to the even more remote contingency of success in any foreign attack so long as the liberties left by our own government are worth fighting for and preserving." This voice of sanity in a mad world was raised by *The Commercial & Financial Chronicle*. The moral scarcely needs underlining: (1) businessmen talk among themselves realistically and not in the tones they use for wide public consumption; (2) unlike the liberal intelligentsia, finance capital has a serious stake in capitalism and so thinks twice before risking its vast properties in the maelstrom of a world war. Which doesn't prevent it, of course, when the moment has arrived at which it judges war is "necessary."

MEN AND WOMEN OF LABOR

Out of the Past

BY EMANUEL GARRETT

JOHANN MOST

(Feb. 5, 1846—March 17, 1906)

Into the somewhat placid labor movement of the American 80's came Johann Most—the fiery "propagandist of the deed." Great struggles were pending, the eight-hour movement was just then getting into full swing, individuals like Parsons and Spies were already spreading the doctrines of militant labor action. Haymarket Square was soon to be the center of the first great anti-labor frame-up in the United States.

Jailed in Every Country

When Most arrived in 1882 he had behind him years of activity in the socialist movements of Europe, and a reputation so great that a huge mass meeting was organized in New York City to welcome him.

He also had behind him, this ex-journeymen bookbinder who started bourgeois German sensibilities by his bitter proclamations, years of jail sentences. These were to be continued in the United States. For though Most agitated for his "propaganda of the deed" primarily in speeches and tracts that were rarely matched in specific deeds, he was regularly imprisoned for the violence of his words.

In Vienna he had been sentenced to five years imprisonment, and released after twelve months on condition that he leave Austria. Back in his native Germany, he engaged in socialist editorial work, and was elected to the Reichstag. But not for long. Bismarck exiled him under the anti-socialist laws. In London, to which he went, he was twice sentenced to jail for articles that appeared in the famous anarchist journal he founded, the *Freiheit*.

Gives Labor Slant to Anarchism

Before he came to this country, the German Social Democratic Party had expelled him for his trenchant denunciations of parliamentary action. Arrived in the United States he almost immediately quarreled with the various anarchist groups then existing—most of them bred in the Thoreau tradition of peaceful retirement from active life. Most brought to American anarchism a labor slant, and with it separated the old school, which enjoyed a certain respectable popularity in the United States for generations, from the new school which sought, however unclearly, to wrest power from the bosses through class struggle. It was thus largely through the influence of Most that the anarchist movement

from swinging its heavy battalions decisively into line between the liberal and reformist skirmishers. But if the Chronicle is to be taken as an index of Wall Street opinion, that moment has not yet arrived. In this, at least, the editors of the *Nation* are in advance of their age.

Afterthoughts on Monday Night

After the splendid demonstration put on by the Socialist Workers Party last Monday, it may seem ungrateful to offer criticism. But precisely because the affair was a success, because the SWP showed, in militant action, its superiority over the other parties of the Left, I think certain serious shortcomings should be pointed out. I must begin by stating that from eight o'clock on, I was inside the Garden—I hope it's not necessary to add I was there on business, not pleasure. But I have checked my criticisms with those who saw the whole business, and I think they are justified.

Generally speaking, I should say the SWP did not plan the affair carefully enough, did not use showmanship in putting over its message, and failed utterly to exploit the demonstration as a means of advertising to the general public the SWP and its press. By the time I arrived on the scene—about 7:00—there was not a banner or a placard to be seen except for one small card-board sign a girl was holding aloft in her hands, without benefit of a stick. I was told the police had seized and destroyed all such signs at the beginning of the demonstration. But this should have been foreseen, and reserve supplies should have been provided, smuggled in under coats or cached in some place outside the battle zone. Without signs or banners, the public saw merely what I saw: a confused, anonymous mass of demonstrators. Far more serious was the failure to distribute SWP literature. I saw not a single copy of the *APPEAL* or the *NEW INTERNATIONAL* offered for sale, and I am told there was no effort made at any time to sell literature. I was told, indeed, that during the speeches by Max Shachtman, James Burnham and others, there was at least one enterprising vendor circulating among the crowd offering for sale—the *Daily Worker*! Among the tens of thousands of outsiders who in the course of the evening either took part in the demonstration or watched it sympathetically, there must have been thousands who would have paid three cents for an *APPEAL*. For that matter, my own pamphlet, "Fascism and the American Scene," should have sold well in such a crowd. But no one—including myself—thought of exploiting the occasion.

Small matters, these? It was just their superiority in details like banners and showmanship that gave the Nazis a great advantage over their left-wing opponents. (Hitler is said to design his party's insignia and flags himself.) Today, when the Enemy has reduced mass propaganda to an exact science, a revolutionary party must pay attention to the details as well as the broad outlines, to the technique as well as to the content of its appeal to the masses.

played a dominant role in the labor battles of the 80's.

Having separated himself from the main body of American anarchists in bitter controversy, Most sought out and united in October, 1883, in the organization of the International Working People's Association (the "Black International") with Parsons and Spies. The platform of the "Black International" pointed to the inefficiency of ballots as a means of conquering power; it called for the "destruction of the existing class rule by all means, that is by energetic, relentless, revolutionary and international action."

