# 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-Mem bers 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 neverthedignation 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.1.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, Matin'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 demon-(See page 3 for Saunder's own

and legal defense for Saunders by the national office: "For too was furnished by the American long they have answered the de-Fund for Political Prisoners and mands of the rank-and-file for a Refugees.

declared guilty in night court of grams and letters. . . . The inadedisorderly conduct was appealed, quacy of this program has result-

police brutality, Michael Naradich, W.P.A. layoffs, more hunger and Peter Shotes, Lionel Sheppard, misery, It is now time for us to and Abe Dollinger, was set for act." March 4. Pending trial they were released on bail furnished by the American Fund.

In addition to legal defense for these defendants, the American \$725,000,000 as a 90% victory" (as Fund provided medical attention Lasser called it). If this approprifor twelve other demonstrators ation, which according to Lasser who were seriously injured when himself, means a layoff of two police protecting the Nazi meeting million W.P.A. workers by June 30 spurred their horses into crowded unless more money is appropriatpicket 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 less has witnessed a wave of in- exercise their democratic right to assemble and picket the Nazi gangsters whom the police protected so



The anti-fascist workers, who were not sucker enough to rely on the Democratic horses of the Democratic Cossacks, 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

It wants to deprive us of our right to free speech, free assembly, free press, the right to organize, to strike, to

It wants to send the Jew back to the Ghetto, or wipe him out altogether.

It wants to deprive the Catholic and Protestant of

Last Monday night was Fascism's first big mobiliza-

the right to worship as they see fit.

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

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

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 DE-

## 8 Locals Quit WAA, Mayor Stalls Delegation Alliance Meeting Form Fighting Union Protesting Cop Brutality

An Open Letter

To All Members of the Communist Party

the other labor organizations of New York.

On Monday night, February 20, in Madison Square Garden.

This meeting of the fascist thugs and gangsters was a delib-

It was the duty of every militant worker to show publicly.

Where was your Party on that night: Where were your

Many of you, we know, were with us in the great demonstra-

tions 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

the Nazis and Fascists staged their greatest concentration so far-

erate 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

on the streets, his determination to resist and fight against the

advance of fascism, to fight it from its beginning to the end

and Young Communist League:

in the history of New York City.

Your Party Prevents You

From Fighting Fascism

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 organ stration against the Nazi meeting. ization had been run into the ground by the present policies of the leadership. The Essex locals Bail of \$100, medical attention, protested at the program offered program of action that will help The case of George Mason, ar- fight unemployment with orders rested at the demonstration and for us to send postcards, tele-Trial for four other victims of ed only in more relief cuts, more

> **Expose National Office** They also exposed the attitude of the national office toward the Congressional appropriation of

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To Members of the Communist Party

the Socialist Workers Party, the the City Council." 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 eve

City officials claimed that Acting Mayor Newbold Morris was exonerating the police from the "not in." The delegations left, charges of brutality. returning later in the afternoon, to be informed that Morris was

NEW YORK-Delegations from | "attending an executive session of

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

The text of the protest handed (Continued on Page 3)

from exercising their own elementary right to picket, and launched

and file members of the Communist Party and Young Communist

League fighting side by side with us at the demonstration in spite

your leaders, will not, cannot permit you to fight in the only way

that can promise victory. Their advice was: Stay at home! Let the

We were warmed and heartened to find thousands of rank

You want to fight fascism: we know that. But your Party,

Have we learned nothing, comrades? Have we learned noth-

Have we not learned that liberals, "democrats," capitalist-

Will La Guardia and his cops-and all the other La Guardias

ing from what has happened in Italy, in Germany, Austria, Czech-

democratic governments will not, cannot fight fascism; that only

the workers, relying on their own strength and their own organ-

izations and their own socialist program will and can really fight

and their cops--fight fascism? You saw the answer with your own

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dozens of brutal attacks against the anti-fascists.

of the sabotage of their leadership.

The Danger Is Here At Home

oslovakia, in Spain?

Fascists mobilize their gangsters in peace!

**Waves War Flag** 

Fink Leaders Drop Last Vestige of Action for Unemployed Workers

by BILL MORGAN

Special to the Socialist Appeal) and from reports, including the nothing more nor less than a full Daily Worker, the rule-or-ruin unit meeting of the party memgang has made short work of what bers. was once a strong militant organ

The often-heard remark, "Every thing the Communist Party touch-NEW YORK-The Stalinists applied to this phoney gathering. staged a state "convention" of the All the delegates were hand-picked Workers Alliance here last week, in advance, so the convention was

Absent were many well-known Browder's wrecking crew took it

was explained in part in the report of the Executive Board on membership. "It is true," said one of W. A. under the influence of occurred last fall in New York City left the Alliance with only a these are behind in dues. . . .

this convention.)

