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FIGHT NAZIS IN LOS ANGELES

Flint Backs C.I.O. Auto Convention

Martin's Splitting
Tactics Repel
Members

THIRD GROUP MEETS

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

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

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

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

Third Group Conference

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

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

TRIAL SET FOR 5 ARRESTED AT ANTI-NAZI RALLY

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

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

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

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

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



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



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

Fight Fascism With Workers' Guards!

Fascism is a movement of scabs and thugs.

We don't have to GUESS at what it aims to do.

We don't even have to look at Europe to find out what it has been doing.

All we have to do is see what it is planning to do and what it is doing right here, under our very eyes.

It wants to smash and prohibit every labor union, every workers' organization.

It wants to smash and prohibit every labor political movement.

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

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

It wants to deprive the Catholic and Protestant of the right to worship as they see fit.

Last Monday night was Fascism's first big mobiliza-

tion in New York.

The 50,000 workers who demonstrated against the thugs and scabs showed that they want to fight them, are ready to fight them.

How is the Fascist monster to be crushed?

By the La Guardia and their police? By the "democratic" politicians?

Foolish, criminal, fatal illusion!

La Guardia and his police PROTECTED the "rights" of the Fascists.

But they DENIED the workers THEIR right to assemble and picket.

When workers strike in defense of their jobs, hours and wages, how do they deal with scabs, strikebreakers and thugs?

By relying on the police and their political bosses, who always take the anti-labor side?

No! They organize their pickets, their defense guard.

Fascism is a national organized movement of scabs and thugs, which threatens the very existence of the working class.

The lesson of the Madison Square Garden mobilization of the Fascists is:

Labor must have a counter-mobilization!

It must immediately organize its Workers Defense Guards!

It must put the fear of ORGANIZED WORKERS POWER into the cowardly hearts of the Nazi hoodlums!

Only a fool will wait until he is in a concentration camp.

The workers of Italy, Germany and Austria are sorry THEY waited.

Don't wait—act now. Act strongly! Act militantly!

Unite your ranks into anti-fascist WORKERS DEFENSE GUARDS!

8 Locals Quit WAA, Form Fighting Union

Essex County Majority Issues Militant
"Declaration of Independence"

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

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

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

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

Expose National Office

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

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Mayor Stalls Delegation Protesting Cop Brutality

NEW YORK—Delegations from the Socialist Workers Party, the Young Peoples Socialist League, and the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees went to City Hall last Tuesday afternoon, to protest against police brutality at the anti-Nazi demonstration the previous evening.

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

"attending an executive session of the City Council."

Demand to See Mayor

Mayor La Guardia, his aide said, would not be back until Thursday. The delegations demanded that his aide arrange for an interview with the mayor.

But Tuesday evening, La Guardia returned and immediately issued a statement to the press exonerating the police from the charges of brutality.

The text of the protest handed

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Alliance Meeting Waves War Flag

Fink Leaders Drop Last Vestige of Action
for Unemployed Workers

by BILL MORGAN

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

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

The often-heard remark, "Every thing the Communist Party touches turns to lead," could easily be applied to this phoney gathering. All the delegates were hand-picked in advance, so the convention was nothing more nor less than a full unit meeting of the party members.

Activists Absent

Absent were many well-known workers whose untiring efforts and organizational abilities built the Alliance and established its reputation as a class struggle weapon second to none before Mr. Browder's wrecking crew took it over.

The absence of these workers was explained in part in the report of the Executive Board on membership. "It is true," said one of the organizers, "that many locals and hundreds of workers left the W. A. under the influence of Trotskyites." "The split which occurred last fall in New York City left the Alliance with only a few scattered locals and most of these are behind in dues. . . ." said another.

(The Workers Alliance dues system is a sore point with the Stalinists and they suffer untold embarrassment whenever the question is discussed out loud. The continual jacking of dues, initiation fees, and the many "special" assessments lead many workers to believe that the Alliance is nothing but a collection agency for Mr. Sam Wiseman and his stooges. Needless to say, the question did not arise at this convention.)

The frantic haste of the Communist Party to hog-tie the unemployed and W.P.A. workers to

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An Open Letter

To Members of the Communist Party

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Police Battle To
Protect Bund
Meeting

MEETING DELAYED

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

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

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

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

BULLETIN

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

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

existence of workers' organizations.

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

Associated Press Account
NEW YORK, Feb. 23—The Associated Press reported the demonstration against the German-American Bund meeting in Los Angeles in part as follows: "Pelted with eggs and over-ripe vegetables by a violent crowd of anti-Nazi demonstrators, 300 persons attended a meeting of the German-American Bund here last night at which Adolf Hitler was likened to George Washington. "Seven radio cars of police answered a riot call at the Deutsches Haus as boeing pickets outside smashed windows with rocks and drove uniformed Bund members to cover."

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