A Brilliant Orator

Most toured the country. The brilliance of his attack on capitalist rule, his wit, his biting sarcasm gave many a fat-growing money-bag sleepless nights. "Extirpate the miserable brood!" cried Most, "Extirpate the wretches!" Workers, many of them come to the United States as exiles from Bismarck's tyranny, applauded. Bosses, frightened by the venom and vigor of his words, demanded he be jailed.

And so he was for "inciting to violence"—just before the Haymarket demonstration. Hardly was he released from Blackwell's Island when he was returned there for a pamphlet on the "scientific art of revolutionary warfare." Later, after the assassination of McKinley, he was sentenced to a third term on Blackwell's Island. He claimed that the greatest indignity done him in jail had been the shaving of his beard.

Rejects Individual Terror

Towards the end of his life, though he continued to be hounded for his "violence," Most rejected individual acts of terrorism, except where they would awaken the masses to revolutionary action. So that when Alexander Berkman shot Frick, the steel baron, Most criticized the act as ineffective in advancing the cause of anarchism. With this change in viewpoint, the mainstream of the American anarchist movement, represented by the new figures of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman which he had up to then nurtured and which had looked upon him as its ideological leader, broke from him.

Persecuted every year of his life, from his childhood spent under the lash of beatings, through his adulthood spent under the whip of capitalist repression, Most died in 1906. Few, if any, of his works are now read, few victories remain as monuments to his pioneer work. Yet, Most with his speeches and burning tracts helped educate the American proletariat into militancy of action, to stir it into a realization that it alone could fight its own cause.

An Open Letter

To Members of the Communist Party

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eyes: they give aid and comfort to the fascists—and fight the anti-fascist workers.

Your party tells you that the fascist danger lies only across the seas, in Berlin or Rome or Burgos.

No, comrades. *The main fascist danger*, the fascists who will whip and club and stab you, who will put you into concentration camps, smash your political and trade-union organizations, drive you into slavery, *are right here at home*. They are gathering their forces in the vigilante hordes of the West Coast, in the Silver Shirts, in Hague's legions. They were meeting in Madison Square Garden on the 20th.

To Fight Fascism

You Must Break With Stalinism

Do you think that the fascist gangs are going to break up and dissolve if we just keep quiet, shut our eyes and bury our heads in the sand? Don't let us fool ourselves. The fascists are growing stronger month by month. They are much bolder, much more insolent since Munich, since the terrible defeat in Spain. And they will soon begin more open attacks against the workers and their organizations.

The fascists can be stopped only by the direct resistance of the workers; only when the workers, under revolutionary leadership, *smash them*. There is no other way.

Where was your Party Monday night? What lead, what guidance did its lying, cowardly press give to the workers of New York? Where were your leaders?

It is easy enough for your leaders. What does it matter to them when the fascists conquer in the United States and institute the regime of the concentration camp? They have their funds and their passports. They do not have to feel the lash on their own backs.

But for you, comrades, it is not so easy. You have no funds, no passports. You must remain, under the whip, within the prison

camp. Where are your party comrades now in Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Spain?

You must break with the party and program and leadership of defeat and treachery and lies!

We must fight the fascists, fight them not in the distant future or in distant lands, but *here and now*, in the streets of New York and throughout this country. We must fight them every step of the way. We must resolve that never again will the fascists of New York be allowed to repeat their provocation of last Monday night, that *next time their meeting shall not take place*. We must shatter and smash them.

Join the Ranks

of the Fourth International!

Can the fascists be defeated? Of course, of course they can. They are, at bottom, contemptible cowards. They gain strength only through our failures, only through our failure to launch on a broad scale the real fight, the militant workingclass fight against them. The workers are ready and willing: they have shown that in New York as throughout the world. But the workers are in the end powerless unless we show them the road, the road of revolutionary class struggle.

Comrades: cast from your shoulders the party that ties you helpless in the La Guardia-Roosevelt straightjacket, that forbids you to join with us in the front of the militant struggle against the fascists and for socialism!

Let us together guarantee that the February 20 concentration of the fascists shall prove to be their last!

Take your place in our fighting ranks, under the shining banner of the Fourth International, the banner of the defeat of world reaction and the triumph of international socialism!

Socialist Workers Party

Local New York

116 University Place

MORE SIDELIGHTS ON THE ANTI-NAZI DEMONSTRATION

Among the thousands who answered the S.W.P.'s call to the anti-fascist counter-demonstration last Monday night were many members and sympathizers of the Communist and Socialist parties and of the Lovestoneite Independent Labor League. Here are a few of the many incidents reported to the *Appeal* of the reaction among these demonstrators whose own organizations remained silent and inactive in the face of the gross fascist provocation:

"Much to my surprise I saw a C.P. member on our picket line. He was trading blows with La Guardia's police on 8th Ave. along with our comrades and doing a right fine job of defending himself. Later on, during our parade on Broadway I saw him again. This time he was selling the *Socialist Appeal*. His Liberty Bell attracted the attention of many other Y.C.Lers and C.Pers and they were listening to his sales-talk.

"The next day we met on the project where we had been discussing the program of the S.W.P. for weeks. I asked him where his Liberty Bell was. 'I threw it in a sewer on 48th Street . . . and if you people ever need me again to fight the fascists, just let me know—I'll be there. I never thought the Communist Party would actually desert the workers at a time when the fascists were planning a real attack in New York.'

