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LEWIS CALLS FOR MORE WPA JOBS

Britain Is Again Rebuffed By Russia

Suspense Dominates Situation as World **Powers Await Events**

The Soviet Union this week again rebuffed Britain's effort to draw it into participation in the Anglo-French "guarantees" to Poland and Rumania.

While the Nazis, following their now-familiar strategy, let the crisis simmer down to a slow boil, the Russians continued to hold the western powers off at arm's length.

Britain asked Russia to come to the aid of Poland and Rumania if attacked by Germany and said the Soviet promise of aid need not become operative until Britain and France were already in action.

Moscow's Reply

The Russians replied that this in effect left them holding the bag, for it provided no Anglo-French guarantee to Russia in the event of attack through the Baltic countries or subsequent to the possible defeat of the Poles and Rumanians by Hitler's bordes.

To underline their attitude of aloofness, the Russians announced that they would be represented at Geneva next week by no one more important than Ivan Maisky, the Soviet ambassador at London. The British and French had entertained hopes of meeting with powers to settle the problem of Russian participation in the western bloc.

Waiting on Danzig

As it is now, the whole issue remains in suspense, waiting on events. The Russians demand a full alliance as the price of their aid-apparently under the delusion that such an alliance will be of any real service in the defense of the Soviet Union when war comes. The British have no desire to enter upon such an alliance, desiring not to close all the doors to "appeasement" of Italy, Japan, Franco's Spain, and possibly even at this late date. Germany. Mussolini's soft speaking last week nourished these

Hitler is meanwhile pursuing with respect to Danzig the same waiting tactics that won him the Sudetenland and the rest of Czechoslovakia. He still figures on sweeping Danzig into his fold without a war and calculates on doing this by waiting until the Poles crack under the nervous strain of not knowing just how much support they can count on if war comes. That uncertainty continues so long as the Russians play their present game.

London Waits

to note, there were some quarters that seemed to be waiting on events in Danzig in order to clarify Russia's exact position. For if the Nazis take Danzig either through the mechanism of a plebiscite or through a direct coup, and the Poles find themselves in a pants-down position as a result of Russian conclude that the German-Soviet understanding for mutual "neutralization" actually exists and will act accordingly.

The Poles still say they will fight for Danzig. The Anglo-French strategy is still based on permitting Danzig to go by without a fight. That is where Europe's war-making gangsters stood as the world drew one week nearer war.

-ROOSEVELT'S PAL-

Anastasio Somoza, **Bloody Dictator** Of Nicaragua

-By Adolfo Zamora-

Anastasio Somoza, President of Nicaragua, is being received with special lavishness and ceremony by the American Government during his visit here. Roosevelt has gone out of his way to demonstrate his solidarity and friendship for the Nicaraguan visitor. Who is Somoza? What is his record? How does he fit into Roosevelt's "Democratic Front of the Americas"? The real story of Somoza is given below in the article by Adolfo Zamora, prominent revolutionary exile from Nicaragua who is at present one of the editors of the Mexican Marxist review, Clave.-Ed.

Up until February 21, 1934, the day he achieved international notoriety by murdering Sandino, the agrarian leader of Nicaragua's independence movement, the career of the present guest of honor at the White House, Anastasio Somoza, alias "El General," was of a shady and prison-record type. A series of crimes and betravals since that time have brought him to power, first through a puppet president and finally through his own installation in the presidency (for an indefinite period, he thinks) as the absolute lord of the lives and property of the Nicaraguans.

This post he enjoys today to the greater glory of Mr. Roosevelt's Democracy and Good Neighbor policy. Scarcely two months before he shook the friendly hand of the "democrat" F.D.R., he re-elected himself supreme potentate for nine more years through a faked "Constitutional Congress." Hence his boss in Washington can count for a certain period on a loyal henchman in the future Canal Zone of Nicaragua, a watch dog whose merits there is no need to discuss.

An Imperialist Servant

Somoza belongs to a blue-blooded family which has long served imperialism. His most notorious ancestor is Bernabe Somoza, alias "Seven Handkerchiefs," notorious executioner who placed himself at the orders of William Walker and his filibuster invaders of Nicaragua in the year 1856. Hundreds of his fellow countrymen who fought against Walker were murdered by "Seven Handkerchiefs," who won this strange nickname by committing, during an extended period, seven executions daily, in each of which he always used a new handkerchief to clean the blood of his victim from his knife.

President Roosevelt's friend inherited from his great ancestor two very useful qualities: a menial adherence to imperialist oppression and a cowardly cruelness which enable him to murder in cold blood and from behind. These two ingredients constitute the best "strong men" of Latin America. "Seven Handkerchiefs" would be proud today to see his grandson seated at the great boss's table, he who could never aspire to more than the toe of a hireling's boot. Moreover poor Barnabe died-hanged-and his body was burned in Rivas, Nicaragua, "misunderstood" by his countrymen and abandoned by his chiefs.

Counterfeiter and Bootlegger

This is not Anastasio's first visit to the United States. For six years as a young man, he assiduously made the rounds of the Chicago saloons until his mother's money gave out. And money is of so little consequence to him that upon returning to Nicaragua the first enterprise to which he dedicated his brilliant talents was counterfeiting. He also turned his leisure moments to bootlegging. Fortunately for him he had, a short while before, married a Nicaraguan aristocrat, one Debayle, so that only his two accomplices who were not aristocrats were imprisoned: Camilio Gonzales, alias "El General" and Santos Bendanes, alias "El Zarco," "the Blond." Thanks to the influence of his father-in-law, Dr. Debayle, Somoza remained

In 1924-25, Somoza received his first important public post. Through his uncle, Vice-president Sacasa, he was designated Tax Collector of Leon. He remained in this job a short time and upon leaving it was accused of malfeasance. (Continued on Page 4)

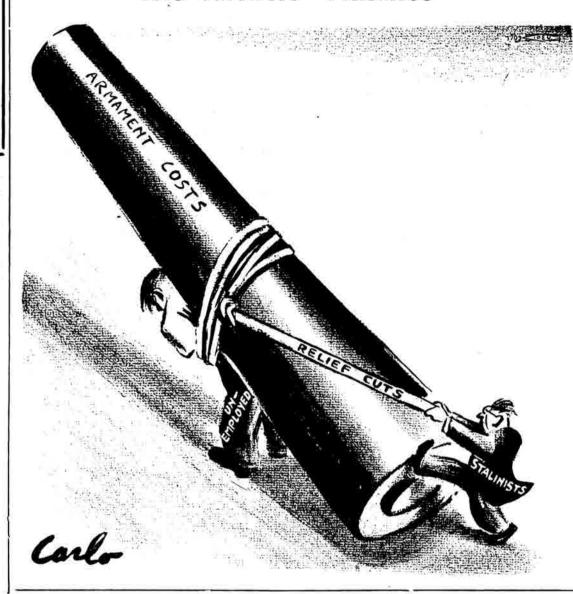
In London, it was interesting SWP Convention Endorses Twice-a-Month Challenge

Challenge of Youth from a June 1, has been launched. funds. This goal, decided upon by the was motivated by its political

The campaign to increase the tion of the members of the frequency of appearance of the Y.P.S.L. has succeeded in netting to date many subs and domonthly to a twice-monthly by the country. Meanwhile League guarded bridge. "neutrality." the British will raising \$500 and getting 350 members are arranging dances additional subscriptions by and parties to raise the needed

Though this campaign has National Council of the Young just gotten under way the plans break the solidarity of the People's Socialist League at its and pledges of the Y.P.S.L. inplenum held in Akron, Ohio, dicate a huge success. As we go to press we hear that the needs: at least a weekly. The New York S.W.P. convention slogan is, therefore, "twice has endorsed the drive for a monthly on the road to the twice-monthly and urges every party branch, fraction and sym-The whole hearted coopera- pathizer to take a greeting.

The Workers "Alliance"



Coal Strike Settled With Victory union demands for adequate For Miners in Two-Year Contract to go before the Council to demand action.

National SETTLEMENT Guard In PROVIDES FOR Harlan

Governor Calls on Troops to Smash Miners' Lines

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) HARLAN, Kentucky.—Under the protection of the bayonets of the National Guard, six mines opened this week with tract between the United Mine scab labor in an effort to bust the United Mine Workers of Appalachian operators which America in Bloody Harlan

Armed with rifles, bayonets and backed by machine guns, the strike-breaking guardsmen prevented mass picketing at Southern operators directed by ord. the entrances to the 42 mines the Harlan County, Kentucky in this county.

An impressive caravan of 4,000 cars loaded with U.M. W.A. strikers roamed the county following a huge rally at

Open Shop Threat

The Harlan operators openly announced they intended to re establish the open shop and Democratic Governor Chandler immediately sent National Guardsmen to assist them. The operators refused to sign the Appalachian agreement that settled the strike of 260,000 soft coal miners.

John L. Lewis announced in would take personal charge of the defense of the 12,000 strikers against the open shop drive. One striker was hurt by the

Re-inforcements for the 600 guardsmen were ordered on gress could declare war. May 15 when it was apparent

less than 500 scabs were work-

Chagrined at this feeble show (Continued on Page 2)

CLOSED SHOP

Union Expects Hold-**Out Bosses to Sign** Agreement Soon

NEW YORK CITY. — The C.I.O. scored a major defensive victory with the settlement of the nation-wide coal strike by the signing of a two-year con-Workers of America and the included exclusive bargaining

rights and the union shop. The Appalachian pact covers 260,000 out of 320,000 soft coal miners. A small group of sailed Hague's anti-labor rec- that they eat only an unsatisbosses refused to sign the agreement.