The frantic haste of the Communist Party to hog-tie the un- Guards'. Girls and youths were

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es turns to lead," could easily be Fascist struggle but numerous party joined the ranks of the

Activists Absent workers whose untiring efforts and organizational abilities built the Alliance and established its reputation as a class struggle weapon second to none before Mr.

The absence of these workers the organizers, "that many locals few scattered locals and most of

(The Workers Alliance dues system is a sore point with the Stalinists and they suffer untold embarrassment whenever the trance through a side door, but question is discussed out loud. The continual jacking of dues, initiation fees, and the many "special" assessments lead many use in event the crowd surged inworkers to believe that the Alli-side, and a length of iron gas ance is nothing but a collection pipe was taken from one of them. agency for Mr. Sam Wiseman and his stooges. Needless to say, of the Socialist Workers Party the question did not arise at

## 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 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' organiza-

As in New York, the Communist Party boycotted the antirank-and-file members of that

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 and hundreds of workers left the Haus as booing pickets outside smashed windows with rocks and Trotskyites." "The split which drove uniformed Bund members

"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 enwere stopped by police.

"Officers said Bund members armed themselves with clubs for "The anti-Nazis carried placards with the exhortations: 'Smash Hitler', 'Fight Against Anti-Semitism', 'Build Workers Defense employed and W.P.A. workers to prominent in the picket line, which sang the International.'

Some 18,000 dressmakers of the Tuesday for one hour on Eighth Dress Trucking Association for refusing to sign a union contract. It was an impressive sight. It should bring results to the work-

Suppose a similar demonstration had been called by the officials of the I.L.G.W.U. one day sooner as a protest against the Nazi meeting at Madison Square Garden? Suppose other unions officially had participated in our fight

against the fascists? Picture 250,000 workers surrounding Madison Square Garden hours before the Nazi meeting was called. Obviously there would have been no fascist rally.

Powerful as the anti-Nazi rally was, it could have been invincible with cooperation of the union officials.

#### Labor Officials Abjectly Silent

conspicuous only by their abject which used the Plymouth local as silence. Is this all they have learned from the experiences in Italy, political ambition and used its Germany, Austria, Spain and elsewhere?

A young reporter went around to various prominent union head- could never have been able to quarters to ask them what they thought or were going to do about the Nazi meeting.

Workers officials gave him a run- was the regular practice of this around. "Can't make any state- Stalinist gang to keep all critics ment. Joint Board members out off the floor and to howl them of town. Can't issue it myself," down if they attempted to voice declared one official who was in-

"I couldn't get within a mile of ministration. Dubinsky," the reporter said. Othate the danger, Look at the trade hall, unionists in Nazi concentration

to keep Hitler from power. lowed the C.P. policy of complete and two-bit politicians are beginsilence. So did Local 22, of the ning to scramble off as fast as I.L.G.W.U. Last week, the Love- they can. Latest desertions were stoneite Workers Age said exact- Loren Houser and Charles Madly nothing about the coming Nazi den, two of the remaining five of

#### Rank and File

#### Labor Took Action

through the splendid initiative of us in the anti-Nazi rally.

It was no accident that the very cops who broke picket lines protected the Nazi assemblage, Cops and Fascists both are anti-union er pastures in the C.I.O. to the core. Only powerful, wellorganized and militant picket lines can preserve the workers rights against them,

The rank and file in large numbers have learned this lesson from their own experience and the tragic fate of the trade union movement in Europe, That is why they joined our demonstration.

This lesson must be understood by every union man if a victorious fight against fascism is to take place.

And a real campaign to break the lethargy and inertia of the trade union bureaucracy before the menace of fascism is a major rank and file will have a formidtask for every progressive worker.

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## IN DETROIT AUTO UNION STRUGGLE

Two Meetings Show Large Majority For C.I.O.

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) DETROIT, Feb. 20 .- The first showdown in the plants between the U.A.W. and the Martin split-I. L. G. W. U. demonstrated last off group was expected here when Pat McCartney's crowd attempts Avenue at 35th St. against the to oust the stewards of the local recognized by the Executive Board and demand recognition from the Plymouth division of the Chrysler Corporation.

Two meetings of Plymouth workers were held here yesterday. The meeting organized under the auspices of the U.A.W. was attended by some 1,500 while the one sponsored by the Martin crowd drew some 300 workers. It is impossible to tell exactly how many of the workers in both meetings were bona fide Plymouth workers and how many ringers brought in to swell the size of the meeting for publicity pur-

Plymouth For C.I.O.

Even at Plymouth, despite the worst kind of Stalinist mismanagement, the majority sentiment is for the C.I.O. But if actual physical combat breaks out in the plant the original responsibility for it can be laid clearly at the Instead, the labor officials were door of the LaMotte-Stalinist gang a stepping stone of their rotten treasury (to the tune of \$10,000) as a pork barrel.

