# Demonstrate Against W.P.A. Cuts on April 1st!

# You Will Be Next If You Do Not Act Now

One million W.P.A. workers are being cut off the payroll this week.

One million workers are being sent back to the scrap-heap, back to the breadlines, back to the misery and starvation of 1931 and 1932.

This is only the beginning.

The entire W.P.A. is being wiped out by Roosevelt and by Congress in favor of a four billion dollar war budget.

Two million more are to follow unless action by the workers forces Roosevelt and Congress to retreat. The dismissal slips are already prepared. They say there is no money. They say taxes must be reduced. They say there are jobs in private industry for every worker. They say prosperity is just around the corner. .... Heel of Franco

YOU KNOW THEY LIE. You know that four easily be taken away and used to put workers back on the job.

YOU KNOW THEY LIE. You know there are no jobs in private industry because you have tried to find these jobs. You know that unless there is a bigger W.P.A. three million workers will remain unemployed.

YOU KNOW THEY LIE. You know the 60 families have not been over-taxed. You know they are still in control of billions of dollars. You know the unemployed and relief workers have been taxed to the limit through sales-taxes and wage reductions. You know there is plenty of money and resources available for the workers of America.

YOU KNOW THEY LIE. When the Stalinist Workers Alliance tells you to rely upon post cards and telegrams. When the W.A.A. promises not to count the ballots sent in by workers who want to march to Washington until after Congress has voted to fire one million workers, YOU KNOW THEY LIE TO THE WORKERS WHO WANT TO FIGHT AGAINST THE LAYOFFS.

YOU KNOW HOW TO WIN JOBS. You know that the workers never get anything for nothing. Unless you are ready to fight-ready to strike, to demonstrate, to march on Washington, the cuts will go through. ACT NOW. Once you are off the job you are unable to strike effectively. Once you are dismissed you are separated from your fellow workers. YOU KNOW ALL THIS.

ACT NOW. Join the Unemployed and Project Workers Union.

ACT NOW. Demonstrate at 70 Columbus Ave. on April I at 10 A.M.

# **Uneasy Interlude** Opens in Europe Junta did his work for him, broke off surrender negotiations and in-

Initiative Remains in Hitler's Hands While Powers Seek Way Out

Europe this week entered upon a brief, uneasy interlude between ago had been sent to be disarmed

changes, without a general war.

He had incorporated Bohemia and and on the hope that the econom-Moravia into the Reich, established control over Slovakia, recovered Memel, and signed pacts with Lithuania and Rumania

which brought both those coun-

tries into the widening German

His axis partner, Mussolini, bast, the Italian Duce did not get Europe. too specific and he left the door wide open for negotiations with events test these calculations. Paris, On Wednesday Premier Hitler, driven remorselessly for-Daladier was expected to answer ward by the desperate strain in may be that worker-regiments of the City Hall. The Workers

from the Reich,

"Declaration" Fails The British attempt to secure a four power declaration "against Africa and Latin America. further Nazi aggression" failed dismally. It failed because its intent was purely platonic. Poland refused to go along unless London and Paris explicitly declared they were ready for an armed showdown. With its ears still cocked for some friendly word from Hit-Bars Anti-War Members from Presenting ler, the Soviet Government said it

would not join unless Poland did. And when it became clear that London and Paris still fear war and the inevitable collapse of their empires even more than they fear Hitler's program at this March 24, of Local 5 of the Amerstage, the whole project tell ican Federation of Teachers, the through, leaving Hitler in a position to take off on his next coup sal of the traditional anti-war pretty much when he pleases.

The French and British boss politicians understand, however, that they will have to meet Hitler's force with force sooner or later. They bank now on a fresh ering position; but this was the attempt to break Mussolini away first time they dared openly in away on a legislative report from his none-too-well-beloved ally the union to come out for arms-

ic weakness of the Greater Reich will result in collapse before Hiter can cash in on his gains. At that juncture, with their own armament programs farther advanced, they would be better prepared to take the plunge.

And always they cling to the made a speech Sunday in which hope of bringing about a Soviethe demanded that France meet German war that will weaken his demands for colonial adjust- both these powers and leave the ments in the Mediterranean and road clear for the re-establishment Africa. For all his violent bom- of their own domination in

It will not take long before in a similar spirit, indicating German economy, is doomed to there were determined to continue France's readiness to come to plunge on into fresh adventures. some kind of understanding with The great "have" powers, France, Italy in the hope of detaching it Britain, and the United States, of affairs, so that fascist forces will fight to keep Hitler from getting too much of their own loot in the vast empires of Asia and

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

membership meeting Friday,

It had been long evident to

any union member that the Stal-

inists had shifted to a war-mong-

record for a pro-war line.

NEW YORK-In a stormy

Teachers' Union Adopts

Position in Union Magazine

Stalinists pushed through a rever on the union's participation in

policy of the union and put it on American League for Peace and

War Monger's Program

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# FIGHT W.P.A. SLASHES

# Madrid Crushed Under

billions spent for destruction and death could just as Junta, Despairing of Keeping Things Under Control, Finally Invites Fascist Hordes to Come In

### ARMY IS HANDED OVER

### Their Friend Miaja

By LEON TROTSKY (Special to the Socialist Appeal)

COYOACAN, D. F., March 24-As I see from the last issue of the Socialist Appeal received here, the Stalinists try to link us with Miaja and his staff. The Socialist Appeal has already given a clear answer to this frameup. In this connection permit me to quote from my article, "The Lesson of Spain," written in December, 1937. Analyzing the possibility. under certain circumstances, of a rapprochement between the leaders of fighting camps, I wrote: "It is not difficult to understand that in the case of this variant the final remnants of the 'democracy' will prove to be stifled in the fraternal embrace of the generals Miaja (Communist!) and Franco (Fascist!)."

Marxist theory gives the possibility of foreseeing some things even on a personal plane. Stalinist practice (here there is no theory at all) consists of combinations of betravals and frameups.

### BULLETIN

Franco's army entered Madrid Tuesday morning. General Jose Miaja, and other mem-bers of bis Junta, fied to Valencia. Their last act was to surrender the remaining loyalist troops in Central Spain to the mercies of Franco.

Madrid's surrender was expected hourly as France, having stood aside while the Popular Front sisted on concluding the civil war by force of arms.

Upon a demand last Saturday from Franco, the Junta had already agreed to surrender its air force—the Loyalist navy weeks and interned in French Algiers-Hitler rested for a moment on his laurels. In ten days he had but Franco did not wait for comslashed away again at the map of Europe and made far-reaching pliance with this demand. For his purposes it sufficed that, before it had secured any guarantees, the Popular Front Junta had already publicly announced it was surrendering its airplanes.

### Drive Opens

On Sunday Franco launched an offensive against the southern front in central Spain, near Cordoba. Loyalist troops, who since the Junta took over the government on March 5 have heard nothing from their leaders but preparations for surrender, provided little resistance against the advancing fascist troops.

But on the Madrid front the de facto truce continued, and reports indicated that the reason for this resistance, and that the Junta 15 or 20 members skulking downhad warned Franco of this state were launched first to reduce other fronts. The N.Y. Times correspondent

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The occasion was the report by

Abraham Feingold, chairman of

Fascist Committee of the union,

the January congress of the

Democracy. Though the meeting

had been called for the express

purpose of discussing Feingold's

report, in typical Stalinist fash-

ion the first hour was frittered

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the so-called Anti-War and Anti-

# **NEWARK JOBLESS** SLICE RELIEF

### Union Lays Plans For Action on April 1st

(Special to the Socialist Appeul) lief and W.P.A. Union of Essex County moved forward last week on two fronts in the fight for adequate cash relief for Newgle to prevent any lay-offs on sufficient to dominate the conven-

of about 50 per cent in the 1939 relief budget. According to his ping all relief to single men, workers in industry with large dent.

Jobless Act

The unemployed responded by sistance Board, which met to take up Malady's proposal, with a picket line of 200 workers in front Alliance appeared, too, with about heartedly about the halls of the building, putting their "pressure" on the Board.

The Board met with the Union committee first, and notified them that they had "considered Malady's proposal' 'and had decided to tell him "to make another survey" and "bring in other proposals for a retrenchment program." But the beavy cuts Malady urged ters of Lewis' intervention a few down by Yankee imperialist mawere definitely discarded.

### Ready for More

After that the picket line asdrawing hundreds of passers-by, and held a short meeting where speakers explained the reason for and the results of the picket line and urged that the unemproposals.

attention to a mass picket line nine board members. ir. front of the state headquarters of W.P.A. to be held on Saturday,

# BALK PROPOSALS Lewis Prepares Showdown With CP at Auto Convention

The program of the Third

the convention.

Third Group's Program Meets Favorable George F. Addes, secretary-treas-Response as Convention Opens With Majority of Workers Represented

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Mar. 27-A major showdown between the forces directed by the Communist Party and the locals backed by John L. Lewis and the top C.I.O. leadership, looms at the United reported 469 delegates, represent-Automobile Workers Convention

The convention opened today with a clean-cut division between ark's relief clients and the strug- these contending forces. The Stalinists control a huge bloc of votes,

Relief Director Malady had the incoming Executive Boardif a major attack is not launched proposed two weeks carlier a cut against them by the big local unions and the C.I.O. leadership. The spearhead of the anti-Stalin-"retrenchment program," this ist bloc in the convention consist was to be accomplished by stop- of the big Briggs local, of which Emil Mazey is president; the enormous West Side Detroit local. families of two, and all unem- headed by Walter Reuther; and ployables, and all supplementary the Detroit Chrysler local, of

### C. P. Jittery

Adolph Germer, Leo Krycski and at least ten other C.I.O. organizers are at the convention. appearing before the local As- trying to whip up sufficient anti-Communist Party sentiment, John L. Lewis himself has not yet made any public declaration, but speculation is rife among convention delegates that it will be he who will deliver the major blow against the Stalinists.

The Communist Party leadership is obviously jittery in anticipation of the expected attack. At the Stalinist whips for the first time spoke against "C.I.O. dictatorship," and the "John L. Lewis at the Club Hatuey Hall. invasion," although they themselves had been the chief promothe faction fight in the union.