Pacts Signed When a settlement became wick, Hudson County.

probable last week, John L. Lewis, president of the U.M. the middle-west who had been on a sympathy strike to return Immediately after the Appa-

lachian agreement was announced, similar pacts were

Hague Machine Beaten

Bayonne Voters Cast Record Vote against Jersey Hitler

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) to City Hall at 1 p.m. Monday BAYONNE, N. J.—A record after a visit to the World's vote and an unprecedented majority defeated the Hague ma-

chine in this city. By an average of nearly and day, on four-hour shifts, 0,000 votes out of a record vote with the local homeless, unemof 38,278, the anti-Hague can-ployed single members, not didates of the city commission eligible for home relief, conelection rode to victory after a tributing a large share of the campaign in which they as- man-power despite the fact

The Jersey City Fuehrer thus | ipal Lodging House early in the received the most stinging re- day, and then must go hungry buke ever administered to him until five p.m. in an election in his own baili-

But those who won by denouncing Hague's record they would not be shot back to W.A., ordered 126,000 miners in against labor and civil rights were not labor candidates, but Republican and Democratic fakers, who unscrupulously made capital out of the widespread hostility to Hague. The labor movement failed to seize signed in Illinois covering 25,- the opportunity to run its own candidates.

Boss Press Boycotts Hearings Washington, D. C. that he On Ludlow Referendum

on the head by a pistol when subcommittee hearings on the about these hearings. nations from various parts of he asked permission to cross a Ludlow amendment to the con-

> that the present force could not last week in Washington were prove that. In one, a cross-secreported in the New York tion of the electorate answered Times only incidentally to other that the problem of keeping Union officials declared that stories, and were unreported America out of war is the most altogether by the Herald-Trib- immediate and critical probing in the six mines that une and the Daily Worker. The lem before the country. In the press services to the rest of other, 69% declared themselves the country are carrying only opposed to any repetition of of strength, the operators were the most meager details. We America's World War loans to are witnessing a cold-blooded the Allies.

The daily press is virtually and deliberate suppression by boycotting the Senate judiciary the war-mongers of the facts

In spite of all that the Roose velt administration can do. stitution providing for a popu- however, anti-war sentiment lar referendum before Con- remains strong. The Gallup poll has just released two new Hearings held on three days surveys of public opinion which

Sets Minimum Need Of U.S. at 3,000,000

Message to Congress Lists Five-Point Program for W.P.A.—Friction between Unions and Roosevelt Increases

WASHINGTON.—Finally yielding to the widespread demand in C.I.O. ranks for a fight against the relief slashes, John L. Lewis served on Congress a demand for a million more W.P.A. jobs than President Roosevelt has proposed for the coming year.

In his April 27 W.P.A. budget message, Roosevelt proposed to limit W.P.A. jobs during the coming year to two million as a maximum. Lewis, in his letter, addressed Sun-

N. Y. JOBLESS

IN THREE-DAY

U.P.W.U. Asks City

(By Staff Writer) YORK.—A 72-hour

Administration for

Handle Complaints"; "Jobs

Not Guns"; "For a Full Work

Week at Trade Union Wages";

Unemployed."

"Expand W.P.A. to Include All

To La Guardia, who led a

to City Hall at 1 p.m. Monday

Fair, the poorly-clad pickets

The picket line was run night

factory breakfast at the Munic-

As One Good Anti-

NEW YORK CITY.-May-

or LaGuardia and Prince

Ascanio Colonna, Italian am-

bassador to the United

States, exchanged felicita-

tions in speeches opening the

Italian government Pavil-

ion at the World's Fair,

Mussolini's representative

'a wonderful Mayor" and

LaGuardia hoped that

"Italy will continue to be

At the end of the cere-

mony, the fascist song "Gio-

vanezza" was played. The

hall-full of fascists shouted

and cheered, with arms

raised in the fascist salute,

and cries of "Viva Musso-

On numerous occasions

previously—notably at Co-

lumbus Day celebrations,

when fascist and anti-fascist

groups hold rival meetings

-LaGuardia has spoken for

the Italian fascist groups,

despite labor protests.

devoted to the cause of

paid tribute to LaGuardia as

thanked him for taking part

in the ceremony.

world peace.

May 9.

Fascist to Another

were an embarrassing sight.

Adequate Relief

PICKET LINE

day to the House Appropriations Committee, demanded a minimum of three million.

Counters Roosevelt Proposal The Lewis letter did not directly refer to Roosevelt's W.P.A. proposals, but it was obviously meant to be a counter-proposal. It was the first statement from the C.I.O. leadership since Roosevelt's April 27 message to Congress. The A.F.L. still remains silent. The Communist Party - controlled Workers Alliance, assertedly representing W.P.A. and unemployed workers, has remained

equally silent. Coming shortly after Lewis' letter attacking the Roosevelt picket line at City Hall was in- administration for having "caused many operators to beaugurated Monday at 11 A.M. by the Unemployed and Proj-blanche from the government lieve that they had carte ect Workers Union, to voice to disembowel the United Mine Workers," the C.I.O. message relief. On Tuesday, when the on W.P.A. may indicate a fur-City Council would be in ses- ther cleavage between the sion, a union committee was trade unions and Roosevelt.

Friction With Roosevelt As the Roosevelt administra-Marching in two long lines, tion speeds up its war program, one on the Broadway side of it is coming more and more in City Hall, and one on the Park collision with the organized Row side, the pickets carried workers, and this necessarily signs announcing their de- is reflected in pressure from mands: "All War Funds to the the ranks upon the trade union Unemployed"; "Immediate Re-lief for Dismissed W.P.A. war program involves strip-Workers"; "Stop Voucher Re-lief"; "Abolish Unpaid Labor cial services, in order to pro-at Municipal Lodging Houses"; vide more money for arma-Close Camp LaGuardia—Give ment. These blows against the Jobs"; "Stop the Run-Around: labor movement are causing tension growing Roosevelt and his trade union

supporters. It is not assured, however, that Lewis' demand upon Congress for more W.P.A. jobs will motorcade of visiting mayors be pushed firmly. Having supported Roosevelt thus far, Lewis may make only a perfunctory gesture, unless the ranks of the W.P.A. and unemployed workers of the country go into action against the relief

slashes. Stalinists Remain Silent

The Stalinist hirelings who run the Workers Alliance remain impervious to all this. The C.I.O. leadership often finds itself compelled to protect its organizations and membership somewhat, if only to maintain the income from which must come its salaries. The Stalinists, on the other hand, get their pay from Browder's treasury no matter what happens to the Workers Alliance or any union.

And that treasury is geared to one purpose and one alone: support of Roosevelt's war program, no matter what the cost to the unions and the workers, employed and unemployed. These scoundrels are today the most formidable obstacle in labor's ranks preventing the workers from organizing against Roosevelt's relief-

slashing campaign. Lewis Figure Conservative

Lewis' proposed figure of three million W.P.A. jobs is lower than the number of workers actually on W.P.A. rolls on election day in November, when the rolls stood at 3,350,-000. Since then, at Roosevelt's direction, the rolls have been slashed to 2,600,000 and will be reduced to 2,000,000 by July 1, when the coming fiscal year begins for which Roosevelt proposed that figure.

These reductions, as Lewis' letter points out, were entirely unrelated to any increase in employment.

Lewis reminded Congress of the "political dangers" involved. "A people bred in the

(Continued on Page 2)

The first constitutional convention of the Textile Workers Organizing Committee began last week end in Philadelphia with an interesting report by Sidney Hillman, chairman, and technological unemployment, O.) has voted to instruct its in-Emil Rieve, executive director.

Since the entire report is not yet available only the high points can be mentioned at the present time.

It was estimated that \$1,200,-000 weekly wages increases had been won by the C.I.O. union for textile workers in the last two years, or about \$2.50 a week for those workers under C.I.O. contracts or in the T.W.O.C. In view of the increase in the cost of living and the unemployment raging in the textile industry, this hardly constitutes a remarkable gain.

The way that the Hillman-Rieve report states the membership figures likewise is a bit unusual. "About 235,000 textile workers employed by 950 companies are now working under contracts signed by the T.W.O.C. In addition, 150,-000 textile workers have signed membership cards, and agreements covering 39,000 are being negotiated by the T.W.O.C.'

Union's Srength

What is the strength of the union? Is it 235,000 plus 150,-000? We wish that were the

Few of the 950 companies have shops completely unionized, even though all the workers employed there obtain the full benefits of the contracts. The job of building the unions after the contracts have been signed by negotiations through the top is a main task of the T.W.O.C. and one in which it has done little.

150,000 textile workers, in addition, have signed cards. Good. Now to make them into first class union men. It takes plenty of time, patience and good organizers. A frank discussion about this problem at the convention would do a lot to give a real program to solve this problem. Unfortunately, we doubt if such a discussion will ensue.

When the wages-hours law was passed by Congress, it was viewed as a great let-down from the needs and desires of the workers. But wages are so low in many areas, specifically textile, that this mild reform legislation will boost textile wages \$13,800,000 for 181,000 workers in one year. A good selling point for the T.W.O.C., because the C.I.O. pressed hard for the wages-hours law.

Finance Report

big business status through the organizing campaigns of the C.I.O. is illustrated by the report of finances of the T.W.O.C. convention.

spent in the textile organizing flood control, schools and hoscampaign of the last two years, according to the financial report. The C.I.O. textile union alone spent \$1.780,797. Sister organizations spent \$300,000 on its behalf, and affiliated Locals and Joint Boards spent another \$350,000. Lacking the militant program that marked the development of the C.I.O. auto workers union, the T.W.O.C. has less to show for itself, despile the great financial expenditures.

How this campaign was PARTY MEETINGS financed is also shown in the report. Contributions from C.I.O. unions totalled \$916,000. The Amalgamated Clothing Workers gave \$523,000, the United Mine Workers \$198,000, the International Ladies Garment Workers Union \$110,000 and the C.I.O. \$85,000. This solidarity among the C.I.O. unions is one, of the splendid achievements of the new industrial unionism movement. The positive side of the T.W.