Reactionaries like McCartney mislead such a large group of workers if the Stalinists hadn't prepared the road for him. Work-The Amalgamated Clothing ers from this local testify that it some legitimate point of difference or opposition with the ad-

Another instance of this was er officials privately said the coun- given Sunday morning when an ter-demonstration was a mistake. attempt was made to prevent "Playing into the hands of the Socialist Appeals from being disfascists by giving them publicity," tributed at the meeting. When one said. It was the old story of this failed, the goon squads posted an ostrich sticking his head into themselves at the door and conthe sand when he saw danger fiscated copies of the paper from coming . . . but that didn't elimin- workers as they went into the

Meanwhie a landslide of support camps. They learned too late how continues to sweep on for the C.I.O. And as the Martin ship Stalinist - controlled unions fol- begins to sink, the job-holders Organized labor acted only very good one because, as Houser rank and file unionists who joined wasn't very much in the way of

> gram of honest, progressive, militant unionism, this local added to the groups in the large locals of Detroit, Flint and Saginaw, the

Martin Repudiates Affiliation Martin himself took a more open position against the C.I.O. yesterday when he accepted the

able voice at the Cleveland Con-

to take the "independent" road. Once again he reiterated the ridiculous assertion that the U.A.W. had never been formally affiliated with the C.I.O. Whatever truth there is in this statement, it is porters in the plants, who are wearing C.I.O. buttons. Whether call for larger and larger appro Martin has conferred with Dillon priations for war, planes, cannon has not yet been made public.

The bureaucratic move of Lewis and Co. expelling all locals to call for the diversion of all war who go to the Detroit Convention cannot but deepen the split in the U.A.W. With Flint still adequate housing program. We strongly behind Martin, a way must be left open for these locals not to kill them. We want to see to return to the fold of the C.I.O. houses built, not blown up, to see after the Martin Convention. The pitifully small forces and the structed, not destroyed. We do rotten program will undoubtedly not intend to accept the war-mon-cause many of these locals to turn gering policies of the Communist ships! Hear B. J. Widick—E. R. McKinney—George Breittheir backs on Martin. But not if

the doors are closed. Lewis and Co. are closing the that the Essex locals were denied doors so as to prevent the grow- representation of their own only ing opposition in their own ranks because the state bureaucracy from being strengthened by lo- wants to completely stifle all opcals and delegates who supported position to their rotten policies. Martin out of antagonism to the It also protested the decision of rotten Stalinist administration. | the recent national and state con-

## SHOWDOWN NEAR Bosses Use Auto Union Split to Push | MINNEAPOLIS CAB Anti-Labor Law as UAW Fails to Act DRIVERS STRIKE DETROIT, Feb. 15.—For the present union regime is creating means there can be no successful TO WIN CONTRACT

sent them to the dog-house, the payrolls instead of putting them cessful strike in Michigan. pot-bellied moneybags of Michigan are pressing the offensive on. vigilante governor in Lansing a way to greater prosperity." leader, and the new labor bill a slogan.

Paper Attacks Unionism Under the heading "Support the Governor's Labor Law," the Detroiter, organ of the Board of Commerce, howls for immediate action before labor can once again get on its feet and unite for action. Here is the editorial which covers the front page of the January 30th issue:

"There was a period in the history of the United States when its citizens pulled together, with only minor defections. That was what made this country great. "Today we have labor 'leaders and subversive malcontents making their own bids for individual gains with no regard for the well-

eing of the country at large. "Members of the Automobile Workers are engaged in a red hot inter-union row. Lewis in Washington is evidently attempting to assume complete control.

"Rival A.F.L. unions staged a fight for the whip-hand over workers in the brewing industry. A general strike was threatened to affect the delivery of all commodities, including food. Employers have had no part in the warfare. Their business was disrupted, the public inconvenienced and large payrolls stopped.

"Under such circumstances the man who wants to work and the employer who seeks to remain in business are forced to stand aside, powerless to do anything about it.

"In neither of these local brawls s there any altercation between capital and labor. Employer-em- ties and transportation is mandaployee relationships are not conhave complained about wages, point at issue is "which group is to lay up his supplies of tear going to collect the dues." Such gas, to make all arrangements for a ridiculous condition must not fink-herding and to fire the leadrecur.

"Governor Fitzgerald's inaugurlabor legislation. His bill, and aimed principally at the teamlators. Give them your opinions, wiped out! "Our legislature should see that

should put an end to internal That's a real concession from union quarrels that affect the Fitzgerald. As if a labor union gram, worth a million speeches peace, health, and safet, of our needed his sanction to put a before a bunch of rubber-necked commonwealth

first time since the 1937 sit-downs unemployment—throwing men off picketing and therefore no suc

"When labor can achieve leadagainst the labor movement. The ership that will join with citizens movement doing to kill a bill that split in the auto workers union is who want to pull together to re- will make sit-downs illegal, pregiving them their opportunity, the build America, we'll all be on our vent mass picketing and force

Conceals Purpose As the reader can see, the edi- advance? torial carefully conceals its real purpose behind a plaintive lament

be trusted to represent the work- vice versa. ers. And to the fat boys on the Chamber of Commerce: Now that come genuinely frightened by the labor is dis-united let's cram this bill down its throat!