"It took me more than 20 years to learn," said an old worker at our newsstand this morning. "To think that in 20 years the Social Democrats would learn nothing from the defeats in Europe . . . I saw the leaflet in the 'Daily News' and I said to myself, 'Yes, the Trotskyites are the only ones who are wise to the fascists. I will go along with them to this picket line and to hell with the old bureaucrats in the Rand School. And I did go along. See this lump on my face? Well, I got in a couple of beautiful socks myself. (This worker, a machinist, is over 60 years of age and he has decided that he is not too old to take his place on the line with the youth of the Fourth International.)

"Where were you—and where was the I.L.L. (Independent Labor League)?" said an excited girl in the union hall. "You say the Trotskyites are only a small handful of sectarians yet they were the only ones who dared take the lead in this fight which the 'Workers Age' talks so much about. Don't come around here with that kind of baloney. Go on back to Local 22 and help make deals with the Stalinists . . . don't peddle your phony talk to me any more—I left the I.L.L. last night, my former friend, and I will be with the Trotskyites fighting—not talking."

"When I saw a couple of Club Malraux (a Young Communist League club) members on the picket line I asked them why the Y.C.L. did not come out and demonstrate against the fascists. They

"I Am Joining the S.W.P."

By RUTH RAFFER

I am joining the Socialist Workers Party.

Where was Norman Thomas on Monday night when the fascists made their first stand in New York? Why wasn't he out on the streets making as courageous an attack upon New York fascism as he made on Newark fascism? Can the local brand of Nazism possibly be a more democratic type?

Where was Angelo Herndon, who used to symbolize the rights of the workers of all races to organize against their common enemies? Can it be that the fear (now that he is a Twentieth Century American) of embarrassing his new bourgeois friends proves rightier than any former fear of chain-gangs?

Where were the Leaders of Jewish Thought? What can they have been thinking to have dragged their followers into the traditional Jewish state of passive non-resistance? Perhaps these Nazis will shrivel at the thought of being beneath the contempt of the civilized Jew?

Where, just incidentally, was the Little Flower who springs from two oppressed peoples? He

just didn't know what to say or do so he just beat it: because, after all, could he have denied Hitler's agents the right of free speech—and protection, by thousands of the people's public servants, against the indignation of the people? Of course he could deny the right of the people to assemble peaceably and picket, because he didn't want them to get hurt. His police did bang a few dozen heads and try to gouge out an eye or two—but that's a more generally accepted, and less roundabout way for the people to get hurt (and that way you make sure that the people get hurt).

These well-known leaders and friends of the people were not on hand on the day they have spoken of "when fascism first rears its ugly head." They all had reasons for deploring demonstration. But the people of New York did not deplore demonstration: they are anti-Nazi and not afraid to say so. And they found leaders, in the Fourth International, who were ready to raise their slogans, and lead their ranks—thousands strong—in the most heartening mass demonstration New York has seen in many a year.

I am joining the Socialist Workers Party.

Farrell Demands Mayor Explain Protecting Nazis

La Guardia's Entire Conduct Reminiscent Of Democrats in Italy, Germany

James T. Farrell, noted novelist, who was present as an observer at the Madison Square Garden counter-demonstration, has sent to the press and to several prominent individuals in New York, the following letter of protest against police brutality which he sent to Mayor LaGuardia and other city officials:

"To Mayor LaGuardia: "Why was an anti-fascist demonstration broken up in front of the Rivoli Theatre at Forty Ninth and Broadway between ten-thirty and eleven o'clock last night while the fascist meeting of the German-American Bund at Madison Square Garden was protected by cordons of policemen, not to mention an army of uniformed storm-troopers who did police duty inside of the meeting?"

"In front of the Rivoli Theatre, after the anti-fascist demonstrators had been dispersed, I saw policemen slugging two helpless demonstrators who were at their mercy. Witnesses of this were herded off by the police officers with all the necessary efficiency. One of these men was lying helpless on the sidewalk, crying out that his leg was injured, an expression of pain on his face. The

replied that the Y.C.L. leaders told them not to associate with the Trotskyite-Fascists. "But why," I asked, "is it all right for your leaders to break up Trotskyite meetings and not meetings of the Bund?" There was no answer. They marched along and with the Trotskyites went into action against the fascists. Now they tell them not to associate with Trotskyites. They know now what the Trotskyites stand for—and how!"

other one, trapped by several policemen, and obviously only trying to defend himself, was brutally punched by a detective. On Forty Ninth Street, around the corner and just east of Broadway, there were other demonstrators, most of them youths, with bruised heads and faces, and young girls screaming hysterically.

"Why was this? What principle of democracy was upheld when one group was permitted to meet at Forty Ninth Street and Eighth Avenue, and another suppressed by force at Forty Ninth and Broadway?"

"Citizens of New York were treated to the following policy by the authorities: police protection for fascists, police clubs for anti-fascists. Why?"

"These events are reminiscent of pre-Fascist Italy and pre-Fascist Germany. In these countries, the democratic authorities also conferred the benefits of police protection on fascists, and the benefits of the police power on anti-fascists. I quote from what Miss Dorothy Thompson, who attended the Madison Square Garden meeting, stated in this morning's *HERALD TRIBUNE*: 'The entire meeting was familiar to me. I saw an exact duplicate of it in the Berlin Sports Palace in 1931. That meeting was also 'protected' by the police of the German Republic. Three years later the people who had been in charge of that meeting were in charge of the government of Germany, and the German citizens against whom, in 1931, exactly the same statements had been made as were being made to-night by Mr. Kunze, were being beaten, expropriated, and murdered.'