O.C. campaign, with all its faults and difficuldes, is revealed by a comparison of the status of unionism in the textile industry in 1937 and today. When the C.I.O. made its agreement with the United Textile Workers in 1937 setting up the Textile Workers Organizing Committee, the U.T.W. had 25 union contracts and a membership of around 73,000. Now the T.W.O.C. has contracts, as reported above, with 950 companies covering 235,000 workers.

> At Your Service THE APPEAL POSTER SHOP

N. J. Steel Workers For "30-Hours, \$30" Ask National Union 1.

In All Contract Negotiations

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) ern New Jersey Steel Work- for the shorter work-week. Alers' Council has added its ready, the Electrical Workers voice to labor's demand for a Union has begun a magnificent agreement employ between 30-hour week without reduction campaign, dramatized through in pay. Pointing to the fact stickers, buttons and neon that over 100,000 steel workers signs, for the 30-hour week. have lost their jobs because of The Auto Workers Union (C.I. tional office of the union to in- tee to fight for the 30-hour week clude this demand in all future in contract negotiations with negotiations with companies.

Under the Walsh-Healy Act there now prevails in the steel ing, and industry employing industry a 40-hour week. Re-less men for any given amount ducing the working week to 30 of work, the demand of steel hours, says the Council, will and electrical workers is vital force the industry to reabsorb for the working class. All labor housands upon thousands of unions must follow their examunemployed men.

The stand of the Council is 30 dollars."

in keeping with the increasing NEWARK, N. J.—The North- insistence of American labor and in Indiana for 9,000. the auto companies.

With unemployment increasple in the fight for "30-hours,

Unions Will Discuss Problem of Jobless

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) union delegales will discuss the lies are living on relief, a reproblems of unemployment and lief level that was cut 15% in relief at a conference called by March and is threatened with tension of the old agreement the St. Paul Trades and Labor another 20% slash. This means that ends Saturday. The opera-Assembly on May 19. Speakers that 29,367 men, women, and tors have demanded wage rerom the trade union move- children are trying to get along ment will present the questions on inadequate food allowances. work in a proposed new conaffecting the unemployed such rents that have been cut so as unemployment compensa-isharply that landlords are beion, housing, relief budgets, etc., and their significance for W.P.A. workers, clothing orhe trade unions. The conference is under the general direcion of the Unemployment Committee of the Assembly, neaded by Bernie Simmer, Business Agent of Warehouse Employees Union, Local 20297. 43,000 persons are unem-

LEWIS ASKS MILLION MORE

he figures of the Unemploy-

(Continued from Page 1) traditions of the American peoole will not forever endure the threats of utter privation.'

C.I.O. Program for a W.P.A. program:

"1. W.P.A. jobs for all unem- of the conference. ployed able and willing to work without the degrading means

"2. Recognition of the right How unionism has achieved a of W.P.A. workers to organize. "3. W.P.A. jobs fitted to the needs and skills of unemployed

workers. "4. All projects to be socially useful and productive, includ-Nearly \$2,400,000 has been ing housing, slum clearance. pitals, health, cultural and white collar work, vocational

> training. "5. Wages sufficient to maintain an American standard of living and to prevent reduction in union standards.'

ment Compensation Division. Sr. PAUL, May 1.-Trade 8,339 persons with their famiginning to refuse relief and ders only on the basis of absolute emergency, no allowance USE NATIONAL ders only on the basis of absofor incidentals, carfare, etc.

W.P.A. Rolls Cut

500 workers were cut from the W.P.A. rolls the first week of April to bring the number ployed in St. Paul according to employed to 7,424, and another 500 will be thrown out of jobs by May 8. This additional load on the local relief rolls is especially serious at a time when the conservative controlled legislature refused to appropriate even the inadequate sum requested by the County Welfare Board and the City Council.

ing both the needs of those within their own ranks and the threat this constitutes to the The organ of the central assembly has been publishing a series Lewis listed five basic points of articles on the local problems preparatory to the holding

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Forward to the Twice-A Month Challenge of Youth

WORKERS' FORUM

ON BEHAVIOR AT EDITOR:

group of people I brought to a collection plate under such James P. Cannon's lecture on Litvinov Friday night. These people were well-dis-

posed to the lecturer; they liked his speech—what they heard of it. For, all around us during by your party members and he lecture your party members, and above all your Yipsels, carried on private-not so private-chats and animated discussions. But that was only the begin-

ning. When the speaker concluded, the chairman proceed ed to a collection speech. It would have been an effective speech too-if anybody had neard him. For no sooner did Cannon conclude, then all over he hall your party members nd Yipsels stood up, walked round, greeting their friends and strolling arm-in-arm abou he hall. It was a mad-house and your chairman vainly tried o make his collection speech

heard. Aren't your party members and Yipsels shocked into some realization of the situation by hearing the chairman repor that the collection totalled some thirty-odd dollars? Five

less than a penny apiece in the collection! The reason is obvi-As one friendly to your party, ous: only a few determined conditions; certainly nobody, even one friendly to the position stated by the lecturer, would be moved to give any money in that bedlam created

> Yipsels. I confess I don't understand why you permit such a situaion, and Friday night was only a little worse than at previous meetings I have attended. Your membership is cerainly devoted enough in other hings, to submit to some organization and discipline at a public meeting.

The people I brought were imply disgusted. They reninded me of the beautiful orranization and discipline prerailing at the usual Stalinist neeting. One of them said: 'If this party were really serius, it could not possibly run uch a madhouse.

Who is responsible for meetngs? Something must be done r people like myself will, even we continue ourselves to ome, abandon any attempt to

JACOB FOX.

(Continued from Page 1) 000 miners, in Kansas, Missouri and West Kentucky for 16,000,

The Southern operators who refused to sign the Appalachian 50,000 to 70,000 miners. The U.M.W.A. leaders said that many of these would fall into line without much difficulty.

The status of the union minthe Council called upon the na- ternational executive commit- ers in Harlan County was the major question left unanswered. Likewise, 22,000 miners in Alabama had not yet been included in signed con-

Closed Shop Issue

Under the Appalachian pact the wages and hour provisions of the old expired agreement

HARLAN MINERS

(Continued from Page 1) other reign of terror under the tivity! protection of the National Guard to drive the strikers back to work. C.I.O. Support

workers whose lives are be- Lewis to the strikers since the coming increasingly hazardous, Harlan battle in reality is a the trade unions are recogniz- major struggle between the open shop Southern industrialsts and the C.I.O.

Victory against the Harlan hopelessness of unemployment, established wage and hour operators will stop the drive relieved only by periodic standards of organized labor. of the industrialists which reoperators will stop the drive ceived a severe set-back with the settlement of the great section of the coal strike. Thousands of coal miners at-

bayonets or with tin soldiers." He charged that, "The operators were resorting to the law of the jungle with the assistance of the state government in an effort to smash the United Mine Workers Union.' Operators Guilty

Less than a year ago, 14 operators were convicted in Harlan county of planning murder, beatings and other forms of terror against miners in an effort to prevent unionism.

The National Labor Relations Board also found the Harlan operators guilty of using every form of coercion against members of the United Mine Workers of America. A temporary agreement between the union and the operators followed the order of the N.L.R.B. to the hundred people, at least—and operators that they negotiate with the U.M.W.A.

In the nation-wide coal strike the Harlan operators led the want to tell you the effect on people would put anything into die-hard group that declared it would never sign a contract with the U.M.W.A.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TO THE READERS of the Russian Bulletin: The latest issue of the Russian Bulletin, No. 75-76, arrived and can be gotten at 116 University Pl., 2nd floor. Ask for Sylvia Caldwell.

PITCH YOUR TENT at Camp Seven Oaks-Red Bank, N.J. Swimming Pool, Tennis, Plumbing. \$20 and we equip your tent. Complete kitchen facilities. H. Katz, 58 E. 4th St., New York City.

SPRING FEVER DANCE, Exhibition Dancing, Impersonations and Singing. Saturday. May 20. Astoria Branch, 28-40 31st St., Astoria. (IRT or BMT to Grand Ave.)

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Join the Socialist **Workers Party**

"Our Country Is in Danger"

A public leaflet under the heading, "Our Country is in Danger!" was issued by the English Communist Party and signed by Harry Pollitt, its National Secretary, during the crucial March days of this year.

After denouncing Chamberlain because of his failure to go to war against Hitler, the leaflet states: "We must defend our country and preserve what past generations have fought for and secured for us. . ." (World News & Views-April 1,

It goes without saying that the loot and plunder "secured" from India, Ceylon, South Africa and the host of other colonies that go to make up the British Empire are included among the things that the Stalinist agents of imperialism will fight to preserve and make secure.

Ameringer Offers Pink Pill for Capitalist Ills

By ARTHUR HOPKINS

MINNEAPOLIS.—Oscar Am. with envy. of the old expired agreement are retained. Any struggle for economic demands was side stepped by Lewis and the minore reconomic demands was side stepped by Lewis and the minore respectively. The progressive structure of the strike and the minor of the strike. Progressive Miners union made the union shop the vital issue of the strike. With the settlement of the strike. With the settlement of the strike, except in Harlan County, the U.M.W.A. has another difficult task in the negotiations with the anthracite operators.

Over 100,000 hard coal minores are expected.

Over 100,000 hard coal minores are working under an extension of the old agreement that ends Saturday. The operators have demanded wage reducations and the lengthening of work in a proposed new contract. Counter-demands by the U.M.W.A. are expected.

USE NATIONAL

GUARD AGAINST

HARLAN MINERS

eringer, one-time socialist who still works at this when not provided there never is at still works at this when not provided there never is at still works at this when not provided there never is at such meetings—and I had no proportunity to ask the question. The two things into the two things into the other by lowing union that the two things in some that the depression of the office of the strike. Except in the provided ware required in the provided manages to be at the depression by setting fires to the forests and thereby earn 50 cents an another difficult task in the negotiations with the anthracite operators.