The provisions of the bill have already been examined in a previous issue of the Socialist Appeal but they bear repetition if only to burn the seriousness of the bill selves facing prison sentences in ized workers. strikes.

The bill prohibits sit-downs and provides penalties for those engaged in them. The sit-down is the most effective weapon the automobile workers have thus far devised. Without it effective protest against speed-up on the lines, abuses by arrogant foremen, etc., etc., will be seriously impaired. The scalp of the sit-down is prize No. 1 General Motors wants from Fitzgerald in the 1939 hunting season against labor.

"Cooling-off" Period "cooling-off" period for 10 days in all industries except utilitory before a strike may be called. cerned. No strike committees The boss is to be given ample time to terrorize the weak sisters hours, or working conditions. The in the plants, to import his thugs,

ers of the coming strike long Brotherhoods; enough before it is allowed to al message proposed equitable break out. In transportation. others, now confront the House sters union, a 40-day "cooling-off"

Peaceful picketing will be legalwhatever new law is enacted ized but mass picketing outlawed. of limited duration.

"Labor Leaders" Play Game What is the Michigan labor unions to notify their enemies anywhere from 10 to 40 days in

for the poor persecuted DuPonts ments of representatives of C.I.O. Council, this week showed the and Chryslers. The obvious fraud and A.F.L. indicated they might bosses and their stooges in the is that Fitzgerald's Bill concerns take the bill provided it was city hall that organized labor is towards a mass circulation! itself in no way with inner union slightly diluted. There was even fully capable of handling its own politics. In reality, they are say- indication that the C.I.O. bureau- problems. Mayor George E. Leach ing to those who want to be crats would not raise too much tried to intervene to bring the fooled: if Labor cannot keep its of a fuss if the force of the law strike of the cab-drivers against own house in order how can it was directed at the A.F.L. and three independent cab companies

Since that time they have be- rebuffed by the drivers.

Time to Act!

Without real action and pro test, it begins to appear that the bill will soon go before the state ably heightened.

Now is the time to act against this vicious bill. Powerful protest from Michigan's still powerful labor movement will frighten the big-front politicians back under their beds-with the bill left behind as a souvenir. But the entire labor movement both C.I.O. and A.F.L. must act. How?

1. A conference of all local nions, A.F.L., C.I.O. and Railroad

2. A program of mass meetings and demonstrations in every city of the state;

3. A march on Lansing; and a and Senate Committees on Labor, period is made mandatory. 40 sit-down in the state Capitol it-Write to your governor and legis- days! In 40 days a union can be self if the bill seems likely to the Roosevelt war machine was pass; and

4. If possible, a general strike

This is a concrete simple prosleepy picket with an "unfair" monkeys in the legislature. It is "Honest labor leaders have the before a curiosity shop! But mass the only way to eliminate the eclfare of the workers in their picketing-the auto plants em- greatest danger to the labor

#### Show Workers Can Handle Own Problems

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 19 .- The Minneapolis Taxicab Drivers' and When the bill was first pre- Helpers Union, Local 958, backed sented to the legislature, state- by the powerful Teamsters Joint to a speedy close, but was curtly

On Feb. 15, last year's contracts nature of the bill and at least for between Local 958 and the cabpublic consumption they have operators, expired. Negotiations dropped this cynical game. But for a new contract were started there is no doubt that behind the in January between the union and scenes, Fitzgerald is playing off the Yellow Taxi Co., largest of one labor organization against the operators. On Feb. 10, an another-and that "Labor lead- agreement was reached, calling into the minds of Michigan's ers" are taking part in this game for reduction of hours from 10 workers before they find them- to the great peril of the organ- to nine, and a guaranteed salary of \$18 a week, plus 40% of the proceeds over \$45.

Demand Same Agreement

One hour before midnight, on Feb. 15, the independent operators legislature and become law, agreed to negotiate. The union Michigan will then follow Oregon demanded the same agreement into an anti-union strait-jacket, that had been signed with the Militant workers have been heard Yellow Taxi Co. No settlement saying that they will strike irre- was reached by midnight, so the spective of the bill, when they drivers struck. The Yellow Taxi please, and picket how they Co. continued to operate under please. Perhaps they will! But the agreement with Local 958, the difficulties will be immeasur- and the next day hired about 40 of the striking drivers, putting press my appreciation of a paper all their cabs on the streets.