"Is this policy to continue? Or is the conduct of the police on the

LA GUARDIA COPS BEAT UP NEGRO IN POLICE STATION

Driven By Mounted Police At Nazi Meeting

Brutally beaten by La Guardia's police, who were protecting the meeting of fascists at Madison Square Garden last Monday evening, Peter Saunders, a Negro worker, was still under doctor's care suffering from contusions and possible internal injuries.

"I am not a member of the Socialist Workers Party," he told a staff reporter of the *Socialist Appeal*. "I was just returning home along 53rd Street after visiting some friends on the evening of the meeting.

"The police turned me back before I reached a subway entrance and I went to 50th Street.

"Black Son-of-a-Bitch"

"There were quite a few police there, and one of them mounted on a horse rode up on the sidewalk and said, 'Get back.' 'I'm going home,' I told him. 'Get back you black son-of-a-bitch,' he said. Then he stuck his spurs in the horse's flanks, making it lunge at me.

"I reached up my arms to protect myself from the horse and pulled on the bridle.

"The cop yelled to the other cops standing around, 'Grab that black son-of-a-bitch.'

"Two police held me while the mounted policeman climbed off his horse. When he reached me, he doubled up his gloved fist and struck me in the mouth.

"On the way down to the police station he kept repeating: 'Just wait until we get you to the station.'

"At the station house he wanted to make an assault charge. He started the frame-up going by telling the desk sergeant that I had jerked his horse and took a punch at him.

Beaten At Station

"Why don't you bring a charge of cruelty to animals against him?" asked the desk sergeant. "That would be a better charge." "After booking me and filing charges of 'cruelty to animals' and 'assaulting an officer,' they dragged me into a back room and sat me in a chair. Then the policeman who had brought me down took off his coat and said, 'You god damn black Communist. I am an American and fought under the American flag.'

"He started beating me while I was in the chair. When I stood up from the pain of it, he kicked me in the stomach. 'If this is the way Americans do,' I said, 'I'm ashamed I'm an American.'

"Bail of \$100 was furnished by the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees. Hearing was set for February 23.

streets of New York last evening going to be investigated? Or do the taxpayers of this city support the police department in order that these men can herd the public like sheep, attack anti-fascist pickets, tear their banners from them, and slug them?"

"Why was this, Mr. Mayor? Who is responsible?"

Sincerely yours,
James T. Farrell

LEFT JABS

Law and Order,
N. Y. C., 1907-'33—'39

W.W. McLaughlin, ex-head of N.Y. City detectives who quit the post in 1907, just one jump ahead of a commission of inquiry, died leaving \$734,019. Called to explain why policemen were shifted around to suit Dutch Schultz while he was in office, ex-police Commissioner J.P. Bolan testified at the Hines hearing that all he knew about Schultz was what he read in the papers. . . . Assistant Attorney General Amen is investigating charges that six high ranking police officials in Brooklyn received graft for suppressing strikes to the tune of \$100,000.

Maxim Litvinov

"After Russia had entered the League, Litvinov played the role of a social lion in international circles in Geneva and Paris. . . . I remember one party at which Princess Stahremberg, the mother of Rudi, the aspirant dictator of Austria, presided, and where Litvinov, his face wreathed in smiles, was throneed between the Princess Tortonova and the Countess Coudenhove-Kalergi, with a couple of the Princesses of the blood on tabourets at his feet. 'Go and look at Rasputin with his whiskers off,' said Van Beek en Donk, the correspondent of the *Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant*, when I arrived." —Pierre Van Passen in "Days of our Years," p.119.

Pope Pius, Poland and the Young Stalinists

Three items from N.Y. Times, Feb. 12, p.2 cols. 6, 7, and 8. In column 6 Father Coughlin praised the dead Pope for his work against radicalism, especially in "saving Poland from Bolshevism." Column 7, A.P. dispatch from Moscow, "Soviet Press criticized Pope Pius XI as a defender of Capitalism . . . for his crusade against Soviet Russia . . . and for maintaining good relations with Spanish insurgents and Japanese." Column 8, "The second annual convention of the New York Communist League was brought to a close yesterday afternoon with a resolution expressing sympathy to young Catholics on the death of Pope Pius XI."

Coming Publications

Izzy Amter, state secretary of the Communist Party is arranging for early publication of his complete correspondence with the late Pope under the title "Correspondence: Izzy to Pius—Pius to Izzy." Solomon's Mines

If the U.S. Judiciary haven't found the wisdom of Solomon, some of them at least appear to have discovered his fabulous mines. Judge Manton, it is now revealed banked a million bucks while meting out equal justice to both rich and poor.

Forgery not Widespread

Faced with proof of forging of names of policy holders to ballots in the company's biennial elections, officials of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company said the practice was not widespread. And what's a little bit of forgery in the business world.

Lost—1,000,000,000 Hours of Work

A survey by the W.P.A. reports that 1,000,000,000 work hours have been saved by the introduction of farm machinery but "something more than this amount of new work has been created in the consequent expansion of automotive, rubber and petroleum industries." Eight to fifteen million unemployed workers searching the highways and byways of the U.S. for the past ten years have been unable to find the missing Billion hours of work.