Over 100,000 hard coal minores are working under an extension of the old agreement that ends Saturday. The operators.

Over 100,000 hard coal minores are working under an extension of the old agreement that ends Saturday. The operators are ductions and the lengthening of work in a proposed now contract. Counter-demands by the U.M.W.A. are expected.

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dustries, and the re-distribution of purchasing power. That's all there is, except that he blithely tells us that he's going to get all these dandy things reported to be planning and for us—through electoral ac-

As Ameringer told us about this wonder ul scheme his scintillating platform manner got the audience into a festive The full resources and power mood. How the lady and genlarge group of unemployed of the C.I.O. were pledged by tlemen liberals tittered at the sallies-oh so good-natured-at what he termed the foibles of the "cockeyed" capitalist system. Now using pathos, then humor, now ridicule, then stern righteous anger, he had the motley assembly of near-pinks rolling in the aisles, almost. The substance of his speech was that he was against the capitalist system; at any rate its most glaring evils, such as tended the huge rally on May unemployment. But not much 14 where William Turnblazer, lire did he direct against the U.M.W.A. official, pointed out most glaring evil of all—the that, "You can't dig coal with world's headlong plunge into he abyss of war, and Roosevelt leading the charge. In Passing

He did manage-in passing only-to chide the President for uming at Hitler when there are crimes against humanity in our own backyard (or frontyard, for that matter) to make

Senator Feels For Turkeys—But Not for Negroes

WASHINGTON, D. C .-Senator "Cotton Ed" Smith of South Carolina, prominently mentioned as a likely presidential nominee, manifests a concern for the American wild turkey that is almost touching but will have nothing to do with any proposal to protect the Negro from lynch mobs.

Senator Smith won approval by the Senate agriculure committee May 4 for his bill to spend \$50,000 for a turkey refuge in his home state. Senator Smith is one of the leading opponents of the federal anti-lynching bill.

WAR NOTES

\$1,000,000,000 is the amount States." spent each month by the nations of the world for arma- dition to the Klan, labor vigiments. Such is the estimate lantes, patriotic organizations made by the Bank for Interna- and many of the Southern sectional Settlement. The total cost of war implements, said regard this law as a dead let the Bank, was six times greater in 1938, than in 1928.

Leahy (known for his consis- chapter 3 of Title 18. ent advocacy of a big navy)

a Storm Trooper's eyes glisten Though there was no ques-

tion period-there never is at

NEW YORK .- Citing a fed-

eral law which provides a fine of \$5,000 and a maximum prison sentence of ten years for those who conspire to injure persons exercizing their civil r.ghts, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People called upon Attorney General Frank Murphy to proceed against the Klansmen of Miama, Florida, who unsucessfully attempted to frighten Negro voters away from the polls on May 2. The N.A.A.C.P. letter cited

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Ave. North at Westcott newspaper reports of the Klan parade held in Miami the night before election day where Klansmen distributed placards warning Negroes away from the polls and displayed nooses to intimidate possible voters The letter also referred to reports that a Negro was hung in effigy. "Although Negroes of Miami

refused to be intimidated," the letter said, "and actually voted at a ratio greater than ever before, there has been open and flagrant violation of the Federal laws."

The N.A.A.C.P. letter quoted chapter 3, section 51 of Title 18 of the code of laws of the United States of America as follows: "Conspiracy to injure per-

sons in exercize of civil rights.

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It may be added that in ad-'ions of the Democratic Party

The N.A.A.C.P. letter quoted the Attorney General a sec-President Roosevelt last tion of Title 18 of the federal week appointed Admiral Wil- statutes specifically instructliam D. Leahy, Chief of Naval ing the federal law enforce-Operations, to replace Blanton ment officers to institute pros-Winship as Governor of Puerto ecution against all persons vio-Rico. The appointment of lating any of the provisions of Supporting i's claim that vio-

places the island under the vir- lators of the law be punished. The nature of the business is tual command of the Navy De- the N.A.A.C.P. declared that expected to necessitate impor partment, and indicates the in- although "Some of the Miami tart consultations with French creasing attention being given Klarsmen were masked, some political and military leaders, to war preparations in the Ca- were not, and a few posed for according to informed observnewspaper photographers."

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The May issue of the New International, which features the correspondence between Leon Trotsky, Marceau Pivert and Daniel Guerin on the course of the French revolutionary movement, is in strong demand. The entire edition of 4,500 copies, eports the management will soon be exhausted. An important, popular issue, the May number contains the

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Poland's War Minister, Ger eral Kasprzycki, is now i Paris on "private business. ers.

Congress has been asked - r 7 immediate appropriation of 185,440,000 for the expansion f the army air corps. This um will be brought up to \$250,-00,000 by requested permission to enter into contract obligaions for the ermy air corps of another \$64.560.000.

In the World of Labor

By Paul G. Stevens =

British Conscription Stirs Resentment Throughout Empire

The Chamberlain government's decision to institute conscription has stirred up a tremendous wave of anti-war sentiment throughout the British empire.

An indication of the scope that this rank and file anger has taken on may be surmised from the fact that the government itself has been obliged to include a "conscience clause" (making provisions for the enrollment of conscientious objectors in non-military work) in Its conscription bill.

No Conscription for Any Part of Ireland

At first the Chamberlain government had intended to institute conscription also in Northern Ireland, in the so-called "Six Counties." Lord Craigavon, Ulster's pro-British premier, to facilitate this step, even called for a formal request from his government, for conscription. A storm of protests broke loose throughout the Emerald Isle-both North and South. The de-Valera government of Eire (Southern Ireland) declared that any such move would be regarded as an "act of aggression." Big demonstrations of the Irish masses took place. The Irish Press called for these demonstrations in the following terms:

"The British government has no constitutional right to conscript any man of Irish nationality.

"Craigavon has neither right, nor mandate from the people-Protestant nor Catholic-to call for conscription to be applied to the Six Counties of Northern Ireland.

"England's wars are her own making. Let English do her fighting.

"Ireland has no quarrel with any nation with which England may be at war. "Come in your thousands to this National Demonstration and prove by your numbers to the British government and Craigavon that we are prepared to fight to the death to

"Conscription begets murder." As a result, Chamberlain has desisted from including Northern Ireland in his conscription plans. Apparently, British "democracy" is going to have its hands full before it can make any headway whatsoever in getting any Irish backing for its war preparations.

protect our God-given right of freedom.

Oppressed Jamaican Labor Raises Its Voice against War

Another sign of how the people in the British empire are reacting to the war preparations comes from the Island of Jamaica in the West Indies. Discussions on the coming war are widespread on the island, which last year went through some tremendous strike strug-

When John Jones, unemployed auto worker,

applies for relief after having gone along on

money borrowed from triends and collected

on old milk bottles from under the kitchen

sink, he finds the going a bit tough. It makes

no difference to the dear old Federal or State

or local government stooges whether Jones

has worked the skin off his rear end for twen-

ty years in the Burp Motor Company or has

been feeding his kids on bread and canned

milk, They follow the very same routine in

First a long sheet of official-looking paper on

which are twenty or thirty foolish questions.

but nowhere on the paper does it say, "Are

you hungry?" or "When did your wife eat her

last meal?" Instead the government wants to

know, "Where was your grandmother born?"

and "How old was your father when he died?"

and many more things which have absolutely

nothing to do with the little matter on John

is there a single reference to the stomach.

Waiting Brings Nothing

Nowhere on the very long list of questions

And after brother Jones has patiently writ-

ten out all the answers to these carefully word-

ed inquiries, racked his weary brain trying to

remember such things as where was he on

September 7, 1926 and why was he there and

how did he get there and how come he left

there for this place, the big shot behind the

little desk says, "Now go home and wait for

And what does John Jones do? He goes home

Never, anywhere in the richest country in

the world, has a hungry family, which has

been sitting around the parlor for a few weeks

trying to outstare the wolf, heard a knock on

the door and a voice saying, "Are any of you

all hungry by any chance? This is the Emer-

No, a man and his family can sit on the old

sofa and wait for something like this until

gency Relief Bureau representative calling.

the investigator while we check on your story.'

and waits. And he waits. And he waits.

every case.

Jones' mind.

gles, brutally crushed by the British soldiery. The Jamaica Labour Weekly, a workers' paper appearing in Kingston, summarizes the attitude of the population in the following

"Thus at any moment England and France might be involved in a war against Germany and Italy. When that war started, it would be proclaimed to the beating of drums that Jamaicans must join up and fight to DE-FEND DEMOCRACY." But, the speakers (at the discussions) pointed out, HOW COULD JAMAICANS FIGHT TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY WHEN WE HAVE NOT GOT ANY?...

"Although we Jamaicans are bitterly opposed to fascism and are ready to defend gated Guiana's possibilities for entire district is euphemisticaldemocracy when we get it here, WE ARE such settlement. NOT GOING TO FIGHT FOR IMPERIAL-ISM AND THE PERPETUAL ENRICH-MENT OF THE POCKETS OF THE BRIT- Guiana was not an ideal place drainage projects have touched ISH CAPITALISTS."

It is interesting to note that the same paper, in speaking of the fight put up by colonial leaders resident in London against British imperialism, holds up as an example to his fellow Negroes the work of C. L. R. James.

Rank and File Revolt in Canadian Labor too

Still another example of what British imperialism will have to put up with in the coming war comes from Canada, right at our border. There the Canadian Commonwealth Federation (C.C.F.), the Dominion's counterpart of the Labour party, recently held a regional convention in Ontario.

A resolution was introduced by Professor Grube, of the University of Toronto, denouncing Premier King's war budget as "a waste of public funds in the interests of British imperialism" and demanding transference of the funds to a public works program for the unemployed. It was unanimously endorsed by the convention, which was otherwise run like a well-oiled machine by the social-patriots in command. They could not stem the tide of anti-war sentiment.

