

# Workers! Mass at Union Square Saturday, Aug. 19, 4:30 P.M.!

## S.W.P. Calls for United Labor Action Against The Fascist Invasion

The following letter calling for united labor action against the Coughlin provocation was sent on August 11 by Edward Frank, organizer of Local New York, S.W.P., to the following organizations: Avukah, American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Council, Poale Zion, Socialist Party, Social Democratic Federation, Young Circle League, Workmen's Circle, Workers Sick and Death Benefit Society, Independent Labor League, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Jewish National Workers Alliance, etc.

Dear Friends:

After weeks of unprecedented anti-Semitic and anti-labor propaganda, the storm-troop followers of Father Coughlin, America's Number One Fascist, are organizing a "mass demonstration and parade" to form at Columbus Circle on Saturday, August 19th, at 6 P.M. and March into Union Square.

The Fascists, in their circular, call their provocation a "manifestation of Christianity." That is not true. The Fascist parade is simply a mobilization of strike-breakers, thugs, Jew-haters and union-busters.

This provocation was forecast by Coughlin two weeks ago in a nation-wide broadcast entitled "The Call To Action," in which he attacked the "Bolshevik" leaders of the American Trade Union Movement, the "non-religious Jews," and stated that he would resort to the use of "force." "I will meet you in Franco's way!" he declared.

Father Coughlin is organizing a Fascist movement in America, with the same methods and the same aims as Mussolini and Hitler.

The Fascist demonstration of August 19th is an open challenge to the whole Labor Movement, as well as to the whole anti-Fascist movement of this city.

We cannot afford to wait until Coughlin converts the United States into one huge concentration camp.

Time is pressing! Let us join hands now against this terrible menace to our liberties, our rights, our very lives! Let us all join hands to stop Fascism in America!

We call upon you to join with us and rally in Union Square on Saturday, August 19th, at 4:30 P.M. to protest against this Fascist provocation.

Fraternally,

E. R. FRANK, Organizer,  
Local New York

## Stop Fascism In America!

Will Father Coughlin Become Dictator of the United States?

By JOSEPH HANSEN

(Third Installment)

### Mussolini Assassinated Labor

When it became clear that Mussolini had managed to ensnare a large section of the population behind him, the big stockholders gave the word, and King Victor called *Il Duce* to Rome to take power.

*Il Duce* began immediately to put his *real* program into effect.

With the army, the police department, and the National Treasury at his disposal, he mopped up all the working class organizations. Not one escaped him.

Not a single one.

The heads of the working class who had derided the idea of organizing Trade Union Defense Guards were among the first to fall victim. Those who did not succeed in utilizing their passports in time were thrown into concentration camps and prisons. Many died of torture. Many were murdered outright. Those of the militant rank and file who were not executed were herded behind barbed wire and set to breaking rock under Black Shirt rifles.

Mussolini stepped up the mass production of laws to full capacity in accordance with his promises.

He had promised a militant policy against the capitalists—*Il Duce* broke that promise by smashing every trade union in Italy. He did not spare even the Catholic trade unions (whose members were workers, not priests—religious workers, not non-religious workers).

In place of the militant unions which had existed previously *Il Duce* set up Fascist "unions." He appointed Black Shirt commissioners in charge of these "unions." He made it compulsory for every worker to join. These "unions" were capitalist dreams of company unions done up in bullet-proof glass.

When the employer wants to lower wages, say 30 per cent, he informs the commissioner in charge of the Fascist union. The commissioner as "representative" of the workers demands in return not more than a 28 per cent cut.

Since strikes are illegal in Italy, a Labor Court composed of employers and Mussolini appointees judges the merits of the conflicting claims. They may decide for the employer of the workers or they may decide for the commissioner in charge of the Fascist union, but generally they arrive at a compromise, which would make it a 29 per cent wage slash.

In this way *Il Duce* has done away with "costly" strikes and composed the differences between capital and labor through mutual agreement and amicable discussion among the employers.

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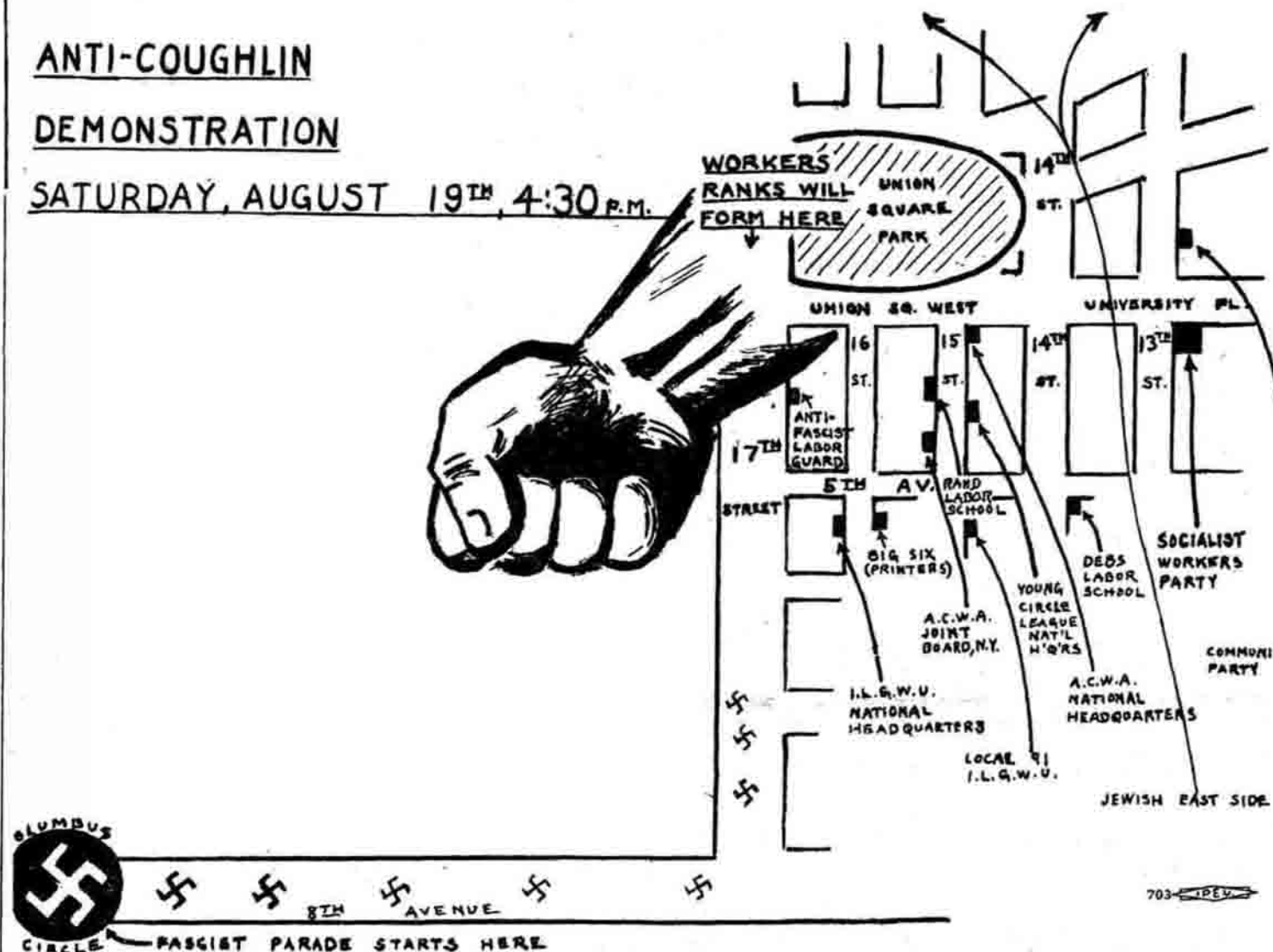
# NEW YORK WORKERS GIRD FOR ANTI-COUGHLIN DEMONSTRATION

## Rally at Union Square Against the Fascist Provocation!

### ANTI-COUGHLIN

### DEMONSTRATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH, 4:30 P.M.



COLUMBUS CIRCLE—FASCIST PARADE STARTS HERE

## Board of War Dictators Set Up by Washington

Representatives of Sixty Families Run the Board Which Will Become "Executive Agency of the Government" in War-time

By HAL DRAPER

The most sinister step thus far taken in the war preparations of the U. S. Government was made known in Washington August 9.

This was the definitive setting up of the board of war dictators who are scheduled to take over governmental power in this country upon the outbreak of war, under the terms of the notorious Industrial Mobilization Plan.

The statement handed out by the War and Navy Departments announced that the new body has been given the innocent-sounding title of the War Resources Board. It is to function at the present time as a civilian advisory board to the Army and Navy Munitions Board, in charge of perfecting the plans for the mobilization that would follow M-Day, the official designation for the first day of war.

But "in the event of an international emergency" it would "lose its semi-official status as an advisory organization" and "become an executive agency of the government with broad powers in many ways similar to those exercised by the War Industries Board of World War days."