Protest Delegation Stalled by Mayor

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to city officials by George Novack, secretary of the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees was:

"On Monday evening, February 20, many thousands of anti-fascist workers gathered in the vicinity of Madison Square Garden to protest against the provocative Nazi meeting. Numbers of these anti-fascists who were doing nothing but exercising their constitutional right of picketing the meeting in a peaceful fashion, were ridden down and trampled upon by mounted police, and brutally beaten by uniformed and plainclothes policemen.

"The American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees energetically protests against these unwarranted attacks against the anti-fascists by the police, who devoted their entire energies to protecting the fascists. We ask that the mayor and other responsible city authorities immediately institute an investigation into these actions. The American Fund, which has offered its services to several of the demonstrators who were beaten and arrested during the demonstration, is prepared to submit affidavits fully substantiating its charges against the police."

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Join Us on the Firing Line!

The Socialist Workers Party has been on the firing line from coast to coast in the most militant challenge to Fascist provocation that this country has yet seen. The front pages of the entire American press have told the story of the S.W.P.'s bold leadership in the organization of counter-demonstrations to the attempted Fascist mobilizations at Madison Square Garden in New York and at Los Angeles.

The *Socialist Appeal* in its first month as a twice-weekly has succeeded in hitting hammer-blows for the cause of united workers' action against Fascism, for progressive unionism, and against the war preparations of the Roosevelt administration.

But these are still only the first steps! To make the needed advances in carrying the revolutionary, militant, fighting program of our party to the great masses of the American working class, the *Socialist Appeal* has to expand its circulation and gather the sinews that not only will enable it to continue as a twice-weekly but will enable it in the nearest possible future to become a thrice-weekly and then a daily!

Getting out the twice-weekly *Appeal* places a tremendous financial strain upon us. We took this bold step forward on the basis of calculated increases in circulation—in subscriptions, street sales, and bundle orders. The party as a whole responded magnificently in raising the \$3,000 we needed to begin. It now must bend all its efforts to the task of making it possible to continue and to expand.

Party comrades and sympathizers! Expanding the circulation of the *Socialist Appeal* is a basic way of putting our fighting program across! There must be—there can be no let-up! We're asking for at least 1,000 new subscribers by April 1 but this is only a minimum figure. Get your shoulders to the wheel! Get out into the streets with the *Appeal* and help build a mass circulation!

Yellow Journalism

There was a time when no self-respecting worker would be caught reading the Jewish Daily Forward; its scabbiness against every militant action of the workers was the most revolting spectacle in the labor movement. But even that yellow sheet never sank to the levels now being plumbed by the Stalinist sheets, the Daily Worker and the Freiheit.

The Forward, like its bourgeois Jewish colleagues, exhorted its readers not to attend our counter-demonstration against the Nazis last Monday night. In our last issue, we characterized this cowardly act for what it was. Following upon the counter-demonstration, the Forward did not exactly get enthusiastic about the demonstration in its news reports; it did not report the police's own estimates of the size of the crowd, cut it down to "Ten thousand Trotskyists and Socialists," etc., etc. But at least it admitted the existence of the anti-fascist demonstration and that the demonstrators ran into considerable numbers.

In its Tuesday edition, the Daily Worker achieved the unparalleled feat of running a copious story about the Nazi meeting—but not one single word about the anti-Nazi demonstration outside!

This was already outstripping the Forward, but on Wednesday the Daily Worker demonstrated that there is no bottom to the Stalinist pit of degeneration. Whereas the Forward had, at least, indicated in its story the fact that the police had assaulted the demonstrators, the Stalinists went even further than La Guardia in whitewashing the cops. La Guardia contented himself with merely praising the cops. The Daily Worker went on to speak of the cops as "preventing serious provocations and disorder!"

Here is the complete, damning sentence, at the end of the Daily Worker's appreciative story on the Mayor's whitewashing the cops. Mark it well, you workers who were ridden down, slugged, kicked and beaten by La Guardia's cops, you workers throughout the country who have seen the pictures of the cops attacking the demonstration:

"A group of Trotskyites who came to City Hall to protest against action of the police in preventing serious provocations and disorder at the meeting were not received by the Mayor." (Daily Worker, Feb. 22, 1939)

The only other reference by the Daily Worker to the existence of the demonstration against the Nazis was also on Wednesday, in a piece by Lowell Wakefield which begins: "Every loyal American inside Madison Square Garden the other night . . . was profoundly shocked." The Daily Worker is ready to give plenty of rats who attended the meeting the benefit of the doubt; maybe they didn't know what this widely-publicized meeting was about. Like innocent virgins they went there and were shocked, according to "comrade" Wakefield.

But the demonstrators outside get no benefit from Wakefield. His single reference to them is that they are "nasty little provocative knots of Trotskyites."

The Forward is no better than it ever was. But what has been established, beyond dispute, is that the Forward's scabbiness is not the lowest type. Way down below it is the deliberate, conscious strike-breaking of the Daily Worker against the anti-Nazi fighters.

Where There Are No Cuts

The unemployed, who are being thrown off the relief rolls in accordance with the Guinea Pig experiment of Congress to determine just how low funds for relief purposes can be cut without bringing demonstrations of protest, will be pleased to learn that utterly fantastic profits for 1938 continue to be reported by the country's giant corporations.

None of the unemployed thrown off relief will want to protest about experimental cuts, naturally, when they have had their feelings soothed by reading about these enormous profits. Instead of cutting themselves a non-existent slice from an imaginary loaf of bread provided by relief cuts, they will satisfy their hunger on epicurean delicacies the same luxurious way the rich do . . . by just ordering whatever strikes their fancy.