Professor Grube was subjected to a barrage managed to live there. There of attacks from all reactionary quarters, designed to get him fired from the university. Jon with the seacoast, beyond sums would have to be expend- should be imported for an "locked-out generation" is sim-National attention was drawn to the case. So strong was the wave of local labor support on siquibo River. The river can with the seacoast, build water the workers and shape their ing and able to work, in Denhis behalf, that the C.C.F. bureaucrats were not be considered a good means power plants, drain the opinion for another sacred war ver, 53%, in Newark, 57%, forced to take up their cudgels for Grube. He of communication, since there swamps. initiate new indus- in behalf of "democracy," the Pennsylvania 45%, New York ceive no aid, and see no prosstill retains his post.

The original Grube resolution, by the way, when first introduced in the Garland, Ontario branch, was denounced as "Trotskyite". When it came up on the convention floor, it was grants accustomed to city life. cheered so enthusiastically that both the officialdom as well as the Stalinists considered it the better part of wisdom not to oppose it

Chamberlain Offers Guiana to the Jews

Official Government Book Describes Area "Benevolently" Offered by Great Britain to Jews as Virtually Uninhabitable

has benevolently announced rise and flood the savannahs. by Jewish refugees.

New York the report of a special committee which investi-

The committee-a semi-govsibility of white settlement." It open. recommended "establishment of trial settlements for a twoyear period," and some 3,000 young men and women would make the experiment.

Guinea Pigs taken from the "Blue Book of no haven.

sparsely populated with na- interior to the coast. tives; few Europeans have are no means of communicarapids throughout its length.

self to colonization by immidie. and 88 degrees Fahrenheit. America to the refugees.

Prime Minister Chamberlain ers, impassable to navigation, On May 10 there was simul- plains, the atmosphere is very fogs spread like a vast shroud.

ly termed "poor grasslands." In actuality these are swamps ernmental body-indicated that left by the receding floods. No for refugees from middle Eu- the problem. Reports of the ropean countries. The most it British Commission since 1921 could say was that "the cli- are filled almost entirely with mate of the area under consid- the difficulties encountered in eration does not preclude pos- keeping the few cattle trails

Jobs for Refugees?

Gainful occupation in the district is confined mainly to the to 5,000 carefully selected raising of cattle—the British Commissioner had many complaints to make regarding the poor breeds-and the exploita-What these guinea pigs will ion of British-owned gold, diaencounter in this experiment is mond and radium ores. Lack scarcely indicated by the com- of communications prevents mittee's report. A few facts shipment of timber to the coast.

A certain portion of the land British Guiana" and the an- is suitable for agriculture—pri- ity and French Democracy, it nual "Reports of the Commis. marily cotton and tobacco. But is comparable to its Hollywood youth comprise 39% of the nasioner for the Rupununi District," both issued by the Britmanaged to grow them, would Nazy Spy." It is significant oughly the capitalist breakish governmental authorities, then compete in a world mar- that both the French and down has hit youth is indicated will make clear that Guiana is ket glutted with these products. and handicapped by the high

A Fraud

made at all habitable, vast picture dealing with Nazi spies a few cattle trails and the Es- ed to develop communications American showing. To corral ilarly situated. Of youth willare numerous and dangerous tries-and meanwhile years cinema is being commandeered 48% are unemployed. would pass, years in which the and regimented on an interna-The interior scarcely lends it refugees must find haven or tional scale.

The Guiana project is a with thick, impenetrable jun- governments for one purposeaverage range of temperature the immediate task: the openduring the year is between 68 ing of the doors of England and

Chinese Patriots Handed To Japanese Warlords

and the French Concession- States, Great Britain, and the foreign areas-of Shanghai France. The French Concesissued a decree threatening sion is controlled by Frenchlent to turning him over to the mercies of the Japanese impe-

time but hitherto it has been resisted.

The decree is obviously not ionals who henceforth will entrigues and terrorism. It is clearly directed against Chinese patriots. Chinese revolugencies, and all foreigners who seek to voice their sympahy with the beleaguered Chi perialist oppressors.

Who Is Responsible? Responsibility for this new nies.

The decree could hardly have

What becomes of America's directed against Japanese na- vaunted pro-Chinese sympa-'hies? The moral is clearloy even greater freedom than American imperialists are conin the past to carry on their in- cerned solely with protecting heir own commercial and fi pancial interests. If these in terests dictate a deal with Ja ionists. Chinese government pan's warlords, or with millarists or fascists anywhere in he world, that deal will be made. Faced with a choice, imese against the Japanese im- perialists invariably throw heir fine "principles" into the

On May 11, the authorities of | decree falls directly upon repthe International Settlement resentatives of the United

passed without Mr. Franklin's sanction, and his sanction could Japan's warlords have been hardly have been given without pressing for this move for some prior consultation with Amerian consular and diplomatic authorities in China.

discard, and look to their pen-

many times over. As a portrait By DOROTHY WILLIAMS Once a year the numerous riv- of the epic development of the west, "Union Pacific" is an epic love story. As a film dethat he is offering the interior and the inhabitants are forced scribing the epic construction of British Guiana to settlement to take to high ground until the of the country's first transconflood has passed. Even on the tinental choo-choo line, "Union Pacific" makes out a good case taneously issued in London and humid and every evening thick for the use of such stereotypes as bad guy gamblers, good guy Approximately a fifth of the cops, scheming bankers, sincere idealists and blood-loving injuns. Somewhere in-between iadeouts of the love story, one sees a cast of thousands putand choo-choos. Some day Hollywood may get around to giv- 3,900,000 unemployed youth be- taken by the Maryland Youth ing us the story of the "Union tween the ages of 16-24. These Pacific" railroad. A credible figures were taken when the story will fix it so that the hero doesn't come out unscathed brief upsurge. after being in two epic train

wrecks.

Mr. Cecil B. DeMille would

like us to believe that we live

in an epoch of film epics. In-

deed, Mr. DeMille's latest film,

'Union Pacific" is an epic

"Democracy" Ballyhoo In the matter of screen bally- thrown millions more into the hoo for "democracy," the for- streets. The schools have twice problem? For student relief, eign studios are rapidly ap- turned out their two million anproaching Hollywood in their nual quota of youth onto the parative handful the pittances hysteria. This is particularly glutted labor markets. A contrue of the French films, the servative estimate is that there istration. The budget-slashing latest of which is "Crime In are at least seven million to-the Maginot Line." As a chau- ally unemployed youth in the he aid from fifteen to twelve vinist blast for national secur- country. American films should make in figures on rural unemploycapital of Nazi espionage. Al- ment. State averages for rural The district involved is cost of transportation from the though there is no avoiding the areas in Iowa, Connecticut, American film, it is significant Pennsylvania, and Massachuthat of the many films pro- setts show that from 56-69% of Before this territory could be duced in the foreign studios, a youth are unemployed.

New Czech Film Not content with mere film py, healthy boys and girls who for jobs, for a chance to live. The country is wild. Vast, fraud. It is encouraged by the fictions on the "democratic bounce so merrily on the oratreeless savannahs alternate Chamberlain and Roosevelt way," the democratic publi- tors' tongues are not to be cists have filmed another docugles and barren highlands. The to draw attention away from mentary. The title gives it people suffer from a venereal away. "Democracy Crucified," hey call it, and the "crucifix- seventh on the adult list, is the ion" is that of "little Czechoslovakia." That the film will give "democracy" another long "old-man's" ailment, is third roost up the flag pole is indi-

cated by the sponsors of the film, the World Relations Club. 'The march of fascism," they figures. They weigh too heavinform us, "is woven into the lily in themselves. They constipicture as a presage of what tute a damning indictment of the world must face in its fight the system that has no room, to maintain civilization."

Maintaining civilization, according to the last documentary admits that the situation exists. film on Czechoslovakia, "Cri- Aubrey Williams, National sis," was construed by its Youth Administrator, said: makers to mean maintaining capitalism, the democratic variety, of course.

NAT LEVINE.

Enlist with the S.W.P In the Fight for Socialism"—Cannon

(By Staff Writer) NEW YORK.—James P. Cannon. National Secretary of the tional Youth Administration of Socialist Workers Party, spoke ficial, suggests that youth reon Litvinov's downfall to an attentive audience of 600, at Irving Plaza Friday night.
"Litvinov," he declared,

was the special target of the Hitler press. He embodied 'Jewish-Bolshevism' for them, they called him 'Litvinov-Finkelstein.' They hailed Litvinov's fall.

"Stalin has made approaches | Society's Glamor Girl to Hitler since 1933." Cannon Finds Glamor noted. "Stalin is ready and has been for some time, for a pact In Going to Work with Hitler. The only question now is whether Hitler is ready.

"The episode of the unfortunate Litvinov," Cannon said. that little incident - was enough to throw the world into the working class she follows alarm. How delicate is the bal- a rigorous routine:

"The workers of the world," he said, "are entering the new war with few illusions. Their attitude is not that of 1914; they and a quick run through her remember the results of the morning fan mail. last war. And our greatest hope at this time is the fact songs in her repertoire. hat the masses do not want this war, and nobody can make hem go into it willingly! One question will topple the whole A canter on horseback or a structure, 'What are we fighting for?' The diplomats are 7:30 sowing the dragon's teeth of war and they will reap the armed men of social revolu- sings for a living at the Wal-

"One organization tells the truth amidst patriots' howls- brief date. the Socialist Workers Party of 12:30 A.M.-Back to work. the Fourth International. It ad- Her stunning figure enhances dresses itself to the youth of her voice. America: Stop and reflect. lozen men want to decide your ate. Enlist with us and you he victory of socialism!"

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HOLLYWOOD No Jobs for Youth MERRY-GO-ROUND Under Capitalism

The Young Peoples Socialist League Has Called upon Young Workers and Students To Fight in Its "Jobs-for-Youth" Campaign

By MARTIN EDEN

many militant labor youth ele- forced to leave school. ments who have realized the

1937, showed that there were country was experiencing a Since then the "recession"

and the steady decrease in can afford their education. employment have private

The census also revealed that In industrial centers.