The Stalinist-led caucus finally sembled in front of the City Hall, decided to send a committee to see the C.I.O. representatives and plause every time one of the to seek a compromise with them. Ally With Reactionaries

The Communist Party group is particularly concerned with seployed remain on their toes, with curing preservation of the prestheir eyes open, ready to respond ent size of the Executive Board by Roosevelt's gunmen. Ernesto immediately to Malady's next of twenty-five members, while the Concepcion de Gracia was thuntop C.I.O. forces want to cut the The Union has now turned its board down to three officers and the flaming question:

In its attempt to preserve the numerous posts now held by its Germany is doing to Czechoslo-April 1, where they will show stooges, the Communist Party is vakia, when they are doing the mand for independence; Rockwell quite plainly the attitude of the believed to be in alliance with the same thing on this side of the Kent, front-man for the Stalinists project workers to the scheduled worst reactionaries, the old Mar- ocean, when they oppress and in artistic circles, whose contritin supporters on the executive slaughter the Puerto Rican people,

plants. The credentials committee ing a membership of 170,202

three-fourths of the union and is was the President's plan to throw a crushing answer to Martin's unemployed workers on the streets

Group, recently organized, calling gressive resolutions and steps will away with larger slashes - and it for a fight against the Stalinists be adopted, although the tone of is making every effort to get on the basis of a militant, class- the convention and the character this plan put through-so it cut struggle position, is meet of many of the resolutions will \$150,000,000 off the original reing with a warm and favorable be determined by the Lewis C.P. response from a large group of fight.

delegates, and will have much in-Convention areaways, hotels fluence in determining policy at and the town are filthy with Stal- Appropriations Committee calling John L. Lewis' lieutenants are Gebert, Communist Party district W.P.A. on April 1. On May 1, relief to W.P.A. workers and which William Marshall is presi- pushing for the chief posts R. J. organizer of Detroit, to Arnold 600,000 more will be cut, and on Thomas, for president; Walter Johnson and a crew of similar

The convention undoubtedly demonstrate, unless the employed represents the overwhelming ma- and unemployed strike together, jority of organized auto workers Roosevelt will win and the W.P.A. in the major corporations—Gen- will be a thing of the past and the eral Motors and Chrysler—the in- unemployed will be back where dependents, and the major parts they were under Hoover.

This figure represents at least Congress for the \$875,000,000 it

quest.

inist officials, ranging from B. K. for the first slash of 400,000 from Reuther, vice-president; and flunkies.

## "Independence" Is Cry at Meeting of Puerto Ricans

Denounce Roosevelt at Commemoration admits that it intends to throw Of 1937 Massacre

Four hundred members of New | when they throw into Atlanta York's Puerto Rican colony, demanding freedom for their people, their caucus meeting, last night, commemorated the second anniversary of the Palm Sunday mas sacre of Ponce, last Friday night A peaceful parade of Puerto

months ago as the solution for chine gun and rifle fire on Palm Sunday, 1937. "Independencia!" The Club Hatuey Hall rang with cheers and ap-

Ricans was cold-bloodedly mowed

speakers voiced that demand. Rosario Rodriguez simply and graphically described the massacre of the unarmed paraders, includ ing his own father and brother,

derously applauded when he flung "How dare the Roosevelts speak

prison Pedro Albizu Campos and our other Nacionalista leaders?" Lorenzo Pineiro Rivera clearly and succinctly answered the Stalinists and liberals who try to channelize the issue into merely reformist roads. Governor Blanton Winship, said he, "Is not the cause of Puerto Rico's troubles, he is merely the instrument; the cause is Yankee imperialism, led by the smiling Roosevelt himself." False Friends

Pineiro Rivera's pointed re marks were directed against three guest speakers who, far from solidarizing themselves with the demand for Puerto Rican independence, tried to channelize the issue into merely reformist roads. These guest speakers were: a Mr. William Bianchi, substituting for Congressman Vito Marcantonio, the Stalinist stooge, who of liberty and democracy, of what blandly omitted any mention either of Roosevelt or of the de-

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# Million Due

Fighting Action Will Force Congress to Provide Funds

### JOIN PICKET LINE!

The layoffs are here. They are hard, cold, facts. There can be no more fooling around - no more delay. Only by militant actionstrikes, demonstrations, hunger marches, can the blows of the Roosevelt campaign to destroy the entire W.P.A. and return three million workers to the breadlines, the garbage pails and the open-shops be stopped. Only by decisive and immediate action can the hundreds of thousands of dismissal slips-prepared long in advance—he stopped.

Now-before it is too late the workers must rally to hold their ranks and fight back before they are cut off the pay roll. Once the cuts have gone through the workers will be divided. Some will be completely separated from their fellow workers and thus demoralized. Others will be too scared to act. Unless the projects are struck, unless the workers

1,200,000 to Go According to Colonel Harring ton, when Roosevelt first asked at the rate of 150,000 a month. It is expected that many pro- But Congress thinks it can get

> Last Thursday Colone! Harrington submitted a plan to the House June 1, 200,000 more. Harrington proposes to cut by projects disregarding "individual needs."

All the doomed persons within these quotas will be in need. Workers considered not in need vere removed long ago.

Can't Go on Relief

The government how frankly needy workers on the streets. Relief budgets for the balance of the year are all sct. They have been established and the additional hundreds of thousands of applicants will be expected to shift for themselves.

Congress, in granting only \$725,-000,000 for relief, made clear that it will give more if an emergency arises. This means that if the unemployed and fired workers stage strikes and demonstrations, if the uneaployed are determined not to accept this knife in the back. then Congress will be prepared to

There is plenty of money to be had for W.P.A. The War budget amounts to more than four billion dollars. The Roesevelt administration is reducing taxes. The 60 families have not even been touched for any real dough. The money is there. And it can be had.

They are asking for it-Let's give it to them.

Get on the picket line at 70 Columbus Avenue at:

10 A.M. sharp on Saturday, April 1st.

The attitude of the railroad brotherhoods towards the proposal of an American Congress of Labor, which was rejected by the A. F. of L., has not been given much attention. As a matter of fact, so little is known about the railroad unions, espe

port briefly on them. The "Big Four" brotherhoods which John L. Lewis wanted to hold the balance of power in the proposed A. C. of L. comprise more than 300,000 railroad work-

unionists, that we herewith re-

Largest of these is the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen with 134,000 members, according to A. F. Whitney, its president. He, by the way, is a New Dealer who plays ball with the Stalinists representative of the League for nose. Peace and Democracy (the Stalinist war mongering outfit) into the United Rubber Workers convention in 1937.

### Wealthiest Labor

Bureaucracy in Country

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, of which Alvanley Johnston is president, estimates drivers for a 3-state contract, its membership at 60,000. It is the establishing uniform conditions oldest of the Big Four, since it as to pay for trips and lay-over was founded in 1863.

An estimated 78,000 members belong to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. It is headed by the smooth Mr. D. B. Robertson.

The fourth of the big unions as distinguished from the "shop crafts," is the Order of Railway Conductors with between 35,000 to 40,000 members J. A. Phillips is president.

It is considered very unlikely that these "Big Four" will give up their independence, although repeated efforts have already been made behind the scenes by both the C.I.O. and the A. F. of L. to win them over

These operating unions represent mainly the engineers, firemen, conductors, brakemen, switchmen and flagmen. They often have jurisdictional disputes. for their claims to membership overlap one another. The duplication of officials, etc., bas created perhaps the largest and wealthiest labor bureaucracy in the area have threatened "unit! off for the force were cancelled, the country. Railroad union cone ed front" action, and have al- and special instructions were isventions are notorious for their ready made the gesture of with- sued to the cops on how to deal length. Usually delegates get all drawing from operation trucks most efficiently with the roving

### Employment and Wages Drop

In contrast to the "Casey Jones" are the "shop crafts" mentioned before. There are 17 of these, which have affiliation to the A. F. of L. The leaders of all trainmen got together in 1926 Puerto Rican Cry the railroad unions except the and formed the Railway Labor Executives Union to work unitedly on wage problems, etc. The Brotherhood of Trainmen cooperates closely with this committee of which George M. Harrison, president of the A. F. of L. Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees is chairman.

Among the main problems fac- it but they mustn't use force or ing the railroad workers is the violence. steady increase in unemployment. In the past year, for example over 100,000 railroad workers on class one lines have lost their jobs, according to the U.S. Department of Laber. About 943,000 are employed by the class one railway systems now, exclusive of executives, officials and staff assistants.

Wages in the industry averaged \$24.24 a week in December, 1938, the latest obtainable figure. Renounce Militancy

While once the railroad workers, led by Eugene V. Debs, through the now defunct American Railway Union pulled the great and historic Pullman Strike in 1894 and established a new high note in labor militancy, strikes today are shunned like the very devil. The Transportation Act of 1929 set up government mediation, and this was succeeded in 1926 by the Railway Labor Act, which together with its amendments passed in 1934 makes it a long-drawn out and tedious process of negotiations

the railroad union bureaucracy cated. was never better expressed than in a recent statement by Whit- banners were the following slo- will receive the same reception ney. "In the early days we took gans: "The Way to Fight Fascism they experienced in New York. the position that we would pro- Is to Fight Capitalism!" "Socialtect our contracts, regardless of ism Alone Can Defeat Fascism!" whether they suited the rank and "Fight American Fascism by file at the moment. . . . Our mem- | Building Workers' Defense At Your Local Newsstand bers are well disciplined,"etc., etc. Groups!" There were several ban-

### REGIONAL PACT MAY RESULT FROM **NEW ENGLAND TRUCKING STRIKE**

Northwestern Victories Spur Drivers: Ask **Higher Wages, Lower Hours** 

not likely that the lockout ma-

Meanwhile the strikers, ignor-

ing appeals of governors and the

intervention of state labor com-

missioners, are holding out and

preparing for a showdown fight.

Here in Connecticut alert picket

lines have been established at the

struck terminals, and cruising

carloads of pickets are being

sent out regularly to the suburbs

and along the highways. Perish-

ables are being allowed through

and local merchants and whole-

sale dealers are not being pre

ments, but the strikers are wel

Aim at Regional Pact

Cops Fight Strike

However, although curiously

shown no lack of initiative in the

present strike. Immediately after

After having served on an in-

vestigating committee in Puerto

lie in Yankee prisons, is supported

in its fight for independence by

the Partido Comunsta Independ-

The Socialist Workers Party is

the Fourth International.