In line with the statement made in the Industrial Mobilization Plan that the head of this "War Cabinet" should be an "outstanding industrial leader," the man who is named as chairman of the Board is Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., who is chairman of the board of directors of U. S. Steel, the kingpin of American war industry. Other members named so far are: Walter S. Gifford, president of American Telephone and Telegraph; J. L. Pratt, director of General Motors; General R. E. Wood, head of Sears Roebuck; Dr. Karl T. Compton, president of the

The Administration also is carrying through dismissals of 600,000 workers who have been on the rolls eighteen months. These dismissals are already

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## Four Jewish Boys Murderously Beaten by Christian Fronters

Coughlin Christian Front gangsters murderously beat up four Jewish boys on Friday evening at 183rd Street and St. Nicholas Avenue, New York.

Saul Wolff's jaw was broken in three places, Sonny Levine sustained severe bruises, and two other boys were also beaten.

The four boys, who have had no connection with anti-fascist activities, were strolling down St. Nicholas Avenue. A Coughlin Christian Front meeting was taking place at the 183rd St. corner. As the boys passed without stopping, a hoodlum recognized Wolff as a former schoolmate at George Washington High School. The hoodlum then instigated a gang attack on the four boys.

Bleeding though he was, Wolff refused to be taken to a hospital until, at his demand, Policeman Schrader and another officer made the rounds of the neighborhood bars, until Wolff found and identified the ringleader of the attack.

Indicating how police avenues of information are open to the fascists, the next night the hoodlum's "family" appeared at Wolff's home and tried to put pressure on him to withdraw the charges. The Coughlinite is an ex-convict.

## Mighty Parade of New York Labor Opens AFL Convention

"30-Hour Week to Solve Unemployment" Is Outstanding Slogan of March

A twelve-hour parade of 125,000 members of New York locals of the AFL on Saturday greeted the 800 delegates to the 76th annual convention of the State Federation of Labor opening here Tuesday.

It was a mighty and colorful demonstration of labor's strength. A holiday spirit pervaded the marchers, reflecting their joy in recent victories and their assuredness for labor's future.

The biggest single contingent in the parade was that of the Teamsters, all dressed in white caps and white shirts. Their line took more than two hours to pass a given point. Transformation of the union in the last two years from an old-line

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## BUILD WORKERS' DEFENSE GUARDS

## Response at Rallies Points to Huge Turnout August 19

Anti-Fascist Workers Respond to Rallies Called by S.W.P. in All Sections of the City—200,000 Circulars Distributed

Anti-fascists throughout the entire metropolitan area responded with preparatory rallies and parades over the weekend to the call of the Socialist Workers Party for a counter-demonstration against Father Coughlin's projected march on Union Square next Saturday evening.

All indications point to a larger and even more militant demonstration than that waged last February 20 at Madison Square Garden in protest against the meeting of the German-American Bund.

MANHATTAN: Beginning with a Friday night parade at 7th St. and 2nd Ave., anti-fascists shouted slogans against Coughlin throughout the East Side and called on the workers to demonstrate next Saturday at Union Square. Rallies were held at Rivington and Ave. B and at Norfolk and Delancey. Hundreds of copies of the Challenge and the Socialist Appeal were sold. Tens of thousands of leaflets were distributed. Workers everywhere responded with cash contributions and statements, "We'll be down and bring the neighborhood along with us."

Papers Sell Fast

Queens: Anti-fascists are conducting parades to mobilize the workers and get everyone out for the demonstration against Coughlin next Saturday at 4:30 P.M. in Union Square. At rallies, sales of the Challenge and the Socialist Appeal were brisk. Thousands of leaflets have been distributed.

Brooklyn: Street rallies and parades in Brownsville, Rallies at Coney Island and at Brighton Beach. Loudspeaker rally planned for Brownsville. Sales of the Challenge and the Socialist Appeal very good. Leaflets distributed by the tens of thousands.

Besides these demonstrations against Coughlin, several Jewish organizations are reported to be protesting Mayor La Guardia's issuance of a permit for Coughlin's brazenly provocative march. On Thursday the American Jewish Alliance plans to protest at the City Hall. It is now circulating a petition urging the Mayor to take action against the Coughlinites.

Square Will Be Packed Before Saturday the entire supply of a quarter of a million leaflets will be exhausted, Edward Frank, organizer for Local New York of the Socialist Workers Party reported today.

"We expect a far larger demonstration next Saturday than that held last February 20, when the workers of New York expressed their anger at the fascist provocateurs," he declared.

"The anti-fascist workers of New York are becoming thoroughly tired of watching the police protect Coughlinites and practice gross discrimination against those who wish to stop fascism from taking over the United States."

"Everything indicates that Union Square will be packed next Saturday at 4:30 P.M. when the anti-fascists of New York assemble to protect with ACTION the march of the Coughlinites toward a fascist dictatorship in this country."

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# War Referendum Campaign Notes

## STREET MEETINGS, TAG DAYS PLANNED - MEMBERS RECRUITED

By HAL DRAPER  
Secretary Campaign Committee

ST. PAUL . . . sends in \$45 on the Anti-War Fund and Comrade Dorothy Schultz writes: "The branch is planning a series of weekly street corner meetings, starting August 16. Since there has been practically none of this type of activity by any party in St. Paul in recent years, this is frankly an experiment. We shall report on our experience. . . . Weekly tag days to get petition signatures and sell pamphlets are planned. A joint picnic with Minneapolis is scheduled for August 28 to help raise money for the Anti-War Fund."

CLEVELAND . . . held an outdoor meeting in the Public Square on August 7 with 150 in attendance. Good reception to anti-war speakers and hearty response to referendum issue. . . . Will hold similar meeting in Square every Monday and every other Friday, plus a neighborhood meeting every Saturday night. . . . Have fulfilled Appeal bundle quota 250 percent, filled one-third of the petition quota, gained one new member.

Petitions Reach New People  
FLINT . . . writes again: "The campaign is having a fine effect on the Flint branch. We

have recruited three new members already, and that's only the beginning. . . . To all who are pessimistic and discouraged, Flint is going to serve as a shot in the arm. . . . We find that through the petitions we are able to reach new contacts, and that the question of a War Referendum often affords us a good starting basis for talking to former Stalinist sympathizers." Comrade Geller orders 50 more petition sheets for a tag day and complains that "the petition quota for Flint is absurdly low."

MINNEAPOLIS . . . sends in \$50 for its Anti-War Fund quota. . . . first outdoor meeting scheduled for August 11, several hundred leaflets distributed in immediate neighborhood. . . . Put up banner 3 by 50 feet across Marquette Avenue in front of headquarters with the slogan "Let the People Vote on War." . . . Orders 100 more petition blanks.

FITCHBURG . . . sends in \$2 as a deposit on its Fund quota. . . . QUAKERTOWN, Pa. . . . will hold a picnic on August 13 to raise money for the campaign.

MANY BRANCHES have still not sent in their reports. In one week we shall start listing such delinquent branches. Take warning and act now!

## START MADE ON INCREASING BUNDLE ORDERS, SUBSCRIPTIONS

The drive for 400 new subscriptions to the Socialist Appeal and an increase of 870 copies in the regular bundle orders by agents, in connection with the War Referendum Campaign now being conducted by the Socialist Workers Party and the Young People's Socialist League, is getting under way slowly but is moving steadily forward. It is expected, however, that the quotas will be fulfilled by the time the campaign is concluded on September 15.

Many of the larger cities now have their machinery in motion. Several localities have already had some success, both with new subscriptions and with increased bundle orders. So far a total of 57 new subscriptions and 10 renewals have been sent in by the various localities since the campaign opened.

They are as follows:

	Re-	New
	new	new
Los Angeles	1	
San Francisco	1	
New Haven	2	1
Washington, D. C.	1	
Chicago	3	
Kansas	1	
Detroit	3	1
St. Paul	6	1
Minneapolis	5	
St. Louis	2	
Newark	8	
New York City	13	
Toledo	5	
Cleveland	2	1
Akron	4	
San Diego	1	
Miscellaneous	—	4
	57	10

Leading Branches  
Newark, Akron and Toledo have made the best starts so far. Newark has obtained 4 of its quota of 20, Akron 4 out of 5, and Toledo has covered its

quota of 5 new subscriptions. But reports from the various cities indicate that the others will also make the grade and very likely exceed their quotas.

In the matter of increases in the bundles, the following cities and localities have already responded. New Haven has increased its bundle by 5 and has still 5 to go. Kansas has added to its bundle quota. Flint, Michigan, assigned a quota of 20, has exceeded the quota by ordering an additional 30 copies. Newark, which has started off with great speed, has increased its bundle by another 10 and now disposes of a total of 135 copies per issue and has but to increase its bundle order by an additional 5 to cover its quota. Local Cleveland has decided to top its quota, and has placed an order for 50 copies each issue.

Local Akron has increased its regular bundle to 60 copies and has thereby also covered the proposed increase. Local Philadelphia has added 5 to its bundle order, or 25% of its quota.

But watch the figures grow in the next reports!