> The strike is now four days old. The working drivers have been assessed \$1 a day each to assist their striking brothers, and all signs point to an early and easy victory for the union.

## FINK-RUN WAA **MEETING WAVES** FDR WAR FLAG

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clearly indicated in the many speeches of the "leaders."

Said Mr. Herbert Benjamin, general secretary-treasurer of the Alliance: "We do not want hunger marches any more in the United States. We believe that after nine years of unemployment we should MANHATTAN

miserable bureaucrat who can be BRONX bought with the promise of a piecard if the workers are misled successfully into the army and navy of the bosses.

"Full support to the 'progressives' in congress and in the state and city government," pleads Mr. Benjamin and his fellow scabherders. The LaGuardia sales-tax and the Roosevelt war burget are Progressive," and woe unto any who disagree. Frame-ups, gangster methods and muck-throwing are the Stalinist answer to revolutionists who are not afraid to expose these cheap, petty parasites.

Another reversal of policy in the fight for adequate relief brings to light the complete and shameless role of Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Wiseman. This is the shifting of the responsibility for relief from the Federal Government. Now the plan is to make each State take over the administration of home relief and work relief, following closely Roosevelt's latest lead. In order to insure in advance ample cannon-fodder for the generals, in order to insure in advance a large, cheap labor market for the Tom Girdlers and the Henry Fords, the Communist Party advocates open slavery and full submission to the program of reaction.

These union-wreckers will continue to wave the flag, to speak in the name of "democracy" and. when the war comes, play the role of spy in the ranks of labor unless the rank and file of the Alliance and of every trade union and workers organization take steps to drive out and smash this filthy G.P.U. and all its stooges.

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politicians." War Funds To Unemployed The action of the Stalinists in jamming down the throats of the unemployed their jingo-war pronot recognized by thousands of gram drew forth the following auto workers, even Martin sup- protest: "It is not the business of an unemployed organization to guns, as was done at the February 4 convention; it is rather our duty funds to the unemployed to be used for relief, for W.P.A., for an want money to save human lives roads, hospitals and schools con-

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#### By Dwight OFF Macdonald RECORD THE

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 "Munitions" 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 impingly 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 libertles left us by our own government are worth fighting for and preserving." This voice of sanity in a mad world was raised by The Commercial & Financial Chonicle. 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,"

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 cardboard 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 INTERNA-TIONAL 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 Dally 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 myselfthought 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.

MEN AND WOMEN OF LABOR

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 flery "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.

#### lailed 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-journeyman bookbinder who startled 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 viotence 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 antisocialist 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

played a dominant role in the labor battles of

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 Reople's Association (the "Black International") with Parsons and Spies. The platform of the "Black International" pointed to the inefficacy 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

## Members of the Communist Party 10

(Continued from Page 1)

eyes: they give aid and comfort to the fascists-and fight the anti-

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

of the many incidents reported

to the Appeal of the reaction

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This time he was selling the So-

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attracted the attention of many

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tional.)

provocation:

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

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, Czechosolvakia, 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 fu-

ture or in distant lands, but bere 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!

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#### MORE SIDELIGHTS "I Am Joining the S.W.P." LA GUARDIA COPS ON THE ANTI-NAZI By RUTH RAFFER just didn't know what to say or I am joining the Socialist Work- do so he just beat it: because, **DEMONSTRATION** after all, could he have denied

Where was Norman Thomas on made their first stand in New sands of the people's public ser-Among the thousands who York? Why wasn't he out on the answered the S.W.P.'s call to streets making as courageous an the anti-Fascist counter-demonattack upon New York fascism as he made on Newark fascism? assemble peacably and picket, bestration last Monday night Can the local brand of Nazism were many members and sympossibly be a more democratic pathizers of the Communist and Socialist parties and of the Where was Angelo Herndon, Lovestoneite Independent Labor League. Here are a few

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 "Much to my surprise I saw a have been thinking to have C.P. member on our picket line. drugged their followers into the Guardia's police on 8th Ave. along non-resistance? Perhaps these right fine job of defending him of being beneath the contempt of self. Later on, during our parade the civilized Jew?

on Broadway I saw him again. Where, just incidentally, was from two oppressed peoples? He Workers Party.