Chicago SWP and YPSL

through the picket lines.

strike action.

neuver will succeed.

By B. HARDE

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
NEW HAVEN, March 24.—Inspired by the success of the 11state North Central agreement and other teamsters' regional contracts in the area west of Chicago, Southern New England truck drivers last week walked out in three states for uniform conditions in this region.

Interstate trucking was effectively brought to a standstill in Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, with some 800 strikers paralyzing the activity cially among the newer C.I.O. of the 600 trucks of the Adley Express Co., Consolidated Motor Lines, Inc., and the J. J. Mc-Carthy Freight Line, the three major concerns in this area. Spokesmen for the owners, bitter because the strike action has

thus far been directed only against the major concerns, described the shutdown as a "squeeze play" to get more moncy, and complained of the "sickening condition" under which drivers with no grievances "have to join the strike or be blackon occasions. We remember how balled, intimidated, threatened he used his prestige to sneak a and probably punched in the

> Ask Wage Increase Actually the general walkout was the direct outgrowth of a "test strike" begun four days earlier in Rhode Island, where 3,000 A. F. of L. teamsters ceased work following the breakdown of negotiations between representatives of 1,200 owners and 10,000 one to nine cents an hour and a the situation that the police are able to get off for three hours on 48-hour week are demanded.

played up the irate comments of order." Here in New Haven the had left to go back to work, the Bridgeport Herald, liberal Con- to some withering criticism re- sheriff's deputies and state police. which actually operate the trains necticut weekly, reported as the cently by local uplifters who are State highway employees and firereal factor underlying the strike scandalized by its passivity in rethe decision of union officials current crime waves and its failwatching such an agreement op- racketeering which enmeshes the erate in the area west of Chi- city. The Bridgeport Herald ob-

> this area that the most effective vict three weeks ago in a gamtying up their terminals and see- tery racket, city court officials demands, ing to it that small operators did are assuming the responsibility not take over their business. Al- and supplanting the police, who ready the largest outfit of them don't seem to get anywhere on all, Seaboard Freight Lines, Inc., the job. doing over-the-road shipping between Boston and New York, has helpless to deal with local crime signed up with the union, as well and racketeering, the police have as twelve smaller operators.

Boss "United Front" The truck owners throughout the strike was declared, all days have expressed themselves as fa- peculiar vigilance of the police vorably inclined toward the idea in this instance, where workers of a regional contract to equalize and not bigshot politicians are competitive conditions-and it is involved.

# "Independence" Is told a revealing story about Roose-

(Continued from Page 1) bution was that "things should be Arthur Garfield Hays, who told they would assassinate the govthe audience they should have in- ernor." dependence if they really wanted

Roosevelt's Attitude

Hays himself provided the facts lente, Puerto Rican section of which refuted his conclusion. He corroborated the stories told by the Nacionalista speakers, admit- in complete solidarity with the ted the forcible suppression of independence movement of the free speech and free press, and Puerto Rican people.

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many, several score members of

the Socialist Workers Party and

the Young People's Socialist

League threw a picket line in

front of the German General Con-

sulate's Office during the busy

March 25.

Picket German Consulate ners announcing that the demon-CHICAGO.-To show their soli- stration was called by the S.W.P. darity with the persecuted and and the Y.P.S.L. and calling at-

oppressed workers of Nazi Ger- tention to the Socialist Appeal. Prepare for Bund Rally The picketing was closed with massing of the comrades in the entrance-way of the Consulate Building and the singing of

the International. afternoon hours on Saturday, This picket line is preparatory to the calling of a mass demon-Singing revolutionary songs and shouting anti-fascist and anti-stration against a planned Bund war slogans, the pickets attracted meeting. That meeting is reported the attention of hundreds of to be similar in nature to the under which strikes are "filegal." people on busy Michigan Boule- New York Madison Square Gar-Perhaps the conservatism of vard where the Consulate is lo- den meeting. Thus far the Bund has been unable to obtain a hall. Among the attractively painted Should their meeting be held they

Get Your APPEAL

# ASKS CLOTHING

The American Fund for Poitical Prisoners and Refugees is collecting clothing for the refugees. All readers of the Appeal who have clothing on hand still in good condition are urged to bring it to the office of the American Fund, Room 1609, 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City, or inform the office, which will send some one to pick up whatever clothing you may have.

The need of the refugee elped by the American Fund for clothing is extremely great. All contributions will

### WORKERS vented from picking up shipfact that the struck companies have shut down tight and have shut down tight and are making no effort to break

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

Refuting the charges of the trucking companies, Milton Mc-GOSHEN, Ind .- A majority of Donald, business agent of Local the workers of the Hetrick Manu-No. 443 in Bridgeport, stated facturing Plant, members of the that the three concerns refused Textile Workers Organizing Comduring the tri-state negotiations mittee Local 225, have been out on to sign new contracts, granting strike since March 13. increased wages and uniform

The authorities asked for a 48conditions. With the high morale hour truce to which the union of the strikers and the growing leaders agreed. At 1 P.M. Wedsplit between small independent nesday, March 15, seven hours truckers and the big outfits, before the truce was up. Robert which may soon disrupt the Dullea and George Meyers, Jr., boasted "united front" of the em-T.W.O.C. organizers, and Ralph ployers, there is a good chance Winebrenner, president of Local that something similar to the regional pacts operating out in the 225, were arrested for "gawking Mid-west may come into existence here as a result of this on their own recognizance.

Over 200 workers from the Chase Bag factory who through the power of the T.W.O.C. were It is an interesting sidelight of showing exemplary efficiency in Wednesday morning, helped pick-Although the press generally mobilizing to protect "law and et the Hetrick plant. After they owners' representatives, the police force has been subjected picket line was smashed by 200 men were deputized and armed with tear gas bombs and night "to go after a regional pact after ure to cope with the network of sticks. Ten pickets were arrested and charged with rioting.

Toledo Also Strikes serves that in the investigation The strike is for union recog-It was felt by union leaders in of the killing of a New York con- nition, a 10% increase in wages, and vacations with pay. The Toprocedure was to take quick ac- bling room, which was the center ledo plant of the Hetrick Co. is tion against the key concerns, of New Haven's wide-open lot- also out on strike for the same

### Pacifists Gather To Bemoan Hectic World We Live In

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK. - Sixty listless length. Usually delegates get all drawing from operation trucks expenses and good pay while attending. We recall one convention held in Cleveland that lasted over two months!

Employment and

"Keep America Out of War" delivered this week when the picket patrols. If the strike, which so far has been as peaced the strick of some companies which have picket patrols. If the strike, which so far has been as peaced the strick of some companies which have picket patrols. If the strike, which so far has been as peaced the strick of the smaller truckers are none too some of the strick of the strike, which so far has been as peaced the strick of the smaller truckers are none too some of the strick of the strike, which so far has been effective, results of the smaller truckers are none too some of the strick of the strike, which so far has been as peaced the strick of the smaller truckers are none too some of the strick of the strike, which so far has been effective, results of the smaller truckers are none too some of the strike, which so far has been effective, results of the strike, which so far has been effective, results of the smaller truckers are none too some of the strike, of the strike, of the strike, which so far has been as peaced the strick of the strike, of gle meeting.

Thomas' dwindling group.

Not a single speaker tied up the posts. of the Puerto Ricans for the dis- speaker referred to "imperial- Chairman's Committee, which repmissal of Governor Winship, ism" by name. No one tried to resented 150 shops, challenged the Roosevelt contemptuously an explain what economic necessity Stalinists with the union's achieve accept the United States"; and the Puerto Ricans had their way, tive of American capitalism, to 1. a constructive series of proposof all races will die.

Thomas Advises Reading

the venerable Joseph Schlossberg vilification and slander. of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, received applause when he denounced the Versailles Treaty as the source of Europe's distress. However, no attempt was made to explain the roots of the Treaty itself.

Norman Thomas, at the close greater part of his speech in advising his audience of worthwhile reading to be found in recent issues of Harper's and Common

to labor as "also" interested in giving "matzohs" away. the fight against war. Several. light and delicate sallies were which were received with wellbred appreciation by the audi-

The business meeting of the Anti-War Labor Council, a subsidiary of the Conference, met Saturday and voted to build anti-war clubs in the unions, sending the suggestion to higher authorities for consideration. When asked about the "Council's" recent activities, the Chairman replied, "Well, we have been pushing our literature."

### AMERICAN FUND MILITANTS IN CALIF. UNEMPLOYED FOR REFUGEES COUNCIL LICK STALINIST SABOTAGE

Issue Call for April 1st Demonstration; Demand \$30-30 Hour Week

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) OAKLAND, Calif., March 20 .-The state conference of the Labor Unions Unemployed Council, which met here Saturday and ference. Realizing that his day Sunday, succeeded in hammering out a militant program of action. This program calls for: 1) Unity of the employed and the unemployed in the fight for relief; 2) recognition that mass action to wrest adequate relief from the administration is the only weapon of the unemployed; immediate expansion of W.P. A. to give every unemployed worker a job, and a \$20,000,000,000 Public Works Program, featuring low-rent housing; 4) a 30-hour week without reduction in pay, and \$30 minimum pay in all industries; 5) the opening of all idle factories with government financing and workers' control.

April 1st Action

The conference also issued call to all labor organizations in the state for endorsement and demonstration against ay-offs on April 1st.

By these actions, the progress ves delivered a smashing blow at the Communist Party clique which has dominated the L.U.U.C. for the past year.

Meeting for the purpose of to meet the crisis in the relief in a continual uproar by professional disrupters from the Communist Party. On every question, no matter how unimportant, they deluged the chairman with every maneuver in their bag of parliamentary tricks.

union-smashing bunch than Ger- the Council maine Bulcke, from the Internaance last year.

Shields, until vesterday State Secretary of the Council, had used his influence to prevent delegates from attending the conwas done, Shields from the very start concentrated his efforts on trying to prove that a state or ganization was not feasible-his main argument being that he had not gotten any money from the local councils.