### PAUL LUTTINGER

With deepest sorrow and shock the City Committee learned of Comrade Paul Luttinger's sudden death this morning. He was one of the party's most devoted and self-sacrificing comrades. Although he was a skilled physician with an important practice, he never hesitated to take the humblest branch assignments. He placed all his talents at the disposition of the workers' revolutionary movement. We enshrine Comrade Paul Luttinger in our hearts for his fine personal qualities, his generosity, and his integrity as a revolutionist in the front ranks of the Fourth International.

CITY COMMITTEE  
LOCAL NEW YORK  
SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

August 12, 1939.

Comrade Paul Luttinger's funeral and cremation took place Sunday, August 13. A hundred comrades who were able to learn of his sudden death attended the funeral services.

At Your Service  
THE APPEAL  
POSTER SHOP

## 300,000 WPA Workers Face Firing in Sept.

New Wage Slashes in the Offing—Attorney  
General Stalls on Prevailing Wage

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going full blast; 75,000 workers are being laid off in New York City alone.

2,000,000 Fired  
Nearly another million workers will thus have been thrown off WPA by the end of September, so that about two million workers who were on WPA rolls in January will have been dismissed.

Thus Roosevelt's transference of almost one billion dollars from the relief budget to the war budget has accomplished its purpose. . . . the throwing out into the streets of 2,000,000 WPA workers.

Not stopping here, the New Deal has still another treat in store for the WPA workers—the reduction of the wage rates of the WPA workers in the North and East in the direction of the miserably low standards of the WPA workers in the South.

The brutally exploited WPA workers of the South, who receive the "security" wage of \$20 a month are to be used by the Roosevelt government as a "logical reason" for reducing

the wages of the WPA workers in the other parts of the country down toward the Southern level.

Roosevelt Responsible  
Meanwhile with the Building and Construction trades workers still out on strike, Attorney General Murphy, a Roosevelt appointee, still stalls the AFL unions on their request to restore the prevailing wage on projects begun prior to July 1. Murphy has been busy for the past six weeks "examining" the Relief Act to see if this can be done.

The complete responsibility for this vicious drive against the unemployed, rest squarely upon Roosevelt and the Democratic Majority in Congress.

The destruction of the prevailing wage, the firing of the WPA workers on the rolls for eighteen months and the general reduction of the rolls due to the slashed relief appropriation—all these which were embodied in the Woodrum Bill—are the result of the reduction of the relief appropriation by almost one billion dollars—instituted upon by President Roosevelt.

### NEW YORK AFL OPENS CONVENTION

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cent housing were carried by the Housewreckers.

Many Negro Marchers  
Outstanding contingents were the Negro unions, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, its members marching in their working uniforms, and the Dining Car Employees Union, all dressed in white.

Many Negroes also marched in the contingents of the International Longshoremen's Association, the sugar workers, garage workers, coal handlers, building service workers, etc. But one could also observe illy-



### GETTING SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR SOCIALIST APPEAL AND NEW INTERNATIONAL

Our campaign for 400 new readers to the Socialist Appeal is now well under way. Some branches are doing good work, others have yet to really begin. We are listing below various ways of going about getting subscriptions so that the delinquent branches can begin now to organize a serious subscription campaign.

A. Contact work: Every branch should have a master Contact List, made up of names of ex-Appeal or New International readers, contacts made at street corner or union meetings, sympathizers who have contributed to our Party, etc. This is the list on which our work of getting subscriptions is based.

Contacts should be visited by two comrades, working in pairs. Each sub-getter should be equipped with a portfolio containing Appeals, New Internationals, Party literature and subscription blanks.

If the contact is not home the first time, then leave a note

making another appointment for some other time.

B. Local Subscription Campaigns:

The national campaign to increase our subscription list must be accompanied by a local branch campaign. Each branch literature-agent should take steps to organize his local subscription campaign along the following general lines:

- 1) Set subscription quotas for each comrade in your branch.
- 2) Make definite and specific assignments to comrades for contact visiting.
- 3) Keep simple, clear records of the progress you are making towards the fulfillment of your quota.
- 4) Keep plenty of subscription blanks on hand and make sure that every comrade has a few on hand at all times. It's really easy to get subs!

The Socialist Appeal is the only paper that reports the facts about the struggle against Coughlin and his fascist gangs. Every worker will want to read about this in each issue of the Appeal.

white locals which still exclude Negroes.

Old-Timers Cheered  
Spectators along the line cheered the Sail and Canvas Workers Union, chartered in 1833 and believed to be the oldest union in the country.

Four carloads of "gold card" members—over 50 years in the union—were in the contingent of Bricklayers Local 9 and were applauded continuously along the line of march.

More than 300 brass bands, drum and bugle corps, and bagpipe bands, were in the line of march. They played everything from "Solidarity Forever" to the "Beer Barrel Polka."

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

THEATRE PARTY August 28.  
The Downtown Branch is holding a theatre party for "Pins and Needles" on Wednesday evening, August 23. This is the second edition of the play and it is shown at

an air-conditioned theater. So, come all—keep cool to the showing of a swell labor musical show. Tickets can be obtained at special rates from Sylvia Caldwell at the National Office.

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## WORKERS' FORUM

### HE'S PASSING THE WORD AROUND FOR AUGUST 19

Editor:

I happened to be on the East Side where I received one of your circulars for the August 19 demonstration in Union Square against the Coughlinites. Most of the people of other neighborhoods would only be too glad to attend, but don't know a thing about it. Please let me suggest that squads should post these circulars on 170th Street, the Grand Concourse, Hunts Point, Prospect Ave., Burnside, Tremont, University, in the Bronx, and all other working class sections in Brooklyn, and the garment, millinery and fur districts. The object being to draw a half million people so the police will have no other alternative but keep the fascists out of Union Square.

I am passing the word around to my fellow-union members to show up in order to stop them now, for tomorrow may be too late.

August 12, 1939  
Bronx, New York

(The various districts this worker refers to are being covered thoroughly during this week—Ed.)

### PARTY SECRETARY'S QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY WORKER

Editor:

The August 8 Appeal carries a letter from Comrade James P. Cannon, about my previous correspondence concerning Local B-1010. Through all the wisecracking, I guess comrade Cannon tried to indulge in friendly criticism of an inexperienced worker-correspondent.

Local B-1010 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, is the AFL Radio local in New York City. This union has agreements with the smaller radio companies located in New York City, such as Pilot, Fada, Ansley, Garod, Air King, etc.

William Beedie, former business manager and still representative of the International office, was recently discredited in the union because of an ill-fated bureaucratic ouster move directed by him against Emil Katz and Frank Sullivan, who in the recent elections were uncontestedly elected to the posts of Business Manager and President of the union.

It was my contention that Beedie was a labor skate and had sold out the radio workers time and again, by "concessions to the bosses. . . . fear of strikes, cowardice, and bad judgment." Beedie was originally associated with the Socialist Party. In the party he recruited Yipsels to hand out leaflets, picket, counteract the influence of the YCL in the union. He had two YCLers deported in those days. His phony agreements with the owners of the Micamold Corporation of Brooklyn, led to that shop going over solidly to the CIO. When the Yipsels began to wise up to Beedie's dirty work in the union, he had them all expelled; that is, all except

Emil Katz, who remained Beedie's underling. Beedie's tactics after a while antagonized large sections of the workers in the union—Katz and Sullivan saw their chance and began opposing Beedie. In the fight that culminated with the complete rout of Beedie, Katz and Sullivan expressed, though not clearly at all, the democratic and militant tendencies of the rank and file. They advanced no concrete and clear program of positive demands about internal life in the union and conditions in the shops. It was purely negative—Stop Beedie!

Just before Beedie's defeat at the hands of the rank and file a two year agreement was signed with the shops, which froze the wage level of the overwhelming majority of the workers for two years and barring strikes. The wiremen, the assemblers, the boxers, and the packers are tied down to the miserable wages of 40 to 45c an hour in a seasonal industry. Beedie put it over again by bulldozing the members into believing that arbitration instead of the picket line would bring wage increases.

This worker hopes that Katz and Sullivan assumed their posts with the interests of the rank and file at heart, and will do something toward eliminating the supervisor-stooges from the union, will really plan steps to "pull" the non-union Emerson shop into the union, will attempt to educate the members in trade unionism, will inaugurate frequent shop meetings, and will fight for the thirty-hour week and the thirty-dollar minimum wage.

Comrade Cannon is correct. Correspondents should be precise, to the point, and sure of their facts.

Comradely,  
Aug. 10, 1939 J. W.

THE FRIENDS of The Russian Bulletin is to hold a boat-ride and picnic on Sunday, August 27. The boat will sail from the Battery at 10:15 a.m. going up Long Island Sound to Rye Beach. There will be dancing aboard to the music of a first-rate orchestra. At Playland, in a section reserved for the Friends of The Russian Bulletin, we will picnic all afternoon, a full program of sports, games, music, swimming, and fun galore being arranged. The return trip will be made on an evening boat, with a Broadway show to be offered, followed by dancing. Tickets are available at the National Office at the nominal price of only one dollar. Make your reservations immediately before the limited number of tickets are exhausted.