The money for it? Don't let the Guinea Pig experiment of Congress stand in your way. People at long before Congress started cutting relief funds. The rich, for instance, solved that problem a long time ago.

Just open up your family vault, blow the dust off your stock, and clip a few million dollars worth of dividends for your year's idleness. That's an old secret formula developed by the upper classes. We pass it on to those of you who have been thrown off relief for what it is worth.

We will do our bit by sending to the unemployed the glad tidings as to just which of the many stocks in their family vaults they should clip. After a week of celebrating Dividends and Profits Week, we rejoice afresh and join with the unemployed in satisfying our needs from the following items:

The STOCKHOLDERS of the companies listed below may clip from the following takes for 1938: (Note:—We have listed nothing less paltry than a million dollar take. It is to be noted that all salaries of corporation officials have already been deducted—but this is a minor item, some officers like Fred W. Sargent, president of the Chicago & North Western Railway, receiving as little as \$50,000 a year; that is, according to the bookkeeping of the corporations.)

Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.	\$10,244,489
Brooklyn Union Gas Co.	1,679,853
Public Service Co. of N. Illinois	3,635,025
Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.	6,825,924
Kansas City Power & Light Co.	3,806,729
Continental Can Co.	7,101,573
Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	5,385,895
Mead Johnson & Co.	1,608,212
Union Oil Co. of California	6,832,758
General Baking Co.	2,715,425
Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Co.	2,213,030
Detroit Edison Co.	8,218,672
Southern California Edison Co.	11,735,479
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.	17,244,411
Postal Tel. Land Line System	1,916,968
San Diego Gas & Electric	1,470,554
Lone Star Gas	5,304,104
El Paso Natural Gas	2,083,689
Louisville Gas & Electric of Delaware	1,197,006
York Railways Co.	2,744,738
Texas Corp.	23,900,000
Underwood-Elliott Fisher Co.	1,767,596
Carrier Corp.	1,061,000
Cons. Gas, E., L., & P. of Baltimore	5,353,140
Quakers Oats Co.	6,237,405
Bayuk Cigars, Inc.	1,300,995
Bon Ami Co.	1,389,118
Caterpillar Tractor Co.	3,318,360
B. F. Goodrich Co.	2,240,119
St. Joseph Lead Co.	1,331,256

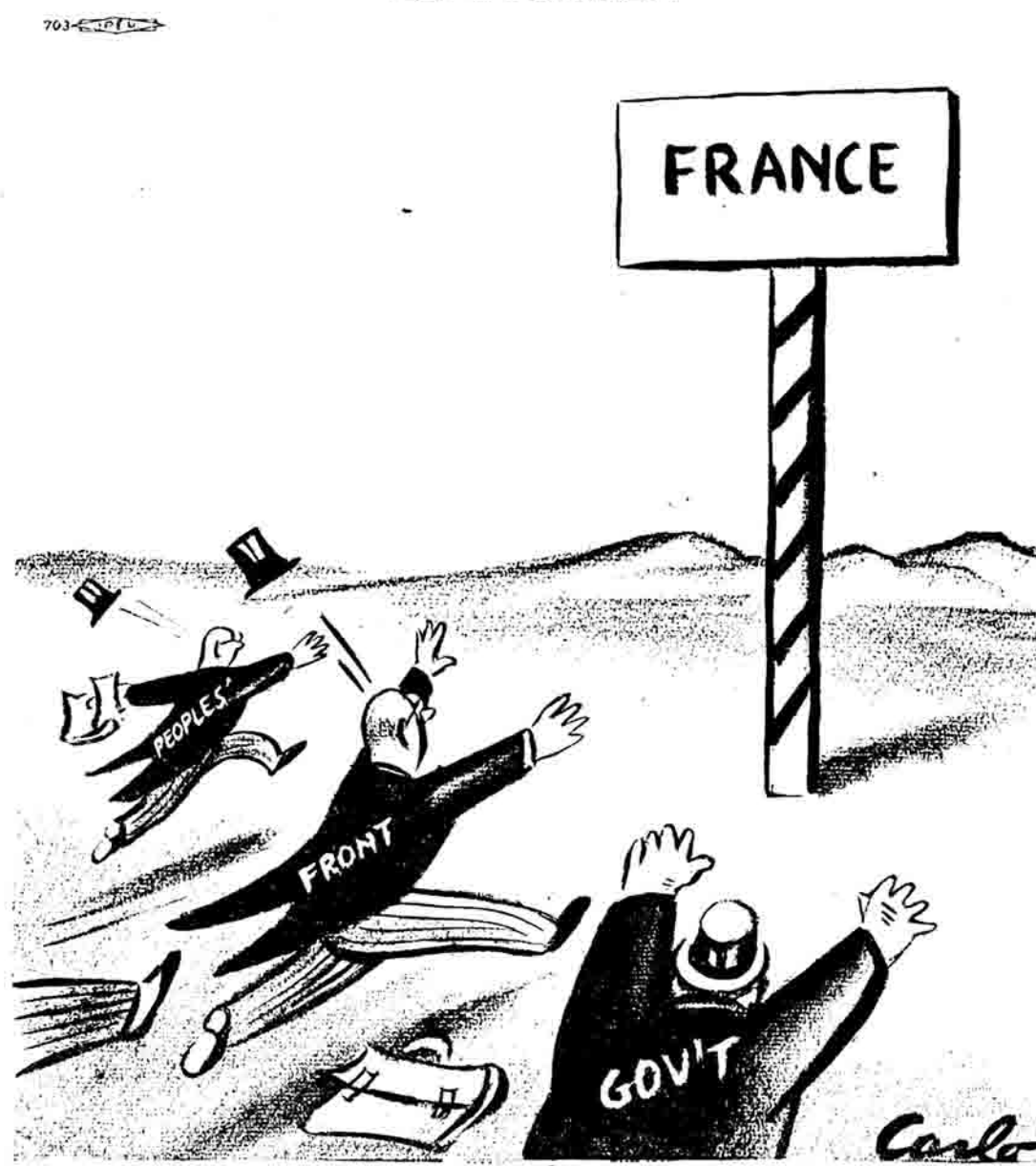
Everybody through clipping? It's really quite a task when there's so many profits. Someone should have the workers invent a machine that would do the clipping automatically. Then the unemployed and the rich wouldn't have to do any work at all.