Having pledged themselves to the support of the huge war appropriations, the Communist delegates succeeded in voting down a resolution against war by one

Forced Into Open It was not, however, until the

resolution setting up a state council came on the floor that Shields and his gang were forced completely into the open. They tried to prevent the election, and when it finally came to a vote, they kept the conference in an uproar for over an hour on one participation in the national technicality after another. If any further proof were needed that they had come there for the sole purpose of smashing the council, it was forthcoming at this point. When the decision was announced that the resolution to continue the council had won, they got up and walked out of the hall. In answer to a deleworking out a program of action gate's question as to why they were leaving, Shields replied, "I situation, the conference was kept have to get home to my wife and kiddies."

Jackson Elected

The conference closed with the election of Andrew Jackson, delegate from the I.L.W.U. 1-6, as state chairman, Jackson has carried on a consistent fight against No less a spokesman for this Communist Party sabotage of

Progressives in the Council tional Longshoremen and Ware- have expressed the hope that unhousemen's Union, was present to ions which have hesitated in the carry out party orders, His main past to affiliate to Labor Unions contribution was to prevent the Unemployed Council because of seating of two delegates from the the Communist Party domination Union of Progressive Workers, of that body will now see fit to an unemployed organization affiliate and help to realize in which broke away from the Com- action the program adopted at munist-controlled Workers Alli- the conference. The new address of the State Council is 1007 It was brought out on the floor Broadway, Oakland, Cal., Room

### Knitgoods Union Elections Give C.P. Stinging Rebuff

Membership Re-elects Progressives by Three to One Margins

"delegates" to the first New York the Stalinist union-wreckers was the unions. In many unions they "Keep America Out of War" delivered this week when the have succeeded. But in the Knit-The local Keep America Out of gressive ticket, was re-elected by the union and leader of the pro-War outfit, like the parent body, a vote of 1,856 against 563 votes is a smattering of pacifists, lib. cast for his Stalinist opponent, Joerals, ministers, Lovestoneites, seph Rapaport. In addition, the and Socialists from Norman progressives won the union presidency and all business agent

action, and general trade union democracy. Against this program The one trade union speaker, the Stalinists offered character

In the course of the election campaign, it was pointed out that the Stalinists had resisted and opposed every constructive measure. For example, two years ago, when of his remarks, did finally get the point of disrupting the meet- witted. The entertainment will be around to voicing the hope that ing at which the proposal was the most varied and original ever the workers would once more being discussed. After two years, presented at an affair held by any rally to Marx's "Workers of the during which the Fund, adminis- radical group anywhere. World, Unite," but spent the tered by a membership elected committee, disbursed \$23,000 to needy members, the Stalinists they issued a leaflet with a defl-Dignified references were made ing the Fund, and ridiculing it for

made at the expense of the war- trades, to seek a united front with gans: any element, however reactionary, The object is to secure jobs for the Stalinists, and to foist their

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# **UNDERGROUND?**

Sh-h-h! We have heard reports that the Dies Committee is going Rico after the Ponce massacre, problem of fighting war with an Refusing to descend to the level to raid the SW.P. on April 1. Hays went to see Roosevelt to attack on the capitalist system as of the Stalinist slanderers, the So the entire membership plus urge him to agree to the demand the source of war; not a single progressives, through the Shop any number of sympathizers are going to congregate at Irving Plaza in New York on that ever ning in disgulse in an attempt to people could learn to love and swered, according to Hays: "If drives Roosevelt, as representa- ments, and a two-fold program: evade the close scrutiny of the Committee. They are going to hide go to war, nor what economic als for union activity and growth; their countenances behind masks loot the American ruling class 2. a program of progressive labor and their personalities behind cos-The Partido Nacionalista of hopes to win in this oncoming action, which called for a national tumes, which they hope will help Puerto Rico, whose leaders now war in which millions of workers referendum on war, international them to elude and delude the labor solidarity, independent labor glances of not only the Dies Committee, but also our own comrades,

The committee in charge of this concentration of forces has arranged a program of all sorts of surprises. They won't tell us what sort of entertainment they have prepared. They insist on keeping It all secret, but they do promise that there will be not a dull mothe administration had proposed a ment all evening, with fun galore Sick and Relief Benefit Fund, the for all, and various prizes for Stalinists had protested even to the more clever, alert and quick-

By the way, a number of comrades have complained that they are so busy signing up new memwere still attacking it. Last year, bers into the party and Y.P.S.L. that they have had no time to nite anti-semitic ring to it, attack- plan their costumes The committee, therefore, has offered to help them with some suggestions It has been the practice of the How about giving the class angle on some of the following ad slo-

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"Two or three times I've been asked to express my opinion about your paper. Now I will take the opportunity to say a few words.

"Being an old timer (joined the

Socialist movement way back

papers. I have seen papers born red hot, but have died yellow. . . I have witnessed so many splits TWO WEEKS STILL LEFT and changes within the movement for the last 40 years it makes me downhearted to think about it. When the World War came and the Appeal to Reason liquidated the "Reason" and adopted the name, New Appeal,

I was through with that paper. The Weekly Worker came and place—all good Marxian papers ton, Texas. when launched, but now they are found wanting. "When the editors of the Com-

munist (?) press go with out- Appeal.

stretched hands towards any or "The twice-a-week APPEAL is all kinds of sky-pilots; when the big improvement over the very C. P. leaders say "yea! amen!" good weekly APPEAL. The new to huge appropriations for bigger paper is more like a newspaper, and better battleships; when

"Now, a word about your paper which is also my paper. It can't be better for its size. It is very enlightening to read a paper again that prints Marxism, The S.W.P. will grow-there's no question about that. The party's paper will steadily increase its circulation and some time when referring to the Socialist Appeal when the 20th Century was still we may also add the official or young) I have read many radical gan of Socialist America."-J. Holmin of Chicago.

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The drive for 1,000 new readers still has a good two weeks to go. Branches should now be making final efforts to complete their assigned quotas.

The following branches have done so already: New Haven, Conn.; Boston, Mass.; Youngsthen the Daily Worker took its town, O.; Quakertown, Pa.; Hous-

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The Electoral Campaign in Belgium

As a result of the appointment of the Flemish nationalist Martens to the Academy, the cabinet of Premier Spaak fell and unleashed a national crisis, in which King Leopold III intervened with a letter to Spaak's successor, Pierlot, that had all the earmarks of a threat to install a Bonapartist regime in Belgium. Martens had been pacifist and anti-government during the

The crisis had, of course, been brewing for. some time around economic and foreign policy issues and was only set off by the Martens affair. It culminated in the dissolution of parliament and the calling of general elections for April 2. The Martens issue is being made the most of by the Fascists (the "Rex" movement led by Degrelle). The Labor Party (P.O.B.) is concentrating on the slogan "Against Deflation," In reality, the Martens affair merely conceals the struggle for national independence of the Flemish section of Belgium, which is discriminated against by the Walloons; while the deflation policy of the Belgian capitalists is inseparable from their wholesale attack against the social legislation wrested by the workers for many years as well as from their armaments

The Revolutionary Socialist Party (P.S.R.), Belgian section of the Fourth International, is entering the general elections fresh from a big success in the communal elections last fall. when they gained an absolute majority in the Municipal Council of Flenu. The P.S.R., in its election manifesto, poses the issues before the workers as they really are.

They point out that "the institution of a union of Socialist Soviet Republics of Flanders and Wallony" is the only permanent answer to the acute national problem revealed by the Martens crisis, at the same time stressing their adherance to the right of self-determination of peoples in any case.

They warn agains the royalist Bonapartist danger and call for the preparation of the General Stirke and the armed insurrection against any attempt to install a dietatorship.

They call for the application of the transition program of the Fourth International against the deflation and anti-labor plans of the Bel-

If the results of the municipal elections were any indication, our Belgian comrades should make considerable progress this coming April ,2.

Cooperatives Join British Unions in Revolt Against "Register"

This column has previously reported the revolt of local trade union councils and Labour party

Shining shoes is, a very poor business-espe-

cially in Tompkins Square Park. Not only are

there many other boys trying to earn a dollar

to take home, put the shoes in such a park are

very dirty and very old. And not many men can

afford a shine even if it costs only a nickel. So

Thirty-five cents a day was about the limit.

But Joseph also made friends with the other

boys and this to him was worth more than the

money. Friends are necessary if a fellow wants

to get along in this world. A friend like Jake,

for instance, was worth more than anything

because Jake knew the shoe-shine business and

Joe and Jake would play at marbles or cards

together and talk about things. Jake was smart

and knew all the answers. Jake taught Joe the

way to get results at the Relief Bureau. He ex-

plained how his father had joined up with a

union of unemployed men and had gone to the

relief office with a committee of unemployed

men and women, "They just got a little tough,"

Joe went home early that day. He was anx-

When he walked into the house he knew

something was wrong. His mother was crying.

His sister was crying and coughing and the

bables were very quiet-they were so scared at

all the noise. Joe looked around and saw his

Downstairs two steps at a time-around the

When Jake's father and the committee from

the unemployed union arrived, they found the

landlord and a lot of neighbors in the flat. Ev-

erybody was excited and nobody knew what to

do. Some one sent for the police. Jake's father

immediately kicked everybody out of the house

and began to make arrangements. "We got to

have a meeting of the executive committee," he

said. "We got to arrange for a funeral. We got

to raise some money." Joe wanted to die he felt

so scared and so afraid that his mother would

never stop crying. But he was glad Jake's father

After a while some women from the union

came with food and began to clean up the

house and make everything ready for the

meeting. Men came with some money which

they said was contributed from the union. They

called Jake's father "Comrade." Comrade . . .

that was a nice name Joe thought it must be

an American name because he had never heard

That night there was a meeting at the unem-

ployed union hall. Many workers came and there

were women and children, too. Jake's father

made a speech. It was a fine speech and Joe

cried and felt very sick in his heart. The peo-

The Priest Asks Fifty Dollars

corner and over to the Park. Jake was still

ious to tell his father about Jake and how

Jake's father got attention from the Relief.

The Union Arranges the Funeral

father-dead on the floor. . . .

there. 'Hey! Jake, come here . .

also knew how to fight.

said Jake.