What do these figures indi-

of American youth? The hapdisease. Tuberculosis, only second most frequent cause of youth deaths. Heart disease, an on the youth list.

There is little need for an agitational summation of these no jobs for youth.

The Roosevelt administration We know that the vast majority of the children who were born in the last twenty-five years will never rise from a hand-to-mouth existence, that all their steps from the cradle to the grave will be dogged by poverty, sickness, and insecur-

What does this administration propose to do about it? Charles Taussig, another Na-

| main in schools for longer pe-The national Jobs-for-Youth riods. That this is a laughable campaign, launched by the approach to the matter is Young People's Socialist demonstrated by the percen-League, has drawn about it tage of youth who have been

One-third of the youth beneed for a clear-cut struggle tween the ages of 14-18 are not against youth unemployment. in school now. They cannot af-How broad and vicious a ford "free" education. These problem unemployment is for are the youth whose parents youth is revealed by govern- have been thrown off the rement statistics. The Federal lief rolls. These are the youth Unemployment and Partial Un- whose parents were left pennitering around with rails, ties employment Census, taken in less when the administration slashed W.P.A. Case histories Commission show that these youth have no shoes, no food. no money for fees or books. They want to go to school but neither they nor their families

How else does the Roosevelt administration approach the the government offers to a comof the National Youth Admindollars per month for college students. High school aid is now little more than four dollars a month. The entire "aid" reaches less than 180,000 students. The only other form of youth "assistance" is the Civilian Conservation Corps. This agency covers only 300,000 youth-and deducts most of their small salary from their parents' relief allotment.

Quite apart from this meager channel of government aid, there still exists the army of 6-7 million totally unemployed youth. They have no jobs, repects for any change in their plight. It is these youth that cate of the morale and health the Jobs-for-Youth campaign seeks to mobilize in a struggle These youth will fight for the right to work. The Young Peofound. One of every five young ple's Socialist League, Fourth International, leads that fight.

Roosevelt Has No Answer to This Question

WASHINGTON-President Roosevelt hasn't been able to think up an answer to the cable he received from Bombay, dated April 24, from V. D. Savarkar, president of the All-India National Organization to Safeguard Hindu Rights.

"If your note to Hitler was actuated by disinterested human anxiety for safeguarding freedom of democracy from military aggression," cabled Savarkar, "why not also ask Britain to withdraw armed domination over India, allowing a free, self-determined constitution?"

"The great Indian nation," he said, "can claim as much international justice as small nations."

NOTES_

Miss Cobina Wright, Jr., wealthy and beautiful heiress, famed as Society's "Glamor Girl," finds her greatest happiness in the glamor of work. Since she became a member of

10:30 A.M.-Up for a tepid shower and a brisk rub down 11:00 A.M.-Light breakfast

11:30 A.M. - Rehearsal 1:00 P.M .- Dresses for after-

noon and a luncheon date. 1:30 P.M .- Recreation time. 7:30 P.M.-Dinner. No dates

-"ust'nt be late for work! 9:00 P.M .- Off to work. She dorf-Astoria 10:00 P.M.-A movie for a

1: 0 A.M.—Eats her heaviest Your head is at stake. Half a meal of the day, spaghetti or

medium rare steak.

Doesn't need an alarm clock. 'a square meal.

Will Not Shoot Himself But Can Be Had For Ten Bucks a Week

An unemployed business administrator writes a letter to a newspaper in New York, giving his daily routine. He is a college man, 32 years old, extensively traveled, fluert in French, German, and Italian and capable of handling Dutch and Spanish. 8:00 A.M. - Rises sharply,

skipping breakfast because he is broke. Begins hunt for job, averaging daily eleven prospective employers. 12:30 P.M.-Luncheon. Four

bread rolls and a glass of milk. This diet keeps his weight down to 125 lbs. despite his 5 feet 11 inches.

1:00 P.M. - Continues job hunting. Averages 15 miles &

5:00 P.M.-Returns to his room. Rent \$3.50 a week unpaid since January.

6:00 P.M.-Dinner. Sponges on few remaining friends or eats one 5-cent loaf and a small piece of bu ter.

8:00 P.M.-To bed in order to recuperate by sleeping at least 12 hours.

Promises not to shoot nimself, but if anybody wants him 3:00 A.M. - Time for bed. for a slave can be had for \$10 lecide! When we go into the Work has tired Cobina and she a week. Hopes war breaks out war for victory—let it be for falls to sleep immediately. so he can join the army and get

doomsday. It can't happen here. You have to keep going back to the bureau every day to remind the relief officials that your case has been pending since three weeks before Ash Wednesday and would they please step on it. So John Jones waits until he can't stand hearing the kids whimpering and the wife snor i. g about the house making wise cracks about who wears the pants in this family?. Then he gets sore. He jumps up and grabs his hat and bolts through the door and down the rickety steps three at a time. On the street he

doubles up his fists and sticks out his chin and marches on toward the relief bureau. At each corner he slows up just a little. By the time he reaches the front door of the bureau he is practically walking backward. The guy at the desk looks up and says, "Have a seat. You'll

Gets Wise—Joins the Union

have to wait."

This goes on and on until Jones gets wise and signs up with the unemployed workers' union. And after there has been a lot of hell raised in the bureau and a picket line and a committee elected to settle the case with the stor as who know all the answers. Jones gets

his relief. Now all this is rapidly being changed. Not in the relief bureaus, however, they are just as tough to crack as ever-but in the re-employment bureaus. It works like this:

John Jones, finally a client of the relief administration and a veteran of many a picket line, picks up the newspaper one morning to find that dear old F.D.R., the bird who hates war, has decided to increase the size of J. P. Morgan's mob because Hitler's mob and a few of the boys from Mussolini's gang are getting with expulsion any individual men. The International Settleready to redivide the North Side. So John belonging to an association of ment is controlled by a Coun-Jones, who is all for democracy and three a political nature or indulging cil, the majority of whose squares a day, rushes out to join the army. As in political organization or members are Britons. he approaches the recruiting station he begins propaganda. Expulsion of a American, however, Cornell S. to walk slower and slower. He is thinking. He person from these areas, under Franklin, is chairman of the is remembering his last encounter with gov- present conditions, is equiva- Council. ernment officials. He says to himself, "Maybe they won't take me right off without a fight. Maybe I'd better go back to the unemployed union and get a few of the boys. Maybe I'd better start thinking of some quick answers for the questions." And so in he marches.

What a Difference!

On the Line . . . with Bill Morgan

But all is different now. And how it is different! A guy in a monkey suit slams his fallen arches on the deck and leaps at Brother Jones like he was a rich uncle from South Africa. "How do you do?" he shouts and pumps Jones' hand up and down like a jack-handle. "So you want to join the army, eh? That's fine. Sign here. That's all. Now let's see your to gue. Say 'Ah'. O. K.! You're in! You're in

the army now, buddy." And that is that. It all happened so fast Brother Jones is be wildered. He is in the army now. . . It took less than three good sized minutes. "Umph!" he thinks, "There must be a catch to it. . ." Suddenly it dawns on Brother Jones. It comes to him all at once. He spits on the side-

- when a guy who has spent twenty years racing a crooked time clock is hungry and wants a W.P.A. job they shove him through the mill. They use nice little tricks. all worked out by some brain trust in some highfalutin' university. They try to make a guy forget everything he ever knew by switching questions and yelling that he is probably a chiseler and a safe-blower in disguise. They stall around for weeks and hope like hell the client will give up the fight. They don't give a damn about a fellow who tried to save a little dough and make good the hard way. Being hungry is like being a leper.

"But, when they want a working man to take a bayonet and go out and stick it into some other working stiff's belly, they drag you right off. No questions asked. They just look to see if you are young, if you are healthy, if you are strong. They don't want no cripples in the gang which is to go out and grab a slice of the North Side for Mr. Rockefeller or for Mr. J. P. Morgan. The old ones and the blind guys are kept home. Only the young, only the healthy are good for this work. And when the North Side has been won for the 60 Families in the name of democracy and peace and honor, etc., a lot of guys don't come home. They stay over on the North Side and fertilize daisies while their widows and orphans take in home work from the artificial flower contractors. Maybe a guy is lucky and only loses an ear or a hand. Then he can stand on the corner of Main Street and Elm Avenue and sell apples or postcards.'

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

Another Proof

Another striking proof of the deep opposition of the American people to the impending world war into which President Roosevelt is preparing to plunge the United States is provided by the latest Gallup poll.

According to the survey, 69 per cent of the people are at present opposed to lending money to Roosevelt's prospective allies, England and France, in order to build up their armament machines in "defense of democracy."

One of the main reasons for this attitude, according to the poll, is the fear that it would be one of the quickest ways to "involve the United States in war."

And even more significant, the poll shows that in the mind of the people, the major problem now confronting them is HOW TO KEEP OUT OF WAR.

Not all the insidious propaganda dictated by Wall Street has been able to wipe out the memory of the last world war and what it was REALLY fought for.

Deep in the memory of the people is the fact that ALL the gold stars of the last war, ALL the crosses on foreign battlefields, ALL the shiny medals and bits of ribbon that capitalist generals gave DUPED workers and farmers for the arms, legs, and faces which had been shot away represented nothing but a sordid struggle for markets, colonies, and profits among the stockholders of the different capitalist nations.

The people have not forgotten that while they struggled USELESSLY to "save democracy" on foreign battlefields, the capitalists stayed at home and raked in the bloated PROFITS OF

That is why the Gallup poll shows even now on the verge of another bloody capitalist scramble for profits that the people don't want any more WAR LOANS, any more BAYON-ET PRACTICE, any more RIFLE DRILL, any more trips overseas to save capitalist de-

But Roosevelt does not guide his actions by the will of the people. He guides his actions by the needs of the class he represents, the stock-

That is why he SPURNS the wishes of the majority of the American people and continues dumping the nation's wealth into the war ma-

So long as the workers and farmers tolerate a stockholder government in Washington they can expect this state of affairs to continue whether the Democratic party is in power or the Republican.