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### Workers Defense Guards and the Struggle Against Fascism

## An Exchange of Correspondence Between David Dubinsky And a Rank and File Militant of Local 10, I. L. G. W. U.

We print below three important documents connected with the discussion in the International Ladies Garment Workers Union on the question of Workers Defense Guards. The first letter refers to President Dubinsky's repudiation of Workers Defense Guards in his apologetic comment to the press on Father Coughlin's denunciation of Harry Milton.

July 15, 1939  
"Justice",  
International Ladies Garment Workers Union  
To President David Dubinsky.

Dear Brother Dubinsky:  
As a brother member in the family of the I.L.G.W.U., I assume that it is my privilege to avail myself of my democratic right to voice an opinion which differs with yours.

I am a member of Local 10, so there is a certain "affinity" between us. It is the same local which mothered your earlier trade union beliefs. But before I go further, and to dispel your idea that this is prompted by any "sect" or "party", I announce that I belong to none and therefore am subject to no party "line" nor party discipline. I speak my own mind and in my own way. This, however, does not preclude any idea that I do have principles or beliefs. I have very definite notions as to an ideology not inimical to the interests of my class—labor.

A controversy has arisen due to a letter addressed to Local 66 of the I.L.G.W.U., by one of its members named Harry Milton. It was introduced as a resolution for consideration by our union. Through some devious and underhand means, the arch-enemy of organized labor, Coughlin, got hold of this proposed resolution and perverted its meaning and intent.

In a vicious and slanderous manner he attempted to create the impression that the I.L.G.W.U. is fostering a "revolutionary" movement and is actually considering the physical necessities to accomplish it. Only a liar like Coughlin could place such an interpretation upon it.

Only a staunch believer in Hitler and fascism could so pervert the truth.

However, the danger of his words do fall upon listening ears. And the thoughts he leaves with the non-thinking elements are the seeds of hatred fallen upon fertile ground. This demagogue, this "stooge" for the vested interests, who seeks to destroy all labor organizations because these are the bulwarks against fascism, needs to be dealt with with a finality which leaves no room for compromise. Either he is destroyed or he and his ilk will eventually destroy us.

Criticizes Dubinsky Stand  
Brother President, you have compromised us, and at the same time failed to aim a blow at our enemies.

The subject matter of the letter which Harry Milton addressed to his union is not the question now. But your own tactless method which you described as "consigning" this resolution to the waste-basket was not worthy of your best effort and thoughtful consideration. Any man who is ready to lay down his life so that his ideal is accomplished, no matter of what ideology, is worthy of consideration and very worthy to be heard and not shunned. Harry Milton crossed to Spain to fight for democracy and against fascism, and that deed yields to him a prestige that very few of us enjoy, and position worthy of labor's consideration. But even more important was your castigation of members of the I.L.G.W.U. because you sought to evade the challenge and lies of Coughlin. You beat a retreat—when the need was for attack.

When you, in your quoted answer to Coughlin, said that there are amongst us elements of various political ideologies "and some plain lunatics", you over-stepped the ground of common decency. As a leader of the most important labor organization in this country, you fell far short of your

duty and your obligation to us.

"Brazen Expression"  
Do you imply that because a trade-unionist believes in any of the many political ideologies he is not sane? Not rational? Not worthy of consideration? Do you mean that, since you are not now a member of a political party which has its roots in the struggle for labor's emancipation, only you and the Republicans are the apostles of what is virtuous and good? Just what do you mean by such a brazen expression?

You have lent arguments to our enemies. Because you have given them the opportunity to quote you, a labor leader, as admitting (falsely, of course) that we are NOT united in ONE COMMON cause. Can you not see this terrible error, this onus which you have cast upon us?

Obligations to our union do not prohibit the right of any member to believe in whatever dogma he or she desires. And our organization permits our members to affiliate with any group whose intent and purpose and by its practices is not inimical to labor's welfare. Yet you alone prohibit it, because if I want to be recognized as sane, I dare not accept the responsibilities of any political party not to your liking. How else am I to be judged?

This is why I maintain you have grievously erred. In this manner you literally "divide" our membership, rending it asunder, because the many and varied ideologies will persist despite your insult to their integrity and your questionable attitude, by inference, as to their loyalty and devotion to a labor organization. There is not one member who is deserving of such a rash description. The time is not long past when you, too, fought vigorously and unashamedly for an ideology you now (it seems) have shunned. And we know you would have, and did, resent any slur upon yourself by anyone because of that professed belief. Have you drifted back so far?

Should Have Attacked Coughlin  
Had you, in your position as President of our mighty union, taken Coughlin to task instead

of "apologizing" in such a facetious manner, you would have discharged your duties to the cheer of all of us.

Had your statement read to the effect that we ARE building against the advance of fascism, we would have gloried in that. Had you said that we will fight on every front against every enemy of democracy, no matter where it derives its power, you would have united us even more strongly. If you said that you would employ every and any agency to destroy the scourge of mankind, fight fire with fire, you would have lived up to the best traditions of labor's heroic struggle upward.

As a member keenly desirous of encouraging the timid, urgent to revitalize the waning spirits in the face of the black future, I implore you to restate your position, to attack

with all the might and power you possess the forces which are not only seeking to, but are succeeding in destroying us.

Yours is an enviable position in contemporary history. Leadership is lacking. Spirit is lacking. Take up the cudgels for the mass of oppressed, President Dubinsky, and give the command, forward!

There is but one direction we must travel—and that is forward. There is but one goal—and that is our emancipation from forces which oppress us. It is my hope and trust that my democratic right to appeal from the statement of President Dubinsky is recognized and given the rational consideration it justifies.

Long live the I.L.G.W.U.!!  
Fraternally yours,  
Barney Goldberg  
Local 10,  
I.L.G.W.U.

### From Justice, August 1, 1939

A FEW POINTERS  
TO "LABOR HERO"  
Barney Goldberg,  
Member of Local 10,  
New York City.

Your letter, addressed to me through "Justice," may be fit material for a Trotskyite or similar sectarian sheet, but it does not belong in "Justice" and, therefore, will not be printed.

You disavow your connection with any sect or party. It is not difficult, however, upon perusal of your letter, to reach the conclusion that, like Harry Milton, you are an "ideological" sectarian to whom the trade union

to which you belong is a minor affair compared with the puny political wagon to which your mentality is hitched.

Since you take so much to heart that I have "grievously erred" and "literally divided our membership" as a result of my statement in the press, I wish to advise you that it is the policy of our organization to consign to the wastebasket any communication which their senders first print in their party press for party purposes—even if they are addressed to us by self-styled labor "heroes."

DAVID DUBINSKY

### How a Labor Leader Avoids Issues

To the Editor:

With due respect to the ability of David Dubinsky as President of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, to give an answer where an answer is due, one must wonder, however, just what peculiar quirk compelled the attitude displayed in the answer given by

him appearing in the August 1 issue of the "Justice," as shown by the enclosed clipping. He sees fit to "answer" in a puny, inadequate manner, a lengthy letter which dared differ with his opinion. Yet, he did not wish to risk printing the actual contents of the letter in question.

### "Blow for Blow" Against Coughlin

A call to the union membership to "return blow for blow the attacks of Fascists and Coughlinites" was uttered by Alexander Hoffman, General Manager of Cleaners and Dyers Union, Local 239 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, before five hundred members at a membership meeting, August 9, at Irving Plaza, New York.



# In the World of Labor

By Paul G. Stevens

## A Sharp Split in the Communist Party of India

The Bengal Labor Party, led by the young militant, Dutt Mazumdar, is the foremost working class political organization in the important British province of Bengal, with great influence in the peasant and trade union movements. In 1938 it merged with the Communist Party of India and appeared to be lost in the swamp of Stalinism.

Differences with the Peoples Front policy developed, however, and culminated recently at the Tripuri session of the Indian National Congress, where the Stalinists fell prone before Mahatma Gandhi, sacrificing everything for the sake of unity with the Indian capitalists and landlords whom Gandhi represents.

Dutt Mazumdar openly dissociated himself from this Stalinist line, delivering a scorching attack on the Gandhi wing of the Congress. He compared the Gandhists with the counter-revolutionary generals who rebelled against the Spanish republic. So effective was his attack that the Stalinist delegates were confused and didn't know who represented the official Stalinist line at the Congress.

After that the Stalinist machine went to work on Mazumdar and publicly attacked him in its press as a "disrupter of unity," "agent of reaction," etc. Mazumdar stuck to his guns, and he and the Bengal Labor Party were expelled from the Stalinist organization.

While Dutt Mazumdar has by no means arrived at the revolutionary position of the Fourth International, he has nevertheless taken decided steps towards a correct class analysis of the Indian revolutionary scene.

He correctly understands the dilemma facing the impotent Indian capitalist class, which is rapidly driving it to capitulate to British imperialism. "One step to the left and the capitalists might ignite the powder heap of agrarian revolution, in the wake of which might come other revolutions."

Mazumdar understands that one cannot fight British imperialism without fighting its ally, the native capitalists and landlords.

"... it is apparent that the struggle is between the outspoken aim of the millions of Indian people and the secret aim of the Indian bourgeoisie, between the fighting, genuine democracy of the masses and the dictatorship of the diplomatic bourgeoisie."