Joseph didn't have a hope of becoming rich.

branches against the "National Register" conscription scheme of the Chamberlain government, despite its endorsement by the Labour party executive and the T.U.C. Naturally, the Cooperative Union leadership, like the other labor bureaucrats, also favored the plan. Now word comes that local cooperative societies all over England have joined in the revolt of the rank and file and are preparing to fight out the issue at the annual Conference of the Cooperative Party at Easter.

Among those who have joined in this anti-war movement are the local societies in such important cities as Watford, Bristol, Macclesfield, St. George, Glasgow, Birkenhead, Manchester and

Particularly outspoken was the action of the Cooperative Society at Southampton, which is proposing the following amendment for adoption by the annual conference:

"This Annual Conference of the Cooperative Party registers the strongest protest against any form of National Register of man-power, believing it to be the first step towards conscription and an instrument which may be used by the Government against the working class. It calls on every section of the Cooperative Movement to refuse any invitation which may be received to cooperate in the operation of the Na-

Obviously, the crusade for the holy war of the "democracies" against the fascisms-looming more ominously since the latest Hitlerite conquests-is going to hit upon considerable snags before it is fully launched, not only in the United States, where the Gallup Poll has recently again confirmed the overwhelmingly anti-war sentiment of the masses, but in Great Britain as well. The fact that the sentiment is purely rank and file in character and pitted against the powerful propaganda of the unanimous accepted leadership appears to be indicative of revolutionary developments breaking sooner in the coming war crisis than was the case in the last World War.

### A Correction on the New Danish Party

But it was too late.

very angry at the Priest.

On the Line . . . with Bill Morgan

In reporting the formation of the new Danish party of the Fourth International recently, this column mistakenly said that a Danish representative was present at the International Conference last September in Geneva. The Danes first applied for admission to the Fourth International upon constituting the Internationalt Kommunistik Parti after the Conference and could not, therefore, have been represented at that

# IN THE WORLD OF LABOR Madrid Crushed Under Heel of Franco As Junta Invites Fascist Hordes to Enter

# POPULAR FRONT Pro-War Advocates Stage TEACHERS' UNION Wild Western. In recent months, moviegoers have seen more horse operas than they can ever hope to

(Continued from Page 1)

at Burgos on Sunday reported that the Popular Front Junta's negotiators had told Franco that the Junta "was anxious to comply with the Nationalist (fascist) instructions," but "it felt that it had not sufficient authority with various political and military elements to enforce compliance and consequently would welcome the crowd to a pro-war fervor. initiation of an offensive to enable a surrender under war con-

Junta's Surrender "Terms" peasants in Loyalist territory.

no reprisals or sanctions "unless marched. decreed by corresponding courts"

onding courts." Junta's Main Intererst

proposals for surrender is conployment of the Republican mili- of Rumania," tary, other than those found guilty of criminal offenses, should be respected," "similar concessions should be respected."

in his military and civil apparatus! leaders a bit cautious.

But servile as these surrender terms were, they were insufficient or Franco. Having permitted the Junta, and the Negrin cabinet before it, thoroughly to demoralize the remaining Loyalist troops by their surrender proposals, he now prefers to wave aside parleys and enter Madrid without even the appearance of formal commit nts to the Loyalists

Such is the horrible end of the road to which the Popular Front policy, the strategy of crushing the worker-peasant masses in the name of "anti-fascism," prought the Spanish people, Here is a terrible lesson for the American working class.

Not a Peep Out

Of C. P. on Miaja

The Daily Worker, central

organ of the Communist Party.

has refused to comment on

the fact, published in the

March 21 Issue of the Appeal,

that General Jose Miaja is a

member of the Spanish Com-

Miaja, butcher of the Madrid

anti-Fascists and head of the

treacherous Junta which is

now seeking peace with Fran-

co, has never been expelled

"The President of the famous

Madrid Defense Commission,

Comrade Miaja, is a member

of the Communist Party. His

work, with that of the other

delegates, will go down in his-

These words appeared in the

official organ of the Executive

Committee of the Communist

International, the "Internation-

al Press Correspondence," (In-

precorr), February 6, 1937

Does the Communist Party

think it can bury its crimes

against the working class with

the stient, heroic dead of Ma-

drid, murdered by the Commu-

nist Party?

(Vol. 17, No. 6, page 121).

from the Communist Party.

muntst Party.

### after the meeting some people took Joe to their house and put him to bed with his sister and the babies. His mother sat in the kitchen, while the women from the union tried to make her stop crying. There were so many friends, now. If only his father were here to see these friends.

ple were very angry and said something must

be done. The hall was covered with signs which

said, "Give the Bankers Home Relief-We Want

Jobs!" and "Workers of the World, Unite!" And

In the morning a Priest came and said that fifty dollars would arrange for a funeral. Who had fifty dollars? The Priest said John had not been a good man because he didn't go to mass and didn't send the children to Sunday sohoo He said the Church would forgive everything if Joe's mother paid the fifty dollars. The mother cried and said she was a good woman. Joe got

Jake's father came in and told the Priest to get out, "You didn't come around when John was hungry. You didn't come to see hims when he needed help, so get out. There is no money here." Jake's father was angry. The Priest called the police. The police said Jake was a Red. The police said the Priest was only there to help.

Newspapers Print the Story

In the afternoon all the newspapers printed the news and then some men from the Stone-Cutters Union came and gave Joe's mother some money. They knew Jake's father because they called him "Comrade" like the others from the unemployed union.

The next day there was a funeral. The men from the unions made speeches. They said the unemployed must fight and not die. They said everyone would always remember John. They said the Relief Bureau was to blame for this death. They called Joe's father "Comrade."

Then the police came again and took John's body away to the Church where another funeral was held, but only Joe and his mother were allowed to go along with the police. The friends from the unions were threatened by the police. Reporters from the newspapers wrote everything in the papers.

"We Gotta Organize"

After the funeral the Relief investigator came and gave Joe's mother some money. "Your case has been accepted," she said, "and you must not associate with those people from the unemployed union. They are Reds and will only make trouble for you."

Joe went with Jake to the park and Jake explained everything. "We gotta organize all the unemployed, so nobody will go and hang themselves. We gotta fight for jobs and we gotta fight all the time. The union will take care of the Relief Bureau. We have to build the union." And Joe, who was now the man in his family, listened carefully and thought it over. Yeah, if we don't put up a fight, they will just let us go and die. I learned that anyway. We better start now to get in all those people who live on my block. Come on, let's get going, comrade."

### OFFERS FRANCO Exercise in Flag - Waving TURNS JINGO IN put saddles on. In a word, the screen has literally been converted into a corn field. SERVILE TERMS Patriotism Gushes at "Stop Hitler" Parade A VERY BIG WAY the technical excellence with of C. P. Stooge Outfits

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK-About 20,000 persons marched Saturday afternoon in a Stalinist-led parade which attempted to whip up jingo spirit for

American participation in a new imperialist war. Seeking to take advantage of the anti-fascist sentiment of New York's masses, it was called a "Stop Hitler" parade. But the slogans and speeches were all designed to support Roosevelt in a war of conquest.

Speeches by Mayor La Guardia, Rabbi Stephen Wise, the Bavar ian Princess Halga zu Lowenstein, and others, sought to rouse the Stooge Outfits

ist stooge committee, "The American Council to Combat Nazi Invasion." the parade was made up Certainly the terms proposed primarily of a score of Stalinist by the Junta for surrender con- organizations such as the Ameritained nothing which Franco can League for Peace and Democ could not grant, and yet keep a racy, the International Workers free hand for the coming blood- Order, the American Student bath against the workers and Union, the North American Committee, the Friends of the Soviet A communique issued by the Union, and the Jewish People's Junta Sunday night revealed that Committee, together with some even the one condition which the Slovak and Czech nationalist so-Junta was ostensibly created to cieties. Several Stalinist-controlled secure-amnesty-was now being unions such as the Fur Workers sked for in terms perfectly ac- Union and the United Office and ceptable to Franco, For it asked Professional Workers Union also

The main slogans shouted or -a formula under which Franco carried on placards were as folcan decimate all Loyalist Spain, lows: "Support President Roose-The Junta, in its broadcast, velt's Stand Condemning Nazi Insaid that the fascists had agreed vasion," "Stop Wanton Lawlessthat "criminal offenses" would "be ness," "Stop Nazi Spying in the dealt with exclusively in corres- United States" and "Appeasement Won't Work," Czech and Slovak organizations carried banners The real meat of the Junta's reading: "Restore Democratic Czechoslovakia." Return Memel to tained in the request that "em. Lithuania" and "Keep Hitler out

"We're In the Army Now" Slogans for collective security were few and far between. What to non-professional soldiers who may account for the failure to have risen from the ranks of the give prominence to the "collective former militia," and, likewise, security" theme calling on Dala-'employment of civil officials dier and Chamberlain to unite the "democracies" against Hitler was In other words, these traitors the uncertainty of the parade orconsider the main problem in ganizers, the Stalinists, about their But on Saturday, only here and turning over Loyalist Spain to own line. The recent overtures Franco, to be assurances from made by Stalin to Hitler for a him that he will incorporate them military pact made the C. P.

> A contingent of more than 60 girls, all bearing American flags, headed the parade. Bands marching in the parade continuously played "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner." One of the Army Now"-the old doughboy solidarity with the marchers.

Organized by a new-born Stalin- song of the last imperialist war to "make the world safe for de mocracy.

One group of marchers kept

shouting "Stop Propaganda in the

U.S.A." without even bothering to mention whose propaganda they wanted to stop. For Dies Investigation Stalinist groups kept shouting: Make Martin Dies Investigate the Nazi Spies," demonstrating the willingness of the Communist

Party to co-operate with the arch patriotic spirit. This is what the 'Democratic Front" means. In a crude effort to cover up the Roosevelt Administration's constant refusal to open the doors of the United States to refugees from fascist persecution, signs bore

the inscription "Keep America Open for Refugees." The word "keep" implies that the refugees are permitted to come to the United States today. But with all the patriotic slo-

gans, with all the brass bands, and even with the color supplied by the Slovak and Czech groups dressed in their native costumes, the entire parade lacked life and

Union Sections Small

Leaders of the parade expected and predicted that more than 200,000 would march. Only 20,000 turned out. The union sections in the march were very small. Usually in Stalinist parades there is a spirited chanting of slogans. there could groups be found that were enthusiastic about their shouting. The parade fell flat in its objective of whipping up a war spirit.