Only by putting into power a workers' government can the war-mongering stockholders and the profit system that maintains them be forever smashed!

God Help F.D.R.

Modestly conceding that the Communist party "apparently" cannot elect a candidate of its own to the presidency in 1940, Führer Browder came out in favor of a third term for Roosevelt in his speech to the young Stalinist mass meeting at the Garden last Thursday. A Third-Termfor-Roosevelt will now be inviolate doctrine for all Stalinists and we do not have long to wait before we see one stooge organization after another adopting petitions to the Great White

Father in Washington to cast outworn tradition to the wind and run for president again.

The Stalinists long ago abandoned the working class standpoint of the class struzgle and transferred their allegiance to the capitalist parties-to the Democrats in most places and to the Republicans elsewhere. Now they sink a couple of notches lower. They have become the apostles of the "good man" theory. It doesn't matter a hoot in hell that the Democratic party is capitalist to the core. It is the only one that can win; hence, support it. It doesn't matter that in order to win it will continue to base itself on the Hague and Tammany and Kelly-Nash machines and on the Bourbon South. It doesn't matter that, even by Browder's implicit confession, Roosevelt is the only one in the whole party that can kid labor into voting for a capitalist ticket. All that matters is that Roosevelt is a "good

Unfortunately for Browder, F.D.R. will not look upon his announcement as an unmixed blessing. The White House Magician is reported to have said to Harold J. Laski, who visited him at the time of the 1936 convention of the Stalinists, that he hoped the C. P. wouldn't endorse him publicly for the presidency. When he hears that Browder has come out for a third term, he will most certainly get a well-advanced case of the pip. Things have't been looking so well lately for the realization of his third-term ambitions. Now Roosevelt will probably have to look to the Almighty himself for help out of the fix into which Browder's endorsement has placed him.

If only he were to shift to an anti-Soviet orientation, Roosevelt would see the unsolicited support of Browder turn into bitter condemnation. Browder would then repeat what he wrote almost six years ago in his book, Communism in the United States (p. 172):

"How childish it is to think that the 'goodness' or 'badness' of the individual Roosevelt can make the slightest difference in regard to the policies of government! The government, with Roosevelt at the head, is trying to save the capitalist system. To save the system makes it necessary to put the burden of the crisis upon the workers, farmers, and middle classes. . . . Roosevelt is bad for the workers because he is the leader of the capitalist class in its attacks upon the working class."

These words, now treacherously abandoned by Browder, retain their full truth to the present

The new chief of staff of the United States Army, General George Catlett Marshall, is one of few officers to rise to the top ranking without being graduate of West Point. His alma mater is Virginia Military Academy. But one can learn to hate the workers as thoroughly at one of these colleges as at West Point, and that is the first duty of the officer and gentleman.

War Casualties

The number who will be wounded, maimed, killed in the coming world war, according to the estimates of the medical staffs of the German and French armies as reported at the International Congress of Medicine and Pharmacy, "is not going to be any higher than it was at the end of the last war."

This sounds a very cheerful and optimistic note amidst the general feverish preparations for the fast-approaching slaughter. But too much hope that the coming casualties will not exceed the millions of casualties in the last war cannot be placed in this estimate.

It is based on nothing more serious than the disbelief of the army medical staffs "that any country is going to bomb civilian populations."

Aside from the fact that the bombing planes of England, France, Italy, Germany and others have been bombing the civilian populations of the colonies for years, a still further cause for doubt as to the trustworthiness of the estimates of the army medical staffs may be taken from the fact that the Red Cross in Great Britain is establishing four large blood-storing plants in London for use in transfusions when the war breaks and planes begin dropping bombs in crowded civilian centers.

The theory is that the workers may begin storing blood now to replace that which they will shed when hostilities start. This estimate of the Red Cross seems much more realistic than the estimates of the army doctors.

Arming Against Labor

At a luncheon of business men in an exclusive club in New York City last week, Rear Admiral Clark H. Woodward told what the armament program of President Roosevelt is for.

The Rear Admiral declared:

"No government, whatever may be its form, can be maintained without FORCE to back it up against OPPOSITION FROM WITHIN or aggression from without."

By "opposition from within" the Rear Admiral means the LABOR MOVEMENT.

Roosevelt's war program against the "aggressors," in other words, is at the very same time a program to SMASH LABOR in the United States.

The Record of Anastasio Somoza ---Bloody Dictator of Nicaragua

(Continued from Page 1) revolution he turned stool pigeon (always government. He informed on various generals who were about to join the revolutionary movement; and as this became known, he and his bosses deemed it politic to fake an upone of his accomplices to mur-Somoza with the nickname the soil "General of the Virgin Sword" THE BETRAYAL and the "General of El Gauch-

ORDERS DEPUTY KILLED

The murders, via the hand of an intermediary, continued. Somoza ordered the Deputy Filadelfio Robleto killed for having publicly denounced what was in fact murder. Taking advantage of his post as Political Chief with which Sacasa had capital. He embraced Somoza once more favored him, he ar- and half the world besides. He ranged the killing three years later in Leon of one, Jose Lop- And he was answered in simihis tool in killing Robleto.

The new murderers hired by Somoza were Sergeant Somarribs and Lieutenant Wydeman. the latter of the American Ar- nated. my. With the passage of time. Somarriba was also murdered dent Roosevelt! by his powerful and treacher-

Somoza, Wydeman was saved. In 1928 Somoza was named gers and by the end of the year on the street.

n Nicaragua-means worthy of ers with fire and blood, to come from everywhere and gigolo, he was able to secure maintain the entire population will come soon.

a little later the sub-secretary-jof this unhappy land in constant In 1926, when the Moncada- ship of Exterior Relations. He fear and anguish - no one against held this post when he plotted knows the fate that awaits him Chamorro broke out, Somoza his first treacherous act to or his family. The malevolent was devoting himself to some seize power. He was helped by "Guardia" is everywhere. shady affairs, but aware of General McDugal, American IDEAL "STRONG MAN" what was scheduled to occur, head of the so-called National FOR IMPERIALISM Guard. This time he failed, and demoted.

rising. Hiding in the hacienda, expressed little of the historical thy of it. 'El Guachipilin," near the role of the movement and were town of San Marcos, he sent limited in their outlook to legal murderer of Sandino is systemformulas of small importance. der President Gonzalo Grana- Fundamental for Sandino was dos and his son, Ramon. The the demand that the imperialpeople of San Marcos baptized ist marines leave Nicaraguan tions against his neighbors, es

OF SANDINO

country, Sandino felt completely satisfied and was persuaded into a trap to ensnare Somoza's to surrender his arms. Sacasa's chief of the National Guard was Somoza, now really and truly a general. Amid paeans of peace, Sandino entered Managua, the him with a portrait with a very affectionate dedication.

On February 21, 1934, Sandino and his aides were assassi-

This is the friend of Presi-

Somoza since then has instious accomplice. Thanks to his tuted an unprecedented reign Fonseca. nationality, which is taboo, for of terror in Nicaragua. Resolved to reign absolutely and indefinitely, he has mercilessly Sub-Secretary of War by Pres- crushed even the smallest manident Moncada. Once more his ifestation of non-conformity greed nearly ruined him. He among his fellow countrymen. iles outside are preparing to began by stealing any and all The gunmen of the "National smash the power of the murmoney which touched his fin- Guard" take care that there derer who is embraced today shall be no prisoners in prison, he had exhausted the patience to silence the newspapers if of the shark smile. Never has of Moncada, who put him out they do not glorify the tyrant. Somoza sat less firmly in his Utilizing—as the saying goes organization among the work- He knows that the blows will

Somoza is the ideal "strong a favorite avocation) for the as a consequence McDugal was man" for Roosevelt's imperialism. The best proof of this is This was at the same time the fact that the White House the epoch of Sandino's struggle host received the grandson of against the military invasion of "Seven Handkerchiefs" with a the United States in Nicaragua. warm handshake and a purse Sandino's doctrines consciously full of gold. Somoza is well wor-

If the domestic policy of the atic and permanent terror, his foreign policy can be characterized as a series of provocapecially Costa Rica. Through Somoza's constant menace, Costa Rica has been converted In 1933 when Dr. Sacasa took into a Nicaraguan police agenpower and the marines left the cy, and what was formerly a refuge has become converted enemies. Mr. Roosevelt must be en-

chanted with this vassalage of Costa Rica, closest neighbor to the proposed inter-oceanic canal. This will enable him, through Somoza, to drive out spoke cordially to everyone. the Japanese who settled on Costa Rican territory some ez, the man who had served as lar terms. Somoza presented time ago; this will enable him to control through his henchman the whole zone of the Isthmus, and to crown at little cost the rearmament program of the United States by open ing a new canal through Nicar agua and establishing a naval and aerial base in the Gulf of

There exists in Nicaragua however, a strong movement of rebellion against the Praetor ianism of Somoza. The toilers within the country and the exso affectionately by the apostle to break any manifestation of presidential chair than today

By James Burnham

Last week, the Senate, by the overwhelming vote of 62 to 14, passed the new Agriculture Appropriation Bill at a total of \$1,218,000,000. This sum raises the figure first proposed by the Administration and already acted on by the House nearly \$400,000,000. The Bill now goes to conference. There is every reason to believe that the figure voted by the Senate will be accepted by the House with only slight if any modifications; and that the Bill will then be signed by the President.

Only \$290,000,000 of this vast sum is allotted to the administration of the multitudinous activities of the Department of Agriculture. \$928,000,000 is to be used for what Senator Frazier-a warm advocate of the Bill-openly called a "dole" for the farmers. This dole wears various disguises. \$500,000,-000 goes to the conveniently named "conservation" program. Under this, farmers are paid benefits for transferring acreage from basic crops to certain soil-conserving crops (a verbal variant of other Rooseveltian "scarcity plans" which were outlawed by the Supreme Court).