As to what must be done—"to consolidate

our power we must throw all our forces on the mass front and defend each mass struggle, however small or local in character, with our initiative. Our efforts to bring Congress into the struggle must be exercised to the utmost. But we (the workers) must jealously guard the initiative."

## Rumblings in the C.P. of the Mother Country Also

Nor is the Communist Party in Great Britain immune to the internal disintegration resulting from the People's Front policies of the leadership.

Recently we reported in these columns on the tragicomic dispute between the French and the British Stalinists on the subject of British Conscription. The following item from the London New Leader puts the finishing touches to the running story of this "dispute."

"All is not well either politically or organizationally with the Communist Party of Great Britain," says the New Leader.

"Some weeks ago Harry Pollitt published a pamphlet against Conscription.

"The French Communist Party protested. It urged that British Communists should support Conscription to strengthen the 'Peace Front' against Hitler.

"An international consultation of Communist Party leaders took place to settle the question. It decided in favor of the French Communist Party view and Pollitt's pamphlet was withdrawn."

Pollitt, like all the paid Stalinist scribblers the world over, can withdraw a pamphlet from publication just as easily as he can write one—and that holds true for any subject under the sun.

How the ranks are reacting to the miserable juggling of these "leaders" with the lives of the workers may be gathered from the concluding paragraphs of the New Leader's report:

"Nor is the British Communist Party happy organizationally. It has suffered such severe losses recently that it has now decided to 'recall' members whom it sent into the Labour Party.

"We have heard this week of daily resignations from the Labour Party. These represent not conversion to the Communist Party—because they were always its instruments—but obedience to the instructions of the Communist Party and its latest change of line."

## On the Line... with Bill Morgan

OAKLAND, Cal.—Gather 'round, cynics and scoffers, sulking cowards and cranks, beef-necked bulls, stumble-bum fascists, hypocritical boss politicians and liars of the pulpits—gather 'round and see the beginnings of the new World society—the Socialist Society—being constructed within the framework of the old, diseased, ruthless, corrupt system called Capitalism!

Come, workers of shops and mines and mills, tenant farmers of the South, agricultural workers of the West, lumber workers of the North-woods, students of the overcrowded and lying schools, hungry men and women waiting endless hours in dreary relief stations—come see the revolutionary youth of America as they forge from truth and courage and comradeship a sword of victory—a sword of revenge—a sword to lead the advancing ranks of the World Revolution!

Behold, comrades in the fight for freedom and truth, see at last the weapon which will smash the chains which now bind us to the wall of slavery!

Come! See the youth of America as they meet together in a Yipsum summer camp they have managed to secure to study, work, and play. Here you will see the comradeship of which we boast. Here you will see the true spirit of brotherhood and serious devotion to the serious task of liberating a world bound and tied by fear and ignorance. Here you will see youth of the Socialist Workers Party as they undertake to prove the ideals of the Socialist Society by their cooperation and friendship.

## Preparing for the Fight

From all sections and cities, from factory and farm and school come these boys and girls of various nationalities and colors for two weeks of common work and study. Under the very nose of the California bosses, Chambers of Commerce and the Associated Farmers these youthful revolutionists gather to develop into organizers, speakers and fighters for the youth of the nation, youth of the world.

Once away from the hypocrisy and lies of the fake democracy in the towns and cities run by the grafters and the armed thugs, these young people immediately turn to the building of a real, genuine life for the short time allowed by limited funds and the serious work waiting to be done at home—the organizing and teaching of the youth of California.

Up at seven o'clock and into the rolling blue waves of the great Pacific Ocean for a morning dip. Under the showers and then to breakfast. Promptly at nine the study classes begin. Trade Union problems, Labor History, Organization, theory and practice of Marxism, then the Sixty Families and the One Third of the Nation. For three hours the students and teachers—all fresh from the battlefield of the class struggle—discuss the problems of revolutionary work. No typical "teacher-student" business here! Common discussion and exchange of ideas, argument and frank, honest disagreement lead to solutions and general agreement. Here there are no "students" and no "teachers." Here are only comrades. Some are experienced, others are new recruits. No regular school ever saw this seriousness, this amount of real work being done in so short a time.

## Book-Learning Enriches Experience

"Experience is a hard school and fools will learn in no other" is an old adage taken seriously by these boys and girls. All the vast works of the revolutionists of the past and present are collected here for research and study. Marx, Lenin, Trotsky and all the others. Books on labor problems and tactics, on public speaking, philosophy and history, novels of the shop and farm are here. And there are no librarians to watch the books—only teachers to

suggest and assist. No books are lost. None are damaged. These books and these students are vital to the school and the future of the youth.

At twelve all classes suspend for lunch—but before eating there is another swim period. Into trunks and suits and down across the long white beach to the cool water where great powerful rollers sweep upon the shore with the relentless force of the marching youth.

Lunch is a joyous meal. Horse-play and songs, spontaneous wit and harmless sarcasm prevail all during the soup and salad. Discussion carried over from the study classes mingles with tales of great feats in the water and on the beach. Mock speeches and mock manners bring laughter from the happy and comradely crowd.

Then, announcements! First, who will volunteer to wash dishes and help the cook tomorrow? Half a dozen hands go up! Who will sweep the dining room and the front porch? I will! I will! What about you? Me? Sure! Students and teachers lose their identity in this division of labor. All campers take their turns doing the necessary work. Each is anxious to assume his share of the work.

After lunch a siesta. Then another class for an hour and a half. At three another swim. This is the life! Everyone is either red or brown, depending upon abilities to take it from old Sol.

Dinner is a riotous meal. Songs and jokes and greetings to comrades who have come from the near-by city to see the school. After dinner the social committee plans the evening's fun.

At eight p.m. the camp talent appears. Musicians dominate—piano players and fiddlers especially. One night a series of amateur plays and skits—the next a masquerade. One night the camp chorus renders some fine, inspiring revolutionary songs and the next night we have a hot-dog roast on the beach. Hikes to town and fishing at night along the beach.

## The "Camper's Voice"

The camp newspaper appears! The Camper's Voice is the official paper and it gives news and views of camp life. Typewritten and only two pages, it is a part of the life we would not give up for any of the daily papers issued by the boss press. This is immediately followed by a "Rank & File" paper which "exposes" the official sheet. Foolish and harmless gossip, jokes and suggested rules and regulations for the camp are contained in this practical joke of a paper. This, too, is a part of camp life we will all remember.

Fourteen days of common association and fun. Two weeks of common work and study. The establishment of bonds of friendship which will never—can never—be broken. Knowing and understanding each other, talking the same language—that of social revolution, sharing kitchen duty with comrades from all over the state—these are things no fascist whip or capitalist war can ever break. This we have forever.

Here, at the summer school on the West Coast, we have demonstrated the practical aspects of our movement and no one can ever dispute this with us. The new friends, the memories, the lessons learned, the comradeship of the Young Peoples Socialist League will remain as an indication of our ability to organize, in the face of reaction, a permanent monument to the courage of youth.

**Workers of New York! Rally  
Against the Coughlin Bands  
At Union Square August 19!**

# Stop Fascism In America!

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When an employer wants a Fascist union contract, he dictates it from beginning to end. It is then submitted to the commissioner of the Fascist union as the "representative" of the workers. He signs it, thus making it lawful and binding on the workers.

The contract is flexible in that it may be violated by the employer without penalty.

He had promised to confiscate church property. On that promise *Il Duce* turned coat in a hurry. In 1927 he agreed piously that Fascism had no fight with the Church of Rome. The small farmers who had been deluded into believing Mussolini would divide up the enormous church holdings in land for their benefit received not a single thing except an increase in taxes.

"Fascism is not incompatible with the teaching of the Catholic Church, may more, . . . the fundamental principles laid down by the Church with regard to the nature and purpose of the State entirely square with those embraced by that body of fascists who do in fact represent the main current of the movement." (Preface to "The Universal Aspects of Fascism," p. xviii, approved by Benito Mussolini.)

On June 11, 1929, *Il Duce* paid the Pope 1,750,000,000 lire for the occupation of Rome in 1870. This apparently settled matters very satisfactorily with the Holy Roman See to judge from the enormous enthusiasm certain Catholic priests in the public eye display toward fascism and the corporate state.

It is interesting to note that Mussolini is not the only fascist dictator on speaking terms with the Holy Roman See. Hitler is a member of the Catholic Church, the fascist butcher Franco of Spain is a devout Catholic, as is fascist dictator Salazar of Portugal whose corporate state Father Charles E. Coughlin, a Catholic priest, lauds in his *Social Justice* magazine. Dollfuss the Austrian fascist dictator was a devout Catholic too before he was assassinated in a faction fight with Hitler.

Mussolini had promised seizure of war-time super-profits and high taxation of private fortunes—he broke that promise. *Il Duce* decided that such a promise must have come from a padded cell. "A financial policy based on the persecution of capital is infected with madness." He raised taxes immediately on all the lower income groups and appeased Big Business by slashing such taxes as had been placed upon it by previous governments.