Despite all the propaganda for war that the people have been subjected to during the past few weeks through the radio, the press, and the movies, the onbands kept playing "We're in the lookers showed no particular

preparing for his inevitable-and

When the pro-British Times

"What will the Congress party

do should Britain become in-

volved in a European war,"

Gandhi refused to answer, "But

won't you try to go to the root

of the situation?" the correspond-

ent persisted. "A wise journalist

himself, especially when he's car-

For even at this moment Gan-

dhi is bargaining with the Brit-

ish for concessions and reforms

to the New Slave Constitution

Gaudhi offer the British? Support

of the Indian Nationalist Con-

tive soldiers to fight on European

Hokum Doesn't Go

supposed-to-be enemies!

time he promises more.

(Continued from Page 1) for Max Diamond and Bella Dodd, administration whips. the technicolor artificers with

Anti-War Program After Feingold's report, the superb backgrounds for the appliprogressive Independent group cation of their medium. (anti-Stalinist minority) introduced a four-point resolution: to disaffiliate from the American League; to support the Ludlow Amendment; to reiterate the union's position against armaments and demand that the arms billions be used for relief, schools, and homes; and to open the columns of the "New York Teacher"

given to all views. The Independent speakers pointed out the preposterous weasel-wording of the American reactionary red-baiter to create a League program, such as, "We are opposed to any increase in than that they seek to remind the armaments as a substitute for audience of America's "glorious" the development of a positive past; of that day long past when program.'

interpret Roosevelt's program as wilderness to build America. True. a positive peace program and are America, and especially the west, therefore willing to give him all was built at great human sufferthe arms he wants.

Stalinists For War

administration admitted its sup- made recruiting poster. port of the munitions-makers. Matthew Besdine stated that to of preparing the masses to refight implement the American League the war for "democracy," would program, battleships were need- be remiss in its duty if it did not ed. The slogan of the union for constantly remind us that we are years had been, "Build schools, the fated posterity to whom has not battleships."

Herbert Klein, American League spokesman, replied to the minor- great "democratic" past. ity with the familiar Stalinist charges that the anti-war speakers were "Hitler's Fifth Column," that they agreed with Mussolini on the Ludlow Referendum, that any one who didn't support the hands of the Hoovers and the Coughlins.

To the Independents' analysis ment that Roosevelt was respon-

When the Independents pointed out the hypocrisy of the "good its American premiere in New neighbor" policy and showed that York, New York. Latin American dictatorships suppress the masses with the formed us that they were present support of American imperial- ing "Bizarre Bizarre" with its ism, an administration speak- tongue in cheek. After leaving er demagogically proclaimed, the theatre, we felt as if they "Roosevelt is the hope of man- had shoved a thumb in our eye. kind." Thunderous applause from For although the picture has a the hardened Stalinist elements few fleeting moments of hilarious

Stalinist "Democracy"

The "New York Teacher" was a sore point in the discussion, high jinks, you'll see it. If you're For a year the magazine has uni- not, stay home and beat your formly rejected articles by Inde- grandmother. pendents against armaments and war. The administration alleged that there was no space for any thing but articles of purely teach er interest, and that furthermore the magazine couldn't print con never goes to the root," responded troversial matter on which the "pacifist" Gandhi. Yes, and a union had taken no stand. The Inshrewd politician never commits dependents cited a defense of collective security that had been rying on negotiations with his printed. The union's anti-war position had of course not been presented in the union press this year-The bureaucracy, in true Stalinist fashion, simply changed the policy first and consulted the membership later.

Particularly vulnerable on the subject of the Ludlow amendment, the union leaders were content to repeat the American League's fence-straddling: "We stand for the right to vote on war, but in dollars to the British war-chest, view of the time required for a In 1914-1918 Gandhi raised constitutional amendment" and so \$750,000,000 for the British. This forth.

War Means Dictatorship

The Independents repeatedly showed the connection between But the Mahatma will have s hard time putting across his act. war and a military dictatorship, India's masses are fed up with with consequent snuffing - out realize that it will mean their tion was silent on this key question. Evidently the gagging of teachers and the smashing of are pledged to utilize Britain's Stalinists as long as it happens participation in a war as an op- in a war. Though the Independents put

revolutionary means. "No support up an excellent fight to keep the to Britain in any war it may Teachers Union from becoming part of the war machine, the vote was a foregone conclusion. The Gandhi fears the sentiment of the working and peasant masses. Stalinists are too strongly intrenched to be shaken by one When asked if India is progressing, he replied, "Yes, it is. I get such debate. It is fortunate that frightened semetimes, but there there is an organized opposition is progress at the bottom, and in the union which is fighting the pacifist, Gandhi attempts to per that progress is sound." What iron Stalinist war-mongering maform the double purpose of (1) frightens Gandhi is the realiza- chine. But it will take cruel exdeceiving his own following who tion that revolutionary action at perience to teach the teachers genuinely oppose war-especially the bottom means a clean sweep duped by Stalinism the real nature of imperialist war.

# Wild Western. In recent months.

which many of these films have been handled. Indeed, there hasn't been such ecstatic use of the at a previous meeting, and in camera anywhere as in the filmwhose substance had been given ing of "Stagecoach." The use of the usual pre-arranged ovations technicolor has, of course, greatly enhanced the appeal of many of these films, as well as providing

### Technically Perfect-Ideologically Suspect

And while there can be no quarrel with these films as motion pictures, there is, nevertheless, the motive for them. The discerning moviegoer, after having been kicked around by more broncos than he can break with a tommyto a democratic discussion of the hawk, will begin to understand war question, with equal space that what is supposed to be an innocent Wild Western is essentially another device for arousing

his best patriotic impulses. For what else can be said for many of the current horse operas men and women braved the moun-The joker is that the Stalinists tains and the deserts and the ing and sacrifice. But that saga as it is re-told today has essen-When hard-pressed, the union tially the significance of a well

> Hollywood, in its special task fallen the lot of cherishing and defending the heritage of the

At the Filmarte

The French seem to have a particular, almost fastidious, addiction to repetitious names. Or President was playing into the perhaps they've acquired a taste for double talk. As if Simon Simone were not enough, the French only recently introduced us to a of imperialist war and their state- gentleman who goes by the name Noel Noel. Then, again, for some sible for the Spanish embargo, time now we've been acquainted the administration replied only by with Fi-Fi, our neighbor's maid, further insinuations, notably the who has gone to great lengths to lie that the anti-Stalinists had explain the meaning of 'oui-oui." not supported the Spanish work- But now comes a French comedy entitled "Bizarre Bizarre," and by some strange coincidence it had

> The Filmarte management inslapstick comedy, most of it bogs down like a Mack Sennett pie. If you're in the mood for Gallic

### FILM DEPARTMENT

The National Film Department of the Party announces that it has available for immediate use by the Branches the documentary picture "Tsar to Lenin," commentary by Max Eastman. Projection apparatus and service accompanies the film. Provision has been made for at least 15 showings within the next 90 days. Cash should be sent with all requests for bookings. Most states do not require ficenses; those which do, grant them readily. Write John G. Wright at 116 University Pl., New-York City

Branches wishing to show a double feature can also be supplied with the fifteen-minute short "Appeal in the Making."

### JOBLESS, HE KILLS HIMSELF

Unemployed for two years, and despondent, Nicholas Crivelione, 50, killed himself with a revolver today in the kitchen of his apartment at 450 West 163rd St. His wife told police he was formerly an I.R.T. guard.

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### Mohandas K. Gandhi, the Ma. ardent-support of British imperhatma of India, has offered the ialism when the war does come. world his advice on the present Gandhi figures that people will greeted this poetic seatiment. world crisis. Perhaps this is the say: "It must be a good warresult of inspirational dreams af- even Gandhi is for it"

By SHERMAN STANLEY

Gandhi Gives "Advice

To British Imperialists

ter his 4-day fast in Rajkot, Almost anything can happen on an correspondent asked him bluntly, empty stomach!

This advice is about as useful as his advice to the Czech masses during the first Munich crisis. Then he urged them to lay down in front of the onrolling German

Now Gandhi urges the "demo cratic" imperialist nations to disarm themselves "simultaneously." Then, the idea is, Hitler will be shamed into doing likewise. Or, perhaps, Hitler will drop dead with surprise when "peace-loving" Chamberlain scuttles the British

Incidentally, we never heard of Ghandi demanding the disarma- that the imperialists wish to imment of the British and Native pose upon India. What does armies that trample upon India. And we recall how in 1914 this "pacifist-at-any-price" gentleman gress in wartime, millions of naurged 1% million Indian soldiers to fight on Britain's side during and Asiatic battlefields, a billion the World War.

Crazy Like a Fox

Gandhi's advice would be in the nature of a joke, or the empty hallucinations of an old man if ic were not for certain other facts in his interview with a N.Y. ries to the workers.

By posing as an "absolute" on the side of Britain, and (2) at the top!

Times correspondent. To expect this hokum, especially since they of civil liberties. The administrathe "democratic" imperialism of this world to strip themselves of lives at the service of their bitarmaments on the very eve of terest enemy. The Congress leftwhat may be a new world strug- wing and revolutionary socialists trade unions is all right for the gle between themselves and the fascist imperialism is equivalent to expecting the capitalists of this portune time to free India by earth to hand over their facto-But Gandhi is no senile, halfconduct," is their slogan.

crazy old man. As the saying goes-"he is crazy-yeah, like a fox!" Inside this shrunken-up head lurks one of the shrewdest brains of the Far East.

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### Roosevelt and the War Crisis

President Roosevelt has used every stage of the developing war crisis in Europe to put over a fresh phase of his own program for dragging this country into the war when it comes.

He used the crisis last September to break down Congressional opposition to his monster armaments program and to rush through his plans for "continental defense"-i.e., bringing all of North and South America into the orbit of American military and naval as well as political and economic control.