Hitler's agents the right of free Monday night when the Fascists speech—and protection, by thouvants, against the indignation of the people? Of course he could deny the right of the people to cause 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 deploring demonstration. But the people of New York did iting some friends on the evening not deplore demonstration: they are anti-Nazi and not afraid to He was trading blows with La traditional Jewish state of passive in the Fourth International, who and I went to 50th Street. say so. And they found leaders, fore I reached a subway entrance while meting out equal justice to with our comrades and doing a Nazis will shrivel at the thought and lead their ranks—thousands has seen in many a year.

the Little Flower who springs I am joining the Socialist

## Farrell Demands Mayor Explain Protecting Nazis

### Liberty Bell was. I threw it in a La Guardia's Entire Conduct Reminiscent Of Democrats in Italy, Germany

fight the fascists, just let me know - I'll be there. I never thought the Communist Party who was present as an observer licemen, and obviously only try- he doubled up his gloved fist and would actually desert the workers at the Madison Square Garden ing to defend himself, was brutally at a time when the Fascists were counter-demonstration, has sent to punched by a detective. On Forty planning a real attack in New the press and to several promi- Ninth Street, around the corner "It took me more than 20 years to learn," said an old worker at police brutality which he sent to them youths, with bruised heads our newsstand this morning. "To think that in 20 years the Social officials:

"To Mayor LaGuardia:

Democrats would learn nothing "Why was an anti-Fascist demthe Trotskyites are the only ones and Broadway between ten-thirty who are wise to the Fascists. I and eleven o'clock last night while will go along with them to this the Fascist meeting of the Gerpicket line and to hell with the man-American Bund at Madison old bureaucrats in the Rand Square Garden was protected by got in a couple of beautiful socks troopers who did police duty in- Fascists. Why? myself. (This worker, a machin- side of the meeting?

ist, is over 60 years of age and he "In front of the Rivoli Theatre, has decided that he is not too old to take his place on the line with "Where were you-and where mercy. Witnesses of this were

picket line I asked them why the Trotkyites. They know now what and murdered." Y.C.L. did not come out and dem- the Trotskyites stand for-and onstrate against the Fascists. They how!"

James T. Farrell, noted novelist, other one, trapped by several ponent individuals in New York, the and just east of Broadway, there wait until we get you to the stafollowing letter of protest against were other demonstrators, most of Mayor LaGuardia and other city and faces, and young girls screaming hysterically.

of democracy was upheld when had jerked his horse and took a one group was permitted to meet punch at him. I saw the leastet in the "Daily onstration broken up in front of one group was permitted to meet punch at him. News" and I said to myself, 'Yes, the Rivoli Theatre at Forty Ninth at Forty Ninth Street and Eighth Avenue, and another suppressed by force at Forty Ninth and of cruelty to animals against Broadway?

"Citizens of New York were treated to the following policy by School. And I did go along. See cordons of policemen, not to men- the authorities: police protection this lump on my face? Well, I lion an army of uniformed storm- for Fascists, police clubs for anti-"These events are reminiscent

of pre-Fascist Italy and pre-Fasc-

after the anti-Fascist demonstra- ist Germany. In these countries, tors had been dispersed, I saw the democratic authorities also policemen slugging two helpless conferred the benefits of police demonstrators who were at their protection on Fascists, and the benefits of the police power on was the I.L.L. (Independent Labor herded off by the police officers anti-Fascists. I quote from what League)?" said an excited girl in with all the necessary efficiency. Miss Dorothy Thompson, who atthe union hall. "You say the One of these men was lying help- tended the Madison Square Gar-Trotskyites are only a small hand-less on the sidewalk, crying out den meeting, stated in this mornful of sectarians yet they were the that his leg was injured, an ex- ing's HERALD TRIBUNE: "The only ones who dared take the lead pression of pain on his face. The entire meeting was familiar to me. I saw an exact duplicate of it Age' talks so much about. Don't replied that the Y.C.L leaders told in the Berlin Sports Palast in 1931. them not to associate with the That meeting was also 'protected' of baloney. Go on back to Local Trotskyite-Fascists." "But why," by the police of the German Re-22 and help make deals with the I asked, "is it all right for your public. Three years later the peo-Stalinists . . . . don't peddle your leaders to break up Trotskyite ple who had been in charge of phoney talk to me any more-I meetings and not meetings of the that meeting were in charge of left the I.L.L. last night, my for- Bund?" There was no answer. the government of Germany, and mer friend, and I will be with the They marched along and with the the German citizens against whom, Trotskyites fighting—not talking." Trotskyites went into action in 1931, exactly the same state-"When I saw a couple of Club against the Fascists. Now they ments had been made as were be-Malraux (a Young Communist understand why the Y.C.L leaders ing made to-night by Mr. Kunze, League club) members on the tell them not to associate with were being beaten, expropriated.

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

# BEAT UP NEGRO IN STATION

## 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 visof the meeting.

"The police turned me back be-

"Black Son-of-a-Bitch" "There were quite a few police

walk and said, 'Get back." bitch," he said. Then he stuck what's a little bit of forgery in his spurs in the horse's flanks, the business world.

making it lunge at me. "I reached up my arms to pro-

tect myself from the horse and oulled 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, struck me in the mouth. "On the way down to the police

"At the station house he wanted to make an assault charge. He started the frame-up going by "Why was this? What principle telling the desk sergeant that I

> Beaten At Station "'Why don't you bring a charge

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 20, many thousands of anti-fascist sat me in a chair. Then the po- workers gathered in the vicinity liceman who had brought me of Madison Square Garden to down took off his coat and said, protest against the provocative You god damn black Communist. Nazi meeting. Numbers of these

ashamed I'm an American."" Bail of \$100 was furnished by

under the American flag."