He had promised the Abolition of the Royal House and the Nobility. *Il Duce* broke that promise with an imperious command to the workers to fall down on their knees in worship before His Royal Highness.

"... you will welcome him with your most impetuous enthusiasm and you will repeat to him your oath of un-failing devotion to the Monarchy and to the Dynasty of the House of Savoy. (The crowd bursts out in a great ovation to H. M. The King and to H. E. H. The Prince of Piedmont.) (Speech of B. Mussolini, Oct. 15, 1931. Quoted in "Speeches of B. Mussolini," official publication of the Italian government, p. 142.)

He had promised to expropriate the land owners—*Il Duce* broke that promise with a harsh command to the slaves of the landowners to buckle down in their harness.

"The landowners have not only the right, but also the Fascist duty, of remaining in their superior positions against all challengers . . . and they must be INTRAN-SIGENT in matters of discipline, respect, obedience, esteem. . . ." (Pesci, Contadini d'Italia, p. 87. Quoted in *The Plough and the Sword*, p. 138.)

He had promised jobs—*Il Duce* broke that promise. He covered up the actual increase in unemployment with faked statistics and listed all those he threw into his prison concentration camps as "job-holders."

"The GROWTH OF UNEMPLOYMENT, particularly, has been attended by increasing violations on the part of employers (of Fascist 'union' contracts—J. H.) This is admitted by the Fascist press. For example, workers are obliged by the scarcity of jobs to compete with one another to the extent of making contract terms meaningless." *The Plough and the Sword*, quoting from *Lavoro Fascista*, May 21, 1929, p. 116.)

He had promised a living wage—*Il Duce* broke that promise by slashing wages and lengthening hours.

"According to the figures supplied by the Italian press itself, between 1927 and 1932 nominal wages were REDUCED BY HALF, and as the cuts have continued since 1932, it would be no exaggeration to say that wages have been reduced from the 1927 level by from 60 to 75 per cent. Wages in 1935 were rarely as high as those before the war. Although they have been twice raised by 10 per cent since 1935, the cost of living in the meantime has risen 30 per cent." (Fascism and Big Business, p. 192.)

The length of the working day is variable according to the whim of the employer. He may make it anything from eight to twenty hours without extra pay.

It is impossible to get a job without a labor passport. The employer enters his opinion of the worker on the labor passport when the worker wishes to leave to look for other employment.

He had promised three square meals a day—*Il Duce* gave the Italian workers starvation.

"Fortunately the Italian people is not yet accustomed to eating several times a day, and having a modest level of living, feels less deficiency and suffering." (Benito Mussolini in *Corriere della Sera*, December 19, 1930. Quoted in *The Plough and the Sword*, p. 165.)

As one of the main points on his program he had promised: "International Disarmament and Abolition of Compulsory Military Service."—*Il Duce* fulfilled this promise by lowering the limit for military training down to the age of eight and launching the biggest armament building program ever saddled on the Italian working people.

But Mussolini did keep one point of his program—He preserved PRIVATE PROPERTY.

"The fact that from 1922 to now joint stock companies have increased from 6,850 to 17,424 and their capital from 21,395 millions to over 52 milliards, is not this the most definite and eloquent denial in front of those who accuse the fascist regime of 'harrassing' private enterprise?"

# M-Day Moves Nearer as War-Time Rule of Country Is Signed Over Formally to Sixty Families

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Mass. Institute of Technology; and Harold G. Moulton, president of Brookings Institute. The secretary of the board is Colonel Harry K. Rutherford, of the Army Ordnance Department.

Four top-flight "economic royalists" are thus named to become the rulers of American life—"TO GET POWER IN A CRISIS," as the New York Times headline puts it. It is expected that other representatives of America's Sixty Families will be added later.

Roosevelt In Open The brief announcement, which the War and Navy Department officials refused to amplify further, made clear that for the first time President Roosevelt has come out into the open on this plan for a war dictatorship. These officials stated that Roosevelt had approved the formation of the agency; and that the whole

War Dictatorship set-up had been recently made directly responsible to him personally, instead of to the War and Navy Secretaries as previously.

The Industrial Mobilization Plan has been known since 1933, when it was first published, as the "blueprint for dictatorship" in America in a new war "or other national emergency."

When its main provisions were introduced in Congress as the Sheppard-Hill and Sheppard-May bills, the Plan was roundly denounced by wide circles of the trade union movement, including both the AFL and CIO, and with almost complete unanimity by all liberals and liberal organizations.

The Senate Munitions Investigating Committee, headed by Nye, exposed it as providing for an "actual operating dictatorship" in war-time. The main forces behind it have been the War Department, the American Legion and Bernard M. Baruch, who headed the similar set-up during the World War.

The Plan is a detailed study of ways and means of suppressing all democratic rights in war-time, and especially of controlling the labor movement. It embodies several methods of breaking strikes, fixing wages, abolishing all social legislation which protects the interests of the workers, drafting women and children for war labor, censorship of the press, etc. It includes also an all-important provision for the imposition of the draft for all men from the ages of 18 to 45.

This War Dictatorship Plan has never been acted upon by the people or even by Congress, and indeed it is not intended to be submitted for any vote until M-Day itself. Then, the government officials expect, it can be pushed through Congress in double-quick time and without change, under the pressure of hysterical war propaganda.

Especially since the election of Roosevelt in 1933, however, the M-day plans have been put into operation even without legislative sanction, through administrative action.

## COUGHLINITE SHOCK TROOPS RIOT IN BRONX

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930 E. 227th St., who stabbed Sgt. Robert McAllister. They were later booked on charges of felonious assault.

Police then attempted to disperse the meeting. Leaders of the Christian Mobilizers, however, attempted to rally the crowd in order to release their members under arrest. The crowd followed the police to the station where Christian Mobilizers again attempted to release those who had been arrested.

A shock trooper who broke through the police lines waving an American flag was arrested. He gave his name as Edward Westphal, 26, a salesman, 2514 Third Ave.

Police made no move to use tear gas or horses against the Mobilizers, and arrested only two more: Jack Dougherty, 47, a pipe-fitter, 484 E. 140th St., and William O'Connor, 17, 2764 Woodhull Ave., a student and associate editor of the Christian Mobilizer publication.

After the wildly milling crowd had begun to break up, police reported finding a black jack in the street.

The District Attorney's office announced that it might make an investigation of the activities of the Christian Mobilizers.

During the past week the Christian Mobilizers, who constitute the shock troop squads of Coughlin's Christian Front, have been whipping up their ranks throughout the Bronx in preparation for their projected march on Union Square next Saturday. For weeks they have been Jew-baiting with a "Buy Christian" campaign.

(Speech of Benito Mussolini, April 2, 1931. Quoted in *Speeches of B. Mussolini*, p. 136-7.)

## Mussolini Chops Down His Own Ranks

When the Black Shirts, especially those who had joined after the Fascist movement began to gain momentum, saw that the profits of the capitalists were leaping upward at new and dizzy rates, that the cost of living was shooting to fantastic levels, that the big landowners were becoming so arrogant as to take over even land that had been community property for hundreds of years, they were filled with a frenzy of despair and disappointment.

They cursed Mussolini and clamored for him to put into effect the program which had won them to his camp. They accused him of selling out to the very bankers he had promised to fight.

But Mussolini used the same tactics on them that he had used on the working class organizations. First he made sure that the Black Shirts were disarmed. He took away their guns. Then he ordered the armed police and the armed legions of the king's army to fix bayonets and put an end to the complaints of his followers.

To prevent any more complaints from becoming annoying, he organized a vast internal spy system called the OVRA. In every shop, on every job, in every apartment house, in the theaters, in the crowded districts, these agents are planted. They make regular reports to their superiors and if there is one word of complaint from anyone, he is silenced. Generally he serves a long prison term. Sometimes he is never seen again.

FASCISM rules in Italy.

A CORPORATE STATE governs for the capitalists. The Italian workers stifle under a vast oppression with not even a tombstone for their once powerful labor movement.

The Italian workers failed to organize Trade Union Defense Guards.

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# Roosevelt Embarrasses The Communist Party

## Minnesota Stalinists Find Themselves Out On Limb by Glotzbach Promotion

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) MINNEAPOLIS — In their dishonest policy of defending Roosevelt at all costs, the Communist Party has placed itself in some pretty ridiculous situations lately, but none so really funny as in Minnesota today.

In Minnesota, the Communist Party, the CIO and the Workers Alliance have directed all their fire on Governor Stassen, Mayor Leach of Minneapolis, and Linus Glotzbach, state WPA administrator.

Especially Glotzbach. Thursday, August 3, the Stalinist-controlled "Midwest Labor" went to press. It was practically an Anti-Glotzbach issue.

In an article headlined "ANTI-NEW DEAL ROLE OF GLOTZBACH CONDEMNED BY MINNEAPOLIS CIO," Lageman condemns Glotzbach "for his anti-New Deal, anti-labor, pro-Republican statements and actions in the recent WPA protest demonstrations. All locals are requested to write to President Roosevelt . . . and to Colonel Harrington, informing them that Glotzbach co-operated with Stassen and Leach against Minnesota labor and against the administration in every way."