Under the impact of the current swiftly-moving developments in Europe, he has had rushed through new votes of gigantic sums to build up the army, navy and air force. He is moving to bring the Latin American countries under the heel of Yankee imperialism. Plans are complete to mobilize American industry-and of course American labor-for war purposes, and to whip up popular feeling against the prospective war-time enemies, at the moment, primarily Germany.

During the remainder of the present session of Congress, Roosevelt hopes to crush the revived movement for a war referendum and to put through a revision of the Neutrality legislation in order to leave his own hands freer to intervene as much as her pleases—or rather, as much as Wall Street pleases—in the war situation in Europe.

Roosevelt and the rest of Wall Street's managing staff in Washington are preparing to sweep this country into the war that is drawing near in Europe. That war will be not a war for "democracy" but; like the last one, a war for colonies, markets, raw

For employed workers the war preparations mean now a steady whittling away at the meager rights the workers have fought for and won with the life's blood of martyrs in thousands of strikes. It means a steady whittling down of real wages and when war comes it will mean goose-stepping regimentation not one whit different from the regime imposed upon the workers of Germany.

For the unemployed we are seeing this week what it involves. Billions are piled up for guns and battleships while millions are cut away from the already inadequate funds allocated to the W.P.A. and relief.

These are the realities of the preparations for war, not the hypocritical folderol about "democracy" and "civilization"! The workers' fight is not for the boss democracy or the boss civilization that keeps them ground into the earth, starving amid plenty, dying amid limitless opportunities for fruitful living. The workers' fight is for the end of boss rule and the establishment of the social commonwealth of nations in which war will become a mad dream of the black past and the good things of the earth will become man's to enjoy and to use.

### Ta-Tu Thau Is Free!

Ta-tu Thau, leader of the Indo-Chinese Fourth Internationalists, has been released from prison by the French authorities in Saigon, we are informed in advices from Paris. He had three months more of a two-year sentence to serve. Unrelenting pressure by our comrades in France and by the workers of Saigon who elected him a municipal councillor, as well as the alarming state of his health, at long last forced his liberation.

To prevent him from resuming his political activity, the French authorities ordered him banished from Saigon and its vicinity. Another Fourth Internationalist leader, Nguyen van So, was still a prisoner in the hands of the colony's "democratic" French rulers.

Ta-tu Thau emerges from prison all but broken physically. He was completely paralyzed on his right side as a result of hunger strikes fought with other comrades in protest against their imprisonment as working class militants. Shackled by the People's Front authorities, Ta-tu Thau throughout his ordeal conducted himself as an exemplary revolutionist. He shocked the court by telling it that only by overthrowing their French imperialist masters would the peoples of Indo-China become free. From his prison cell came messages that eloquently testified to his unflagging devotion to that goal of liberation. His health once regained, he will resume his position as one of the foremost leaders of the Indo-Chinese workers.

To Ta-tu Thau we send our fraternal greetings and to him and his comrades pledge our solidarity in their efforts to force the liberation of other militants still in the filthy dungeons of Indo-China and in their struggle to end French tyranny there once and for all.

### By Any Other Name

For generations the toilers of Central and South America have suffered under dictatorships that rank among the most ruthless and bloody the world has ever known. The knife, the dungeon, and the firing squad are the traditional political tools of Latin America's military tyrants. With only one or two exceptions, violence and terror rules the entire continent from the southern border of Mexico to Tierra

It is not necessary to turn back the blood-caked pages of Latin American history to prove this point. Last week's press alone was glutted with items, any one of which would make it clear what type of governments these countries suffer under.

In Ecuador the government brazenly began a complete reorganization of the schools, assertedly in order to drive out the "communists." Thousands of workers and students protested with strikes and the government began preparing its armed forces to shed blood. The issue involves the autonomy of the schools, their freedom from the state, a right granted in most countries in the middle ages.

In Cuba Dictator Batista suppressed a comic weekly. Its crime consisted of carrying mild caricatures of the

In Uruguay the Popular Frontist "International Congress of American Democracies" met at the capital, Montevideo, announcedly to line up the South American countries for the "defense of democracy" in the western hemisphere against "the penetration of fascism." Montevideo had been chosen as the freest city in South America. Many of the delegates were absent because of "pressure and intimidation" from various South American dictators.

The Montevideo police specifically prohibited the conference from "saying anything either in favor of or against the government of any country." Police twice warned the delegates during the meeting to hew more sharply to the wishes of the police department and a police censor closely followed the broadcasts of the sessions, interrupting the transmissions whenever the speakers said anything he fancied he did not like. In Argentina, Brazil, and Peru the broadcasts were completely prohibited.

In San Salvador the official Diario de Hoy bluntly expressed the intentions of war mongering Roosevelt in an editorial in its March 22 issue: "In the face of the despoliation of Czecho-Slovakia we must launch to the winds a proposal for construction of an AMERICAN IMPERIALISM that will resist assault by Europeans and Asiatics and that will permit us to DICTATE laws to the world."

In Puerto Rico the President of the Senate, Rafael Martinez Nadal, on March 25 charged that Washington forces the insular legislators to pass bills prepared by the Federal capital by threats to cut off Federal appropriations. "We legislators are only playing a comedy . . . " he said. "The United States boasts of its democracy and feels itself authorized to combat all threats against democratic principles, but governs Puerto Rico like a fascist and unlike a republican nation.

But nothing fazes the lovers of "democracy" in Washington. Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, in testimony on March 23 before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which is studying a proposed bill to sell armaments to Central and South American countries made the following amazing assertion in response to a question as to the type of governments prevailing there: "I do not know of any government on the Continent, Senator Borah, that is not a republic."

"We will call them 'republics," conceded Borah. "It does not make any difference what they are, but we will designate them 'republics.' "

It is not delicacy about calling a nasty thing by its right name that motivates the State Department in spraying perfume on the tyrants in Central and South America. Roosevelt is preparing to plunge us into war, and where secret diplomacy can't grease the rails under the armament machine then it is necessary to resort to open and downright lies.

### Inspiring Example For Labor

On July 28, 1938 District Court Judge Frank E. Reed of Minneapolis handed down an order requiring that General Drivers Union Local 544 immediately surrender for inspection all its books, records and correspondence to attorneys for five finks who had asked for such inspection, in order the better to prepare a case against the union.

It is a sad fact that, in the case of most unions, such a union-busting order of a judge would have been obeyed, and the finks, obviously agents of the Associated Industries, would have had their way.

But this was the famous Minneapolis Truckdrivers Union, veteran of the great strikes of 1934 which unionized the whole city. Instead of surrendering its books, the union issued a public denunciation of the judge which was headlined throughout the area as meaning that the union would not turn its books over to the finks. The battle thus launched went through numerous legal channels, but always in the forefront was the union's mobilization of the labor movement against the finks and judges supporting them.

Last week the same judge Reed handed down an order by which his order opening the union's books to the finks "is stayed until such time as it appears to the trial judge that such inspection is advisable." The trial itself opens on April 18. We are confident that, despite the reactionary regime now dominating Minnesota, 544 will emerge victorious.

Meanwhile, 544 has provided an inspiring example of how unions can fight to prevent employers' organizations and their agents from securing access to union

# Shocking Conditions Revealed THEIR In Mines By Medical Report

Company Dominated Doctors Are Sharpest Weapon Against Workers; Companies Make Huge Charges For Handling Funds Deducted From Miners' Pay

In the mining camps of the American College of Surgeons, charge men in violation of wage United States a man may die of and for the West Virginia Medi- agreements. This is done through

death due to natural causes." in almost any m Anywhere from the hard rock the United States. mines of the Rocky Mountains to

more than lose an eye from a was: 'An improvement in mediflying splinter of steel, he may be cal conditions would mean more returned to work by the com- to us than a raise in pay." pany doctor, by company request, under the declaration "nothing wrong with him."

With a broken hip and legs, laid out in a solid plaster cast from arm pit to ankle, the company hospital, by company re- DEDUCT WAGES FOR quest, may send the worker home even though he be a bachelor, living alone and completely unable to take care of himself. And for all these medical serv-

ices the man must pay a good doctor on a monthly basis, his round sum out of his wages in income being derived from wageadvance.

### DOCTOR IS POWERFUL COMPANY WEAPON

Every miner who has ever suffered from a crushed toe or lac- tributing the same. These serverated thumb knows intimately ices do not include hospitalizathat the company doctor for whose services he pays an altogether exorbitant sum is one of the company's most powerful

Now a report just released by the Bureau of Cooperative Medicine gives a carefully documented account of what every miner has known since mining companies irst thought of the payroll check-off for medical services.

In a survey including the coal ever the entire sordid system of company dominated medical at meager pay to do the actual service for the mining camps. The survey was invited by the live anywhere-we heard of one officers of the United Mine Workers of America and financed by the Good Will Fund of Boston and the Twentieth Century Fund of New York.

about 75 doctors and 30 or 40 of what is collected. other persons. In addition, 38 DOCTORS FOLLOW hospitals were visited and thor- INSTRUCTIONS ians of the Bureau, and numerwere studied.

### TYPICAL OF U. S. MINING CAMPS

vious studies made for the West low out instructions. Virginia Legislature, for the

a broken back, and on his death cal Association. The conditions certificate the company doctor, uncovered in the area studied are by company request, will write a typical sample of what goes on in almost any mining camp in doctor to "turn that man down"

The committee visited 157 minmuddy smear when a case of a single exception, were highly tonates prematurely may be in- conditions and hopeful that a scribed by the company doctor, change for the better could be by company request, as a "sui- made. "A typical comment," states the report, "frequently Or if he is fortunate to do no heard in all parts of the region

> In the area surveyed, covering 122,000 mine workers and 500 bituminous coal mining operations, the report outlines the following general conditions as prevailing:

### "MEDICAL SERVICE"

Because of the isolation of individual camps in this hilly country, "there grew up many years ago the custom of employing a deductions." These deductions range from \$1.30 a month to \$1.80, all employees including the highly paid superintendent contion. "This means that every 100 men are paying a total of \$1980 a year to their camp doctor."

by the company bookkeeper." Although in some cases a man is nominally free to refuse this service, he is intimidated both by the company and the doctor into accepting these deductions. Absolutely "no accounting of the expenditure of the money collected is given to the employces." The company handles the mining regions of southern West funds in its own sweet way, ei-Virginia and the adjacent parts ther turning all the funds over of Virginia, Kentucky, and Ten- to the mine doctor, out of which nessee, the Bureau of Coopera- he must pay for medicines, nurstive Medicine has assembled es, if he has any; or turning all enough evidence to condemn for- the funds over to a contract doctor who in turn hires assistants

who lived in Philadelphia." In other cases the company keeps the entire check-off, hires The doctor laughed at him and doctors on salary, and puts the remaining money into its gen-A staff of competent doctors eral funds. This is the most comconducted personal interviews mon practise, and many comwith 787 miners and miners' wives panies gain huge profits from this examples are fully authenticated and detailed conversations with operation, taking 25 to 50 percent and could be multiplied indefi-

work. "The contract doctor may

the doctor. It hires him without

a medical examination by the company doctor paid for by the men, and the company tells the because of "high blood pressure,"

or "leaky heart." In one case a the bituminous coal pits of the ing camps and found that all friendly company man gave a un-Appalachians, a man blown into the miners interviewed, without ion official at list of 22 men who were to be discharged in just this dynamite he is transporting de- dissatisfied with present medical fashion. "Sure enough, when the time came, every man on the list was turned down." Under the conditions dictated

by the company it is impossible for even the most competent doctor to render adequate service Although it is the workers' money who pays his salary, it is the company who hires and fires him. and he must remain in good standing with the company.