When Fascism Reared Its Head

During the past ten years the Stalinist leaders of the Communist Party have organized literally hundreds of physical attacks on "Trotskyite" meetings. Their hooligans have assaulted our speakers and slugged our news-vendors.

When Fascism actually "reared its ugly head" openly in New York City in the very front yard of the Communist Party and organized a mass meeting on a scale reminiscent of those just a few years prior to the rise of Hitler, the Stalinist leaders were not merely discreetly silent, but quoted approvingly Acting-Mayor Morris, who pleaded with everybody to stay away.

"No Pasaran"

Dark Cloak of Secrecy Lifted
From FDR War Entanglement

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Further confirmation of the widespread belief that President Roosevelt has committed the United States to enter any war involving Great Britain or France came today when Representative Vinson of Georgia in a sensational address to the House of Representatives defended the sale of planes to these countries and announced that "America now finds it necessary to answer the dictators in their own language."

Congress convened again after a ten-day adjournment called by Democratic Party leaders to allow public opinion to cool off after disclosures that shocked the public from coast to coast had indicated that the President and his administration under cover of secrecy have engaged the nation to enter the coming world war.

Vinson's speech regarding the administration's war policy was the first bluntly outspoken defense of Roosevelt's war entanglements since the adjournment of the Senate.

It was thought by Roosevelt partisans that the country-wide opposition to his secret diplomacy was "without leadership" and "without plan" and that after the ten day adjournment, members of Congress who depend upon demagogic opposition to the war plans would not be compelled by an infuriated public opinion to further criticize the administration.

War Negotiations

That the President and Congress are carrying on secret negotiations with foreign nations to plunge the United States into war is clearly evident from the following series of events:

(1) A bombing plane developed for the United States army under great secrecy crashed accidentally near Santa Monica and it was discovered that it carried a member of a French Air Commission aboard.

(2) It was revealed that an official commission of the French government was in the United States for the second time, and at the request of President Roosevelt, secretly, in order to buy war planes. Plans for these planes, closely guarded by the Army, were made available to the foreign power.

Sworn to Secrecy

(3) President Roosevelt attempted to stifle widespread apprehension that he had engaged the United States to enter any war involving the French or British, by inviting the Military Affairs Committee to a secret conference at the White House. All members were sworn to divulge nothing of what the President told them about his plans. Nevertheless, it leaked out that the President had stated that the boundaries of the United States extend to the Rhine.

officials had differed with the President over the advisability of disclosing military secrets to the French and British.

(11) Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau asked that previous secret testimony of his be made public. The Committee refused.

(12) It became known that the secrecy surrounding the activities of the French experts in the United States had come at the request of American officials, probably directly from Roosevelt himself, the denials of the French Embassy that it knew anything of the presence here of an air mission being an "ignorance" inspired by the State Department.

(13) The Senate Military Committee carried on a bitter discussion about the leaks which have been occurring despite the pledge of secrecy imposed upon all members and urged that all members adhere to the rule against disclosing any confidential testimony. They then questioned Ambassador Hugh Wilson, recently recalled from Germany. He would not speak until the committee stenographer and clerks had left the room. After questioning him, Committee members stated for the benefit of the public that he had given them no new information for fear of injuring his "future usefulness."

(14) The President enroute to Key West gave a press conference, during which he went "off the record" twice to explain to the reporters of the capitalist press his estimate of the war situation. No information of this explanation to the reporters appeared in the press, but the New York Times mentioned that it "seemed to throw light on statements by Senate Military Affairs Committee members quoting Mr. Roosevelt as saying that this country's military frontier was on the Rhine."

(9) The Military Affairs Committee continued its hearings on "defense needs" (President's war program), and in secret sessions decided to make public an expurgated edition of part of the testimony to be given by witnesses.

(10) Senator Austin of the Committee disclosed that the United States Army has a "vast network of intelligence agents throughout the world," and that because of their special knowledge Army of-

JAMES, RUSSELL DEBATE CAPITALIST
SYSTEM BEFORE LARGE AUDIENCE

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

CHICAGO—Before a crowd of 650 at the Mandel Hall, University of Chicago, C.L.R. James routed Bertrand Russell in a debate on the defense of capitalist democracy. The debate, held on Feb. 1, attracted considerable interest outside of the University circles. A large number of workers attended.