Prisoners and Refugees. Hearing was set for February 23.

streets of New York last evening going to be investigated? Or do protecting the fascists. We ask the taxpayers of this city support the police department in order sible city authorities immediately that these men can herd the public like sheep, attack anti-Fascist these actions. The American Fund. pickets, tear their banners from which has offered its services to them, and slug them?

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

> Sincerely yours, James T. Farrell

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 throned between the Princess Tortonia 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 Rotterdamsche 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 criticised Pope Pius XI as a defender of Capitalism ... for his crusade against Soviet

Russia . . , and for maintaining good relations with Spanish In-Driven By Mounted surgents 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

#### both rich and poor. Forgery not Widespread

Faced with proof of forging of strong-in the most heartening there, and one of them mounted names of policy holders to ballots mass demonstration New York on a horse rode up on the side in the company's biennial elections, officials of the Metropol "'I'm going home," I told him. Life Insurance Company said the "'Get back you black son-of-a- practice was not widespread. And

#### 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 station he kept repeating: 'Just and byways of the U.S. for the past ten years have been unable to find the missing Billion hours

# **Protest Delegation**

(Continued from Page 1)

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

"On Monday evening, February I am an American and fought anti-fascists who were doing nothing but exercising their consti-"He started beating me while I tutional right of picketing the was in the chair. When I stood meeting in a peaceful fashion, up from the pain of it, he kicked were ridden down and trampled me in the stomach. 'If this is the upon by mounted police, and bruway Americans do, I said, I'm tally beaten by uniformed and plainclothes policemen.

"The American Fund for Pothe American Fund for Political litical Prisoners and Refugees energetically protests against these unwarranted attacks against the anti-fascists by the police, who devoted their entire energies to that the mayor and other responinstitute an investigation into several of the demonstrators who were beaten and arrested during the demonstration, is prepared to submit affidavits fully substantiating its charges against the po703-2016

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- hour weekly maximum for all workers on all jobs. 5. Thirty dollar weekly old-age and disability pension.
- 6. Expropriate the Sixty Families.
- 7. All war funds to the unemployed.
- 8. A people's referendum on any and all wars.
- 9. No secret diplomacy.
- 10. An independent Labor party.
- 11. Workers Defense Guards against Vigilante and Fascist attacks.

## 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 twiceweekly 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 twiceweekly 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 bethere 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 scabbery 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

"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 recevied 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 widelypublicised 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 scabbery 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

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.

lust 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.)

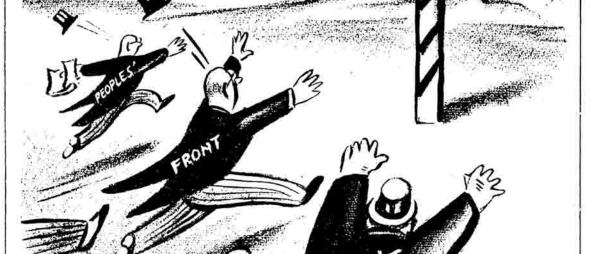
Columbia Gas & Electric Corp	\$10,244,489
Brooklyn Union Gas Co	
Public Service Co. of No. Illinois	3,635,025
Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co	6,825,924
Kansas City Power & Light Co	
Continental Can Co	
Owens-Illinois Glass Co	5,383,805
Mead Johnson & Co	1,608,212
Union Oll Co. of California	6,832,758
General Baking Co	2,713,425
Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Co	
Detroit Edison Co	8,218,672
Southern California Edison Co	
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	
Louisville Gas & Electric of Delaware.	1,197,006
York Railways Co	2,744,738
Texas Corp	23,500,000
Underwood-Elliott Fisher Co	1,767,596
Carrier Corp.	1,061,000
Cons. Gas, E., L., & P. of Baltimore	5,853,140
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
then there's so many profits Company	

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-venders. 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



"No Pasaran"

FRANCE

# Dark Cloak of Secrecy Lifted From FDR War Entanglement

confirmation of the widespread belief that President Roosevelt the Committee and the President French and British has committed the United States categorically refused to make Britain or France came today the meeting or to explain what when Representative Vinson of had been divulged by Roosevelt public. The Committee refused. Georgia in a sensational address under oath of secrecy. their own language."

ten-day adjournment called by coming world slaughter. lic from coast to coast had indi- fering from a "cold."

he first bluntly outspoken de- Hemisphere. fense of Roosevelt's war entanglements since the adjournment of ing demagogically about the right recalled from Germany. He would the Senate.

an infuriated public opinion to Senate was again convened. further criticize the administra-

War-Negotiations is clearly evident from the fol-

lowing series of events: (1) A bombing plane developed for the United States army under great secrecy crashed accidently 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, eign power.