"At its worst," states the report, "this situation degenerates into a disregard of the patients. Asked to visit a sick child, it was reported that one doctor near Logan answered, 'Hell, no,' and didn't move. The child died."

### MANY ARE IGNORANT

"PILL-PEDDLERS" The doctors themselves are generally old men who have lost all their former energy or young men just out of school who are willing to sacrifice a few years in order to make a stake. In any case the isolation and the unbearable pressure of the company frequently lead to alcoholism which incapacitate him when he is most desperately needed. The wage deductions are made

"Many doctors have become little more than 'pill-peddlers,' to the detriment of the miner's pocket-book and of his health. If any serious illness appears in the camp, the doctor may be too ignorant to recognize it, or may send the patient immediately to the 'list' hospital without examining him properly, or may have to call in an outside doctor at the man's expense. "One woman near Jellico was

n labor for 48 hours, yet the attending physician did not even know her pelvis was too small to allow the birth, nor did he know the baby was already dead. A miner near St. Charles, Virginia, began to drink huge quantities of water and suggested to his doctor that he might have diabetes. didn't examine his urine, and, weeks later, the man was almost in diabetic coma before he was finally sent to the hospital. These

But even the care the miner is supposed to get under these oughly inspected by the physi- The company entirely controls schemes is "limited to the most ordinary illnesses ous reports, documents, contracts, consulting the men who are pay- usual is charged for at high etc., dealing with the situation ing his salary and fires him if he rates and collections made does not follow company orders, through further wage-deductions. The company decides what a man The extra charges collected from dies from, whether he should be 100 men, states the report, reach The results of the investigation given medical attention, and the a "total of \$2,980 a year for camp are in close agreement with pre- doctor has no choice but to fol- medical service alone, not including hospital fees."

(To Be Continued)

# Perkin's Report Depicts Plight of Older Workers Under Capitalism

report made public yesterday, the Committee on Employment Problems of Older Workers, which was appointed by Secretary of Labor Perkins last year, urged abolition of fixed age limits for entrance into public or private employment.

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

The committee denounced as factually unsound the prejudice that "workers are through after 40" and strongly recommended that the Federal Government take the lead in the problem of unemployment for older workers by abolishing age limits for entrance into the government service except for positions demanding physical strength and endurance.

The plight of workers who have given their best years to the modern industrial process and who have been discarded to face a future of uncertainty and hunger when their period of maximum efficiency should be just unfolding has constituted one of the most tragic phases of capitalism in de-

### Labor Market Burdened

Every issue of the newspapers n any modern city carries stories about the final end of these human beings who have been thrown into the wastelands of dirty streets, beaneries, and dark rooms whose main vista is a gas connection.

Suicides, death from starvation, ill-heath which even a modicum of attention could cure or prevent these are ordinary every-day occurrences accepted quite compla-

cently by the capitalists. With a labor market over-burdened with strong youthful backs

ploy anyone whose productive ability might be less than it was ten years before.

on the hunt for a job, face a tragically blank wall.

No Use for Workers Capitalism has nothing but starvation and death to offer these people. No matter how useful they have been capitalism has no reward for them except a nameless charity cemeteries. Not a single

### DEBATE Has **Bolshevism** Failed?

IOSEPH SHAPLEN Social Democrat Says Yes! (Social Democratic Fed.)

MAX SHACHTMAN Trotskyist Says No!

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and energetic young minds, no recommendation of Madam Per-WASHINGTON, March 19.- In capitalist feels constrained to em- kins' committee can change that situation. Even if the Federal Government

should change its Civil Service re-The older people like the young quirements to permit applications ones now first pounding cement from older people, that does not mean big business will follow the good example. Big business is interested in profits, not in good ex amples or kindly humanitarian

At the present time capitalism in America has no room or use for 12,000,000 able-bodied workers. grave in a forgotten corner of the Neither good examples nor chiding words from a government committee can relieve that situa-

Nostrums Don't Help

Many nostrums have been suggested to relieve the plight of the older workers. In California particularly, wide movements have advocated giving the aged various amounts in regular sums during their remaining days. All these plans recognize the need and all of them recognize the minimum amounts necessary to make life livable.

But without exception thes plans have been opposed by big business. So long as big business rides in the saddle at Washington no pension plans worthy of the name will ever succeed in diverting any of the funds now going into the coffers of the rich or the war machine.

Not until a workers' government is in power at Washington can the older people who have been squeezed out of the industrial process hope for a square deal. Only a workers' government can solve the problem hinted at by Perkins' investigation.

# By James Burnham GOVERNMENT

Let me try to put it very plainly: Who is it who cuts your wages? Not Hitler, not Mussolini, not any "foreign tyrant," but your own American boss. Is it not?

Who lowers the piece rate and speeds up the assembly line? Again: not Hitler, but your own boss.

Who throws you and your fellow-workers out of your jobs whenever profits start getting a little lower? Who forms and runs company unions to prevent you from getting your rights? Who fights genuine collective bargaining to the last ditch? Who pays for the spies and stool pigeons who frame you up? Who buy's the tear gas and clubs and sawed-off shotguns that appear when a strike is breaking? Who hires the guards and thugs and finks?

Not Hitler, not a German or Italian or Japanese boss, but your own boss, your American boss.

### Which Chamber of Commerce?

Who is responsible for the ten to fifteen million unemployed, and their tragic, hungry, empty lives, for their children without enough clothing or food or housing or doctors? No one in Germany or Japan, but the bosses of this country and the system in this country which gives the bosses their power and their privileges.

Who carries out the racial policy, the "Aryanization program," which drives thirteen million Negroes into ghettoes, which deprives them of every right, of chances to work, which forbids them to live like decent human beings? Hitler can still take lessons from the good Americans who tyrannize the Negroes.

What Chamber of Commerce is it that howls for "economy" at the expense of food and houses for millions of workers, that cracks down on every progressive proposal which might serve the interests of the masses of the people? It is not the Berlin or the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce.

Which National Association of Manufacturers floods newspapers and magazines and radio with the harsh, reactionary demands of the Tom Girdlers?

### And as for Governments?

What courts are those that issue the injunctions which are used to break up strikes and picketing and labor boycotts? Not the Berlin People's Tribunal.

What Supreme Court insolently prohibits the sitdown, labor's firmest, most effective weapon? It is not located in a foreign country. What judges sentence militant workers whenever they stand up resolutely for labor's rights, but somehow seem never to notice when, as in South Chicago, workers are slaughtered in cold blood?

What cops smash picket lines, club the unemployed, protect the rights of fascists and prevent workers from demonstrating against the fascists? Not Hitler's Gestapo, not his Brown Shirts, but the good American cops of good American cities and states. What parliament refuses to vote adequate relief and

at the same time votes billions for airplanes and lifts taxes from big business? Not the Reichstag, but the Congress at Washington. Who sends in the National Guard or even the regular army if labor seems to be on the point of winning a really major victory? Did you ever hear of cops or soldiers being called to throw lying, criminal, exploit-

### ing bosses out of the plants?

While for the Future? Who put across the anti-labor amendment in Oregon, and aims to duplicate it throughout the country? No one has pretended that Associated Farmers is a Nazi

Who has drawn up the Industrial Mobilization Act, which will clamp down on the people a totalitarian military dictatorship over night? It was not thought of in Berlin, but in the private offices of the American War Department.

Who will be in charge of the concentration camps now being prepared for American workers who will be bold enough to resist seriously the onward march of reaction? Not Brown Shirts with swastika armbands, but home-grown fascists paid for in good American dollars from good American bosses.

### What Liebknecht Meant

These questions are simple, and not hard to answer. They explain what revolutionary socialists mean when they repeat, following the words of the great and noble German, Karl Liebknecht, that the main, the first

enemy is in your own country. In each nation, the main enemy of each worker is the boss at home, and the bosses' government. To win freedom for himself, and to aid best in the world-wide fight for freedom, he must fight first against the bosses at home and their government.

In the United States today, the bosses and their government-the Roosevelt government, and all their liberal and reformist and Stalinist tallies, are asking the workers to forget the main enemy. They are saying: Forget the lessons of your own experience, forget what we do to you. Turn your eyes on Hitler. Give us your liberties and your lives, so that we can protect our profits against the claims of our boss-rivals in

other countries. Kill your fellow-workers, for our sake: With their voices shouting everywhere, is it not time, more than time, to remember the voice of

### **Labor Looks Through** The Press

By ARTHUR HOPKINS Last year over 30,000 churches in the United States closed their doors because of lack of leadership and

Japanese are giving free medical attention to mothers and new-born babies. (U.P. dispatch from Tokio.) In Japan, as in the great "democracies," one must risk one's life on the child bed or the battlefield to

"According to new labor promulgations of the Nazi labor office, employees must have permission to quit their jobs. Owing to the acute shortage in the building trades and in agriculture, workers know they will not receive such permission," says Edward W. Beattie, U.P. Berlin correspondent.

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