James, on his part, analyzed the class character of capitalist society and demonstrated unassailably that violence was one of its main characteristics. He went on to show how every gain for the workers was obtained through uncompromising struggle, that the ruling class always resisted with arms any threat to its existence. Persuasion, said James, meant only reconciling oneself to the continued existence of capitalism.

Russell, while contending that he too, was in favor of socialism, made clear that he was, above all, a pacifist. Because of his pacifism he endorsed the Munich pact since it gave the world a "little peace." He abhorred violence no matter from what source it sprang—both the violence of the ruling class against the workers and the resistance of the workers to their persecution. In answer to James' statement that the only hope for

IN THIS
CORNER

By Max Shachtman

Now that all the reports are in about the Madison Square Garden rally of the Nazis and the counter-demonstration called by our party, it is easier to cast up at least a tentative balance-sheet.

The press of the Jewish bourgeoisie and its social-democratic echo united in a joint plea to the Jewish workers of New York to shun the vicinity of the Garden on Monday night. These snivelling cravens haven't learned a thing from the horrifying events in Europe and still hope that if they crawl on their bellies or stick their heads in the sand or play dead, the fascists will either forget they exist or, if they remember, have mercy on them.

Stalinists Feature

Morris Statement

The Stalinists and Thomasite and Lovestoneite press preserved a dignified silence on the counter-demonstration. Every child knows that if the Stalinist press in particular had issued a call to its supporters to come out to the Garden, the Nazi mobilization could never have taken place, and New York labor would have registered a tremendous and inspiring victory.

Instead, after days of silence, it featured prominently the appeal of another professional democrat, Acting Mayor Newbold Morris, who urged the people of New York to stay away from the demonstration.

The bourgeois press took pains to underscore the fact that neither the Communist nor Socialist party was supporting the counter-demonstration, that "only" the Trotskyists were behind it.

In a word, everything was done by the "official" anti-fascist leaders to discourage attendance at the counter demonstration.

Results Show S.W.P.

Was Correct

Notwithstanding all this pressure, tens of thousands of workers did come to the demonstration in response to the appeal of an admittedly small organization, the Socialist Workers Party, which does not yet have at its disposal the large numbers who follow the Communist party.

Now who, in light of the results, was correct: the Stalinists and their like, who called on the workers to hide in their basements, or the Trotskyists, who called upon them to come out?

Let us call as witness in our behalf two of the writers on the Daily Worker staff, reporting the demonstration in the Wednesday, Feb. 22 issue:

"The Nazis came out of the Garden in little groups under police protection," writes Lester Rodney, "and scurried for the subways like rats for their holes."

"Though brave inside, the Nazis slunk from the Garden," writes Lowell Wakefield. "They gave their swastika banners, even the American flags they displayed, to little boys and to young girls to carry home. They felt the tenor of New York's thoughts. I am not talking about the blood-brothers of Hitler, those nasty little provocative knots of Trotskyites [Well said, well said! But where were the non-provocative Browders and Hathaways?—M.S.] but of the thousands of silent anti-fascists, the after-theater crowds, the workers on the way home from late shifts who make the streets around there the city's busiest towards midnight."

What If There Had

Been No Demonstration?

The Nazis "slunk from the Garden"; they "scurried for the subways like rats for their holes." That part of the Daily Worker's report is entirely accurate.

But suppose for a moment that the tens of thousands who joined the S.W.P. around the Garden had heeded instead the appeals of the Jewish Daily Forward, the Morning Journal, the Day, the Daily Worker and Newbold Morris? Suppose the Garden had been left completely free of the surrounding workers?

Would the Nazi thugs have slunk away under those circumstances? Would they then have scurried for the subways like frightened rats? Would they have gone home with the fear of the working class in their hearts?

Not for a minute! Rather, they would have said to themselves:

"We put over a bold and impudent provocation on the New York workers, on the Reds, on the Jews. We shook our fists right under their noses. And they ran away from the scene. They slunk away from work, they scurried for the subways, they beat it for home in the hope of avoiding a meeting with us. Here we are—just getting started, and our numerous enemy already fears an encounter with us!"

And they would have acted accordingly. They would have strutted home from the Garden, imbued with new courage, self-confidence, insolence towards the workers.

The outpouring of New York's workers was the first important and salutary lesson taught the fascists in this city. And we have learned enough, I feel, from the shortcomings of the demonstration, so that the next lesson the workers teach the labor-haters and anti-Semites will be a decisive one.

To Victory With

the Party!

That there were defects in the organization and carrying through of the demonstration, is undeniable. Some of them are pointed out elsewhere in this issue by Dwight Macdonald. But without being smug about our satisfaction, it is important to say: Everything in proportion.

We are frank to say that this was our first truly big mass action in New York, organized without the possibility of knowing in advance all the factors involved. At comparatively short notice, all our forces were mobilized for a bold action which proved successful far beyond all hopes because our party knew how to mesh the small gear which it represents into the huge gear which the militant workers of New York represent, thus setting the latter into motion.

Next time we will do better. But only on the condition that the "small gear" is strengthened and enlarged. The place of every militant worker, of every revolutionary intellectual who means business, is in the fighting ranks of the Socialist Workers Party. We do not have an eternity before us, and even if we did, "history" would not do our own job for us. Into the party, into the fight, and on to the victory!

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