Bill Mauseth tells the readers that "all indications are that Governor Stassen and Mayor Leach of Minneapolis have had the able support of Linus C. Glotzbach, state WPA director, in their vicious attack on labor. There is no question but what Glotzbach is a viciously reactionary politician, a proven strike-breaker and a hater of organized labor and all labor stands for."

BUT—on Thursday afternoon, August 3, the Minneapolis daily papers carried a front-page news-flash from Washington that President Roosevelt himself had just nominated Linus Glotzbach for promotion from State WPA Director to Regional Supervisor.

Because of their wholly dishonest attempt to absolve the New Deal from its responsibility for passing the criminally insufficient Relief Bill, the Stalinists tried to direct the hatred of the workers away from Roosevelt and the New Deal and towards Glotzbach.

But the smiling hypocrite in the White House was so favorably impressed with Glotzbach's savage handling of the Minneapolis WPA strike that he has personally nominated him before the Senate for promotion.

So now the Stalinists must either remain silent or turn around and insist that Glotzbach is a hell of a good guy.

Unions Think Differently

Fortunately, the Minneapolis trade union movement sees right through the Communist Party's deceit—and the majority of the ranks see right through Roosevelt's hypocrisy, too.

Officials of the Minneapolis Central Labor Union, when they heard of Roosevelt's latest move, immediately telephoned the Farmer-Labor Senator, Ernest Lundeen, and asked him to oppose Glotzbach's promotion. Lundeen moved immediately to do so. On Saturday the United States Senate, upon motion of Lundeen, laid over Glotzbach's nomination until January. The nomination has been sent back to the committee, for action at the next session of Congress.



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## FIGHT WITH THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY FOR:

1. A job and a decent living for every worker.
2. Open the idle factories—operate them under workers' control.
3. A Twenty-Billion dollar Federal public works and housing program.
4. Thirty-thirty! \$30-weekly minimum wage—30-hour weekly maximum for all workers on all jobs.
5. Thirty dollar weekly old-age and disability pension.
6. Expropriate the Sixty Families.
7. All war funds to the unemployed.
8. A people's referendum on any and all wars.
9. No secret diplomacy.
10. An independent Labor Party.
11. Workers' Defense Guards against vigilantes and Fascist attacks.

## War Dictatorship

On August 9 the Navy and War Departments announced formation of a "War Resources Board." What lies behind this innocent title, who are the leaders of the Sixty Families who constitute this board, are described elsewhere in this issue.

Despite some fig-leaf language, the announcement of the formation of this board means that Roosevelt and the government have come out into the open with their plans for a war-time dictatorship.

This apparatus for the operation of a War Dictatorship has been PLANNED since 1920—ever since we "saved the world for democracy" the first time.

Now that machinery for a military dictatorship under the control of America's Sixty Families EXISTS.

The drool about American democracy gives way to actual steps toward dictatorship. The hypocritical eyewash about "defending democracy against the fascists" should no longer blind the eye of a single intelligent worker to the FACT:

The next "war for democracy" means the Iron Heel in this country.

If democracy is to be defended, it can be done ONLY by the struggle against the democratic hypocrites HERE IN AMERICA. It can be done ONLY by overthrowing their brand of democracy-dictatorship, and REPLACING IT WITH THE REAL DEMOCRACY OF A WORKERS GOVERNMENT — A WORKERS DEMOCRACY.

The "democratic" jingoes of the press and politics are falling into line. The organs of the Sixty Families, like the New York Times, which only yesterday raised their hands in pious horror at the War Department's blueprint for dictatorship, now accept it with as good grace as they can muster on such short notice from the Boss in the White House.

The jingo Communist Party, which as late as 1937 from force of habit, still came out against the Mobilization Plan, conceals the very news of Roosevelt's latest step from its members. The Daily Worker relegates it to an oblique reference in part of a sentence in the middle of an article on airplane purchases which appears on an inside page.

We predict that nothing much more will be heard of the workings of the War Dictatorship Board which has just been created. These things are not told to the people.

These are not the only war preparations going on BEHIND THE SCENES. The others will be revealed only when the workers take over the Capitol and disclose them.

These secret war preparations go on BEHIND THE BACKS OF THE PEOPLE. The people are not consulted. They who will have to fight and die are treated only as pawns in an international chess game.

The people must assert their rights and FIGHT for them. One of these is to take war-making power away from the politicians in Washington. They must demand that before the government enters into another war—

LET THE PEOPLE VOTE!  
ONLY THE PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE ON WAR!

The popular mass sentiment for a referendum on war is a healthy beginning for real anti-war action—which means action against the American war-makers in the first place. But to be effective, it must be based on a realization of Roosevelt's role as leader of America's imperial-

ist drive for world conquest. More than that—To be effective under Roosevelt's war dictatorship, the anti-war fighters must link their hands with the revolutionary workers who struggle against Roosevelt and the war system. The rallying center for real anti-war action is the anti-war party, the Socialist Workers Party.

## Coughlin's AFL Record

Last Sunday Father Coughlin tried a new stunt, in his attempt to blind workers to his fascist policy. He broadcast praise of the AFL for its entry into the automobile field against the CIO. He tried to make it appear that he is for the AFL as a "conservative organization".

The answer to Father Coughlin is written in the printed proceedings of the AFL conventions for 1932-1933-1934. Summing up that record, the St. Louis Union Labor Advocate, AFL organ, on August 1 stated:

Fr. Coughlin, the record shows, built his new church at Detroit with Scab Labor. He even hired a contractor who at that very moment had a building trades strike on his hands at a downtown theater job.

When the Union building tradesmen persisted in their effort to have Coughlin unionize his church job, he threatened to go on the air and denounce them as racketeers.

The 1933 AFL convention appointed a committee—Frank Duffy and Mathew Woll, executive council members, and the late Chas. P. Howard, president, International Typographical Union—to visit Fr. Coughlin and seek to adjust the dispute. Coughlin made an appointment to see the AFL men. When they arrived, however, he had left town, leaving word with his secretary that he had been called away. To this day, Coughlin has neither apologized for not seeing the AFL committee nor made any other appointment for a conference.

When Coughlin started printing his Sunday broadcasts for public distribution, he sent the job to a Scab printer. Secretary O'Donnell, of the Detroit Allied Printing Trades Council, wrote Coughlin a courteous suggestion that the job be given to a Union shop, enclosed a list of Union Detroit printers and concluded with "best wishes for a merry Christmas for you and yours." Coughlin's secretary replied that "the Union seeks to intimidate us."

O'Donnell, in a letter to both Coughlin and Coughlin's secretary replied by urging them to point out even one word in his (O'Donnell's) letter which could be even remotely construed as intimidation. Neither Coughlin nor his secretary as much as acknowledged the challenge.

Coughlin has further shown his very odd brand of friendship for organized Labor by having his national magazine, "Social Justice," printed in a non-Union shop and has ignored the Unions' efforts to transfer the job to an organized shop.

In a radio broadcast last May 1 (the) . . . president of the Detroit Central body . . . charged that Coughlin had fostered company "unions," adding that "it has been clearly shown that Father Coughlin is an enemy of the Trades Union movement."

## How Fight Fascism?

Isadore Begun, Bronx County Communist Candidate for New York City Council, after describing the plague of anti-Semitic hooliganism now going on in the Bronx, presents in the August 13 Daily Worker his solution:

"A city ordinance forbidding the spread of anti-Semitic propaganda and outlawing anti-Semitic organizations is possible and necessary. It will be of equal benefit to Christian and Jew. Our borough must remain the Borough of the Good Neighbor."

That's Begun's election platform in a county of a million and a half souls where the fight against fascism has become the most pressing daily problem.

What good are city ordinances against fascist hooligans and clubs, knives and blackjacks? There are dozens of city ordinances applicable to the fascists—if the cops and judges wanted to apply them. But the cops and judges side with the fascists AGAINST the anti-fascists, as is revealed by the whole record of arrests and court rulings of the last year. Another ordinance would be a dead letter, ignored by the judges and cops as they ignore all the other ordinances applicable to the fascists.

There is only one way to fight the fascists. That is to ORGANIZE the anti-fascists into WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS, ready and trained to defend union halls and unionists, Jewish and Gentile anti-fascists, against the fascist gangsters.

That is the program of our party. In the city council elections, that program will be represented by Max Shachtman, as Bronx County candidate, against the program of candidate Begun. Comrade Shachtman's candidacy will serve to focus the eyes of the working people on this program. That is why every serious anti-fascist should support his candidacy.

A resolution granting \$25,000 to the senate banking and currency committee to study the banking situation met opposition before it was passed by the senate. Senator Bailey, (D., N.C.) argued that any investigation of the banking system at this time would disturb business.

## The Union of "Social Justice"



## There Is No Substitute for the August 19 Demonstration!

AN EDITORIAL

The Communist Party has yet to say a word in its own name on the Coughlin August 19 march on Union Square.

The first reference to the Coughlin march in the Daily Worker finally appeared in a modest story on page 5 on Monday, reporting a call to a demonstration against the Coughlin march, called by "the American Jewish Alliance" for City Hall, Thursday noon, August 17.