Sworn to Secrecy (3) President Roosevelt atempted 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.

(4) Roosevelt denied to the ficials had differed with the Pres-

ow public opinion to cool off after make further comment on the af- spired by the State Department. disclosures that shocked the pub- fair, reporting that he was suf-

administration under cover of ington for Florida to indulge in been occurring despite the pledge secrecy have engaged the nation a little fishing in the Carribean of secrecy imposed upon all memto enter the coming world war. Sea . . . and incidentally take bers and urged that all members Vinson's speech regarding the charge of war game maneuvers adhere to the rule against disadministration's war policy was involving the entire Western closing any confidential testi-

of the American people to know not speak until the committee It was thought by Roosevelt about their coming slaughter and stenographer and clerks had left partisans that the country-wide alleging that they would rip away the room. After questioning him. opposition to his secret diplomacy the entire dark cloak of secrecy Committee members stated for was "without leadership" and from the President's entangle the benefit of the public that he "without plan" and that after the ments with Britain and France, had given them no new informaten day adjournment, members agreed that the anger of their tion for fear of injuring his "fuof Congress who depend upon constituents had died down ture usefulness." demagogic opposition to the war enough to make it possible for

plunge the United States into war mony to be given by witnesses. (10) Senator Austin of the Comtheir special knowledge Army of Rhine."

WASHINGTON, D. C.-Further American people that he had ident over the advisability of dismade such a statement but both closing military secrets to the (11) Secretary of the Treasury

to enter any war involving Great public the stenographic report of Morgenthau asked that previous secret testimony of his be made (12) It became known that the

to the House of Representatives (5) Fear and resentment swept secrecy surrounding the activities defended the sale of planes to the nation and the Senate was of the French experts in the these countries and announced adjourned for ten days by Roose- United States had come at the that "America now finds it neces velt leaders to avoid answering request of American officials, sary to answer the dictators in questions over Roosevelt's agree- probably directly from Roosevelt ments and commitments to himself, the denials of the French Congress convened again after plunge the United States into the Embassy that it knew anything of the presence here of an air mis-Democratic Party leaders to al- (6) The President refused to sion being an "ignorance" in-

(13) The Senate Military Committee carried on a bitter discuscated that the President and his (7) The President left Wash- sion about the leaks which have (8) Senators who had been rag- bassador Hugh Wilson, recently

(14) The President enroute to plans would not be compelled by them to skip over the issue. The Key West gave a press conference, during which he went "off (9) The Military Affairs Com- the record" twice to explain to mittee continued its hearings on the reporters of the capitalist "defense needs" (President's war press his estimate of the war situ-That the President and Con- program), and in secret sessions ation. No information of this exgress are carrying on secret ne- decided to make public an expur- planation to the reporters apgotiations with foreign nations to gated edition of part of the testi- peared in the press, but the New York Times mentioned that it "seemed to throw light on statemittee disclosed that the United ments by Senate Military Affairs States Army has a "vast network | Committeemen quoting Mr. Rooof intelligence agents throughout sevelt as saying that this counthe world," and that because of try's military frontier was on the

#### JAMES, RUSSELL DEBATE CAPITALIST SYSTEM BEFORE LARGE AUDIENCE

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) CHICAGO-Before a crowd of socialism, Russell argued that 650 at the Mandel Hall, University only the method of "persuasion of Chicago, C.L.R. James routed could improve society. Bertrand Russell in a debate on the defense of capitalist democwere made available to the for- racy. The debate, held on Feb. 1. class that socialism is a superior attracted considerable interest social order, he declared. Through outside of the University circles. this means and by education he A large number of workers at hoped to see the coming of social

> Russell, while contending that made clear that he was, above all, he endorsed the Munich pact since it gave the world a "little peace." He abhorred violence no matter tance of the workers to their per-

the oppressed of the world was

James Analyzes Society We must persuade the capitalist

James, on his part, analyzed the he too, was in favor of socialism, class character of capitalist society and demonstrated unassailably a pacifist. Because of his pacifism that violence was one of its main characteristics. He went on to show how every gain for the workers was obtained through from what source it sprung-both uncompromising struggle, that the the violence of the ruling class ruling class always resisted with against the workers and the resis- arms any threat to its existence. Persuasion, said James, meant

# IN THIS

By Max Shachtman

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

The press of the Jewish bourgeoisie and its socialdemocratic 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 counterdemonstration. 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

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 gi. ls 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.I 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 lewish Daily For ward, 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

"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 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 secution. In answer to James' only reconciling oneself to the we did, "history" would not do our own job for us statement that the only hope for continued existence of capitalism. Into the party, into the fight, and on to the victory

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