\$203,000,000 will go to finance the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation. This agency tries to keep up the prices of agricultural commodities through market manipulations, withdrawing surpluses from the market, and subsidizing exports.

The remaining \$225,000,000 will be used for what are called "parity" payments: a form of direct gift to farmers cooperating with the Administration's program.

This \$1,218,000,000 is the largest sum ever voted by the government for agriculture. In the light of the howls for economy by business and many Congressmen, and in contrast with the slashing of relief appropriations, the agricultural appropriation deserves reflection.

The New Deal Confesses Failure

No one at all acquainted with agriculture in this country will deny that the majority of farmers are in need of aid. Among the lower strata of farmers -share croppers and poorer tenants-conditions are so appalling that by comparison the life of a permanently unemployed city worker seems like indecent luxury. A considerable percentage of even the owner-farmers work their 12 to 14 daily hours for little more than enough food to live on: mortgages, taxes, low farm prices guarantee that they have no cash in their pockets from beginning to end of the year.

What is most obvious about the present agriculture bill is its revelation of the entire failure of the New Deal to solve the crisis in agriculture. Congress is now preparing the seventh budget of the Roosevelt regime. There have been six agriculture bills in six years and seemingly endless billions of dollars to try out New Deal "experiments". And all of the experiments and all of the billions have solved nothing.

All of the acreage withdrawal and "conservation" have not been able to raise prices for farm commodities. Mortgages, debts, interest, back taxes, continue to pile up for the bulk of the farmers. Many of the big farmers have, it is true (It is mainly to them that the benefits and subsidies go) prospered under the Wallace dispensation, but share croppers and small tenants remain on a sub-animal standard of living.

The present bill really admits the failure. Senator Frazier is right in calling the appropriation (apart from the \$290,000,000 for administration) a dole; and a dole is not a program—in any field of economy-but the recognition of the absence of a program. The parity and conservation payments and the subsidies do not touch a single one of the causes of the agricultural crisis—in fact, they do not pretend to. They hand around a certain amount of cash (some of it, of course, to those who need it) and that is all. Whiskey may make you forget cancer for a while, but it is not going to cure it.

The Farmers as Red Riding Hood

But why is it that Congress, which is so brave about slashing W.P.A. to ribbons, dishes out- Republicans and Democrats alike, with no serious objection from their big business masters-the largest sum on record to the farmers? There is here a little object lesson in the nature of the class struggle.

W.P.A. funds go chiefly to unemployed workers, that is to the proletariat. The farmers are the largest and most important section of the middle classes. Big business knows that its rule will be threatened only by the proletariat; and by the proletariat only when the latter succeeds in winning influence over a considerable part of the middle classes, especially the farmers. Confronted with permanent and deepening economic crises, big business, in order to preserve its rule and its profits, is compelled to strike out first and most of all against the proletariat: by reducing its standard of living and by weakening its powers of organized resistance.

For big business to succeed, a base of popular support is needed. Through this agricultural appropriation, it is hoped to drive a deeper wedge between the workers and the farmers, to prevent the farmers from joining with the workers in a common struggle against big business and its government. The appropriation is a bribe to the farmers, in return for which big business demands that the farmers enlist in the union-busting, wage and relief smashing drive against the proletariat. Not for nothing is the chief reactionary organization in the Far West, financed and controlled by big business, called Associated Farmers.

This, I think, is the fundamental reason-perhaps only half-consciously understood by most Congressmen-for the seeming paradox of cuts in relief to workers and raises in relief to farmers. There is of course a more immediate electoral reason also: Both major parties believe that the farmers' vote will decide the 1940 election. The proletariat, in part from the very same cause that makes it in the end more decisive, is slower to move than the middle classes. Both old parties apparently believe that the proletariat will remain more or less static during the next year and a half; the majority of the proletariat is evidently (with guarantees from Lewis and Browder) conceded to the Democratic Party. The Republicans will have to take an overpowering percentage of the farmers to win; and neither party consequently wishes to risk farmer displeasure, for all the public talk of economy and unbalanced bud-

This party jockeying is, however, subordinate to the more basic class perspectives. Indeed, the meaning of this action on agriculture provides an analogue to the scheme of fascism: big business utilizing the middle classes as the mass base in the drive to smash the workers.

The New Masses Returns to Its Exposure" of Walter Krivitsky

the Saturday Evening Post: On 1919." May 9 the New Masses took PLAGIARIZING THE about eight column-inches to SOCIALIST APPEAL answer Krivitsky; on May 16 it takes about thirty column-

inches to say the same thing. Part of the answer the embarrassed Stalinists make to Krivitsky's charges about the murderous activities of the G. P.U. in Spain and elsewhere, is known in law, if we are not mistaken, as the "negative

pregnant. WHAT IS A

VEGATIVE PREGNANT? What is a "negative preg-

nant''? Here is an example: Smith charges Jones in court with owing him fifty dollars. Jones replies: "Smith is a liar. do not owe him fifty dollars.' From that answer it may very well follow that Jones does owe Smith forty or thirty or seventy

To the statement that "General Krivitsky was head of the Military Intelligence Service for Western Europe"the New Masses replies: He was never a General and cannot even use a rifle. All right. Granted that he was never a General and that he is less handy with a rifle than Stalin s with an axe: was he or was he not head of the Stalinist military espionage in Western Europe? The silence of the Stalinists on this key point is as good as an affirmative re-

The rest of the New Masses' answers to Krivitsky's charges do not even come under the head of the "negative preg-

Krivitsky charged, and gave detailed evidence, that the G.P.U. had organized a terroristic regime against proletarian dissidents in Loyalist Spain. The New Masses answers this charge by saying that Krivitsky's real name is Ginsberg. Granted. We grant it all the less reluctantly because the Socialist Appeal was the first to known a year and a half ago! In our issue of December 11, first paragraph of that letter omitted.

The New Masses of May 16 | reads: "The undersigned, Samreturns to the "exposure" of uel Ginsburg, bearing in the following sentence: "You are Walter Krivitsky which it U.S.S.R. as a Soviet citizen the just the kind of adventurer that launched in its issue of the name of Walter Krivitsky, and the infamous Yagoda would week before. There is exactly the political pseudonym Walter, one important difference be- born June 28, 1899 at Podwol- work." tween the two replies to Kri- oczyska (Poland) has been a vitsky's sensational articles in member of the C.P.S.U. since

According to the New Masss, the fact that Krivitsky's articles were printed by the reactionary Saturday Evening Post renders them worthless. By the same reasoning, can it perhaps be said that the fact that the New Masses took its 'exposure" of Krivitsky's real name from the Socialist Anpeal, makes its attack on Krivitsky a piece of counter-revolutionary skullduggery?

Krivitsky charged, and gave detailed evidence, that the Negrin cabinet was brutally manufactured by Stalin's agents in Spain and maintained there as puppet regime of the Kremlin in its European diplomatic game. The New Masses answers this charge by saying that Krivitsky was seen in Paris night clubs. Granted. But what about Krivitsky's ac-

cusation? Krivitsky charged that the G.P.U. organized the horrible assassination of Andres Nin in Barcelona. The New Masses answers this charge by saying that Krivitsky's articles were ghosted by someone else because he can't even write English. Again granted. And again. what about Krivitsky's accusation?

Krivitsky charged that Stal in was making secret but fever ish attempts to reach an agreement with Hitler: that Stalin framed and foully murdered the Red Army Generals (or weren't they Generals, either?) on the basis of "disinformation" deliberately supplied by the Gestapo. The New Masses answers this charge by saying that the rights to Krivitsky's coming book may be bought for \$500. . . .

A DELICATE DETAIL

There is one little detail on which the New Masses does not make this breath-taking fact dwell in its May 16 issue. It is so delicate a detail that in a leaflet issued by the Young 1937, we reprinted—as did most | Communist League of City Colof the French press-the letter lege of New York, which resent by Krivitsky to the French produces the New Masses "ex-Minister of the Interior after posure" of May 9, the para-

Why? Because it contains the pick for his anti-Soviet dirty Whereupon we note: (1) that

Yagoda was just the kind of adventurer that the infamou Stalin would pick for his anti-Soviet dirty work; (2) that not so long ago Mr. Sender Garlin, contributor to the New Masses, wrote in the Daily Worker about the proposal to submit the name of the infamous Yagoda for the annual Nobel Peace Prize, in recognition of the dispatch with which he slaughtered off the Old Bolsheviks; (3) that the New Masses is acknowledging that Krivitsky was an official of the Stalinist espionage system and, therefore, in a position to know whereof he writes.

KRIVITSKY AND

P.S.-In view of our recent editorial on Krivitsky and the Dies Committee and in justice to Krivitsky, we report the following information we have received from a Washington correspondent. It was a Stalinist stooge in the Labor Department who called the attention of the Dies Committee to Krivitsky's presence in this country, basing his denunciation on the editorial footnote to Krivitsky's articles in the Saturday Evening Post which states that Krivitsky "is still a believer in the true communism of Lenin.'

Our correspondent writes that he has good authority for the statement that Krivitsky has not volunteered to testify before the Dies Committee and that any such intimation or assertion is inspired by the G.P.U., whose twofold purpose is the discreditment of Krivitsky because of his disclosures and the securing of his deportation as "a subversive and undesirable alien.

He writes further that no one on the Dies Committee has been in touch with Krivitsky. nor has Krivitsky been in touch with any member of the Committee. What Krivitsky would do when subpoenaed by the Dies Committee, concludes the communication, is still an open question and he will have to decide upon the advice of his

attorney and his friends. As was indicated by the view expressed in our editorial, we his break with Stalin. The very graph in question is discreetly cannot but welcome this in-

formation.