We are informed by spokesmen for the Yiddish press that "the American Jewish Alliance" came into existence about two weeks ago, and is not to be confused with the bona fide Jewish National Workers Alliance, an old fraternal organization.

The only name connected with the "American Jewish Alliance" is one Benjamin Plotkin of Jersey City, who designates himself as its

National Chairman. He is identified to us as a Stalinist stooge.

Having thoroughly disgraced itself by refusing to call or support any demonstration against the Nazi Madison Square Garden meeting on February 20, the Stalinists are apparently making this move on August 17—merely to make the record and to avoid joining in united action with the Socialist Workers Party in Union Square on Saturday, August 19, the day when the fascists are marching on Union Square.

We don't have to explain to any intelligent anti-fascist that a demonstration in City Hall on August 17 is no substitute for the necessary counter-demonstration against the fascists in Union Square on August 19.

Everybody out to the North Plaza of Union Square, Saturday, August 19, 4:30 p.m.!

## LAY PLANS TO FIGHT JOBLESS 'DEPORTATION'

## Unemployed Negroes Are Hardest Hit by New Jersey Scheme

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEWARK—Plans were last week laid at a conference held in this city to combat by an organized drive the "deportation" of relief clients who have not been residents of the state for five years.

The conference, which had been called at the initiative of the Workers Relief and WPA Union, tackled the problem as one chiefly affecting the Negro workers who, though residents of the state for a long enough period to vote, are consistently denied relief.

Prepare State Bill  
A campaign to last until January 1, 1940 was outlined. The campaign will concentrate around a Bill drawn up by the Workers Relief and WPA Union. The Bill will be introduced in the State Legislature when it meets on January 1. A statewide committee of 100 will be organized to mobilize support for the Bill. The legal campaign will be complemented by a campaign of mass action, including picket lines and demonstrations.

The situation in which the Negro workers find themselves was dramatically presented by four Negro women who recounted their own experiences how they were denied relief, and how their families have suffered as a result.

A sponsoring committee of 18 was elected and told to go ahead with contacting individuals, organizations and newspapers for support.

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New York City.

I would like to get better acquainted with your paper, the Socialist Appeal. Please send me sample copies for the next few weeks.

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_

## The Editor of the Jewish Day And the Coughlin Demonstration

"If the Coughlinites should carry banners that insult Jews, or that incite against Jews, we are duty bound not to stand and look on quietly."

"That may be expected of Jews in Hitler's country, but in no other country in the world."

"In such a case, the Jews may justifiably express their reply to such insults."

"Naturally within the framework of law and order. But the police must not allow a situation in which Coughlinites will insult Jews in a manner in which the Jews will not be able to contain themselves within this 'framework of the law' which protects Coughlinites and does not protect Jews."

"I can only point to myself: if I should see a march in New York in which there is a parade of placards that insult Jews, I do not believe that I could possibly restrain myself and not throw something at the placards which insult Jews."—B. Z. Goldberg, editor, the Jewish Day, August 12, 1939.

## CIO Packinghouse Organizer Arrested by Boss Flunkies

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill.—Ver-non Ford, Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee (CIO) organizer, was arrested here last week for passing out leaflets. Held for three days, his case was dismissed and he was released.

Ford was arrested by the company-owned National City police. National City is a township carved out of East St. Louis by the big packing companies in order to avoid taxes. It has a population of 200 and a police force of 15. The packing companies own every building, outhouse and blade of grass in the town, including a lien on the souls of a group of company slacks living there, who form the nucleus of the Swift company union.

Appeal to Farmers  
Ford was distributing the leaflets to farmers and stock-raisers, whose support the union is seeking to enlist in its fight against the packers.

East St. Louis is the fourth-largest meat-packing center in the country. In the Armour plant here, second in size to Swift, the CIO union maintains an overwhelming majority—1,500 dues-paying members out of 1,600 eligible workers.

## ARMOUR REHIRES 15 DISMISSED WORKERS

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) CHICAGO, Aug. 13—Fifteen members of the Packinghouse Workers Organizing Committee, fired when they were attempting to take up a grievance with the management, were re-hired after a mass meeting of 3,000 workers demanded action.

Five hundred shop stewards and officers of Local 347 had instructed the strike strategy committee to prepare for a walkout. A delegation of PWOC leaders met with two Armour vice-presidents and the reinstatements followed.

Armour's continues to refuse to negotiate a contract with the PWOC, and everything points toward a showdown on a national scale between the giant corporation and the CIO.

## Their Government

By James Burnham

A man, they used to say, is known by the company he keeps. It becomes an easy matter to know Franklin D. Roosevelt by this test if we apply it in connection with the six buddies whom he has just appointed to his new War Resources Board.

Who are these six? First comes the chairman, Edward R. Stettinius, Jr. Stettinius is chairman of the board of that well known charitable organization, the United States Steel Corporation. And a little note further: His father, Edward, Sr., was one of the three leading partners of Morgan & Co. during the period which included the last world war. When Morgan & Co. became fiscal and purchasing agents for the allied powers (two years prior to the entry of this country into the war), Stettinius, Sr., had charge of purchases, and dispensed more than three billion dollars to the corporations favored by Morgan. The part which these operations played in getting the United States into the war belongs to well-established history.

Second comes John Lee Pratt, a leading director of General Motors corporation, which has just reported a \$100,000,000 profit for the first six months of 1939, at the same time that its ample resources have been doing their best to smash the UAW. Pratt himself is a member of the mighty clan, high in the list of the Sixty Families, whose interests are closely interlocked with the Rockefellers.

## Just a Bunch of the Boys

Then we have Walter S. Gifford, head of the American Telephone & Telegraph, which managed to scrape by during the past six months on a profit of \$80,000,000, a paltry enough trifle in the light of its more than five billion dollars worth of listed assets.

Amusingly enough, there was issued a few months ago a government report, prepared by two years of research, proving fully that A.T. & T. was gouging the public by every form of hijacking known to high finance. For this happy record, Roosevelt now gives Gifford his fitting reward.

Next comes General Robert E. Wood, chairman of the board of Sears, Roebuck & Co., which has been rolling in profits this year to the tune of around a million dollars a week. General Wood has been a Roosevelt favorite for some while, having functioned until recently as a special adviser to the Department of Commerce.

A few weeks ago, in Boston, General Wood made a little speech. He surprised some of his audience at the time by praising several aspects of the German and Italian regimes, confessing that he was particularly partial to the forced labor allotted to young men and women.

Each of these four is a millionaire many times over.

The remaining two are the "intellectual" frosting for this very juicy cake: Karl T. Compton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Harold G. Moulton, president of the Brookings Institute.

Compton, before his appointment to M.I.T. (a school run by the Sixty Families—financed chiefly by the Duponts—to supply their corporations with technical help), was a distinguished physicist. Since his appointment, he has used his scientific prestige to deliver a series of the most bitterly reactionary speeches on social and economic affairs.

The Brookings Institute, founded to give expert analysis and advice on how to make capitalism work, had vague liberal leanings in its early years, but during the past five years has become a pillar of orthodox reaction.

Both Compton and Moulton have, by the way, singled out nearly every even mildly progressive phase of Roosevelt New Dealism for special attack.

## The Vulture Smell Carrion

When we say that the war is going to be fought for the benefit of the Sixty Families, we mean this literally. It is not a question of their "moral" or "spiritual" benefit, but quite plainly and bluntly for the benefit of their pocketbooks.

War, for the Sixty Families, is a chance to make super-profits. That's what it amounts to, and that's all. There's not much sentiment in the Sixty Families.

In the last war, their corporations coined billion after billion out of the blood of 45,000,000 casualties.

To make sure of the maximum profit and graft, they had to put their agents at the heart of the government in Washington, at that heart where contracts were allotted, purchases made, and financing handled. In those days, Bernard Baruch (also one of Roosevelt's closest friends and advisers, incidentally) was their key man as head of the War Industries Board.

This time they are taking no chances. They are getting in there well before the war starts, monopolizing the War Resources Board which will be made the chief social and economic agency of the government during war-time. Contracts, purchases, money and profits will be under the control of this board.

With the exception of Pratt, these six are not actually members of the Sixty Families (though they are extremely wealthy in their own right). The actual members, most of them, are happy to sit back in Long Island, their yachts, the divorce courts and Honolulu, while drawing down their dividends. But these members of the War Resources Board are among the ablest and shrewdest agents of the Sixty Families: "front men" who, for a stiff price, manage their corporations for them and handle "public relations".

In this new Board you've got the whole setup for the coming war concentrated in a nutshell.

And, my friends, it wasn't John Garner who selected the names. It's the President, in these United States, who has charge of appointments.

There's no doubt about it: Roosevelt is going to give us a rip-roaring democracy, with no holds barred, in that war of his.

THE AMERICAN WAY—1939: With four of his horses dead and no money to buy another, Oliver Fairbrass, 61-year-old Omaha, Neb., farmer attached himself to his hay rack and "pulled until my eyes stuck out"—but he got out his hay crop. He is seen (in a picture) in harness side by side with his only horse, with Mrs. Fairbrass driving them both.