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SEAMEN CALL UPON WORLD YOUTH TO AID LOYALISTS

Young Socialists Call For Fight Against All Imperialist War Plans

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—A stirring "Open Letter to World Youth" was distributed by the Young Peoples Socialist League to the delegates at the World Youth Congress which is being held here, on the campus of Vassar College.

The statement was given to the 500 delegates and observers who have come from all parts of the world to participate in the discussion of the means youth all over the world can use to fight against war.

"We welcome you to a world congress of youth," the letter says, "with the greeting that Socialism is not a dream, or a myth, or an abstraction. It is a goal, and the only solution for youth's problems. We gather here in a world of wars, crime, disease, hunger and despair. Socialist youth of the United States urge you to examine their answer to war, fascism, social injustice and human misery—the struggle for Socialism.

NO COMPROMISE

"We who are Socialists do not expect a solution for the world's inequities and strife to evolve from this congress. We know that the people of the world are divided against themselves, and that the youth who meet here bear the scars of the conflict.

"As Socialists we have no compromise with capital—with human exploitation, the devastations of war, the wreckage of scarcity. We remember our young comrades, our Liebknecht, our Luxemburg, our Debs, a handful holding out against a world gone mad. And we challenge the peoples of the world to throw off the yoke of centuries, to defy conscription into imperialist armies, and to stand with us in the fight against profit, entrenched in a national state system. This challenge we bring to the World Youth Congress.

CITE HAGUE

"Here at Vassar we can still offer you freedom to face issues boldly and to plan decisive ac-

tion. This is a measure of democracy which many of you do not possess at home, and our constant vigilance is required to preserve and to extend it here. We could, if there were time, take you a scant hundred miles from here to a city where the vice-chairman of the Democratic Party rules as a ruthless dictator.

"We could go further south to our National Capitol where a Senate Investigating Committee is now uncovering the bloody history of our steel industry when American workers dared to organize for their own protection. We could show you whole states where feudal peonage is the prevailing social order, enforced by violence and overlooked by law.

"We could point to mobs mad with the lynch spirit, and to millions of unemployed. We have been unable to prevent the expenditure of billions for armaments, and our chief executive himself has admitted that one-third of the nation is ill-clad, ill-housed, ill-fed.

FOR DEMOCRACY

"A double role is pointed out as the task of Socialists. In the United States," the letter says, "Democracy must be restored, maintained, extended. Insecurity and want must be abolished. The grim spectre of war must be eliminated. And we must build a strong working class organization. (Continued on page 8)

U.S. Ponders, Too



JOHN L. LEWIS

C.I.O. chief in a thoughtful mood.

Lewis made news this week

(August 23) not by what he said but by what he was expected to say in connection with the United Automobile Union. Progressive laborites concede that a bold step by Lewis now would squelch the Communist Party's attacks against bona fide unionism.

HUGHES!

CORRIGAN!

FOWLIE!

MINNEAPOLIS—A union label a mile and a half high! Impossible! Well, it happened here when Dan Fowlie, local sky-writer, painted the label of his union, Local 880, Sign and Pictorial Painters' Union, AFL, after his smoke-lettered advertisement for several local companies. Fowlie is the only union sky-painter in the country. Let's hope he carries the message way up there. Boy! What a picket!

Sea-Farers Blast CP For Hindering Action To Aid Spanish Labor

NEW YORK CITY—The Communist Party and right-wing leaders of various maritime unions got their political ears knocked down another notch here last week when 60 rank and file members of several seagoing unions issued a sharp denunciation of the C. P. and its brothers-in-arms for sabotaging effective action to aid Loyalist Spain.

The aroused seamen addressed a resolution to the World Youth Congress at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., pointing out that it was the Communist Party and its reactionary allies that prevent direct action by seamen to stop shipment of war materials to Franco's fascist forces.

Informed circles in the Socialist and labor world know that the C. P.'s new line of waving the red, white and blue and supporting capitalist politicians makes it necessary for them to kowtow to all sorts of dirty deals in the name of "not embarrassing President Roosevelt."

A DUAL ROLE

Communist forces have not only sabotaged direct action against Franco in America but they have worked surreptitiously to take the heat off the campaign which labor and liberal forces had launched to lift the Roosevelt embargo against Loyalist Spain.

When one remembers that Stalin-ruled Russia keeps up a steady flow of Russian oil going to fascist Italy which eventually gets to Franco to run his war machine, the criminal work of the Communists in playing a dual role with regards to Spain assumes added significance.

Communist fear direct workers' action in aiding Spain, an authoritative source reported, because workers' sanctions might spread throughout the ports and

vessels of all capitalist nations and also Russia.

SEAMEN'S STATEMENT

The full text of the statement issued by the rank and file seamen follows—CALL readers will notice that the names of the 60 seamen are listed along with their union affiliations:

"In order to aid more effectively the Spanish workers fighting for their freedom, we, the undersigned seamen, call upon the delegates to the World Youth Congress to consider the facts contained in the following resolution and to present it to the Congress and pass it:

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, Supplies, including those for war purposes, are being shipped to Franco Spain on American vessels manned by American seamen, e. g., the American Export Lines; and

"WHEREAS, Those seamen belong to the National Maritime Union which is controlled by the Communist Party, and to the reactionary A. F. of L. Seamen's Union; and

"WHEREAS, The Communist Party leadership with the support of the right wingers in the N. M. U. have not only discouraged direct action to stop these shipments of supplies to Fascist forces but have actually hindered such action; and

"Whereas, By vigorous action by the seamen, these shipments can be halted; therefore,

"BE IT RESOLVED, That we call upon the N. M. U. and the (Continued on page 8)

From the Archives of American Labor History . . .

A WAR MAD AMERICA DID THIS

BALTIMORE, Md., April 8, 1917—Peace meeting addressed by David Starr Jordan attacked by mob.

BOSTON, Mass., July 2, 1917—Peace parade of Socialist Party broken up and headquarters wrecked by mob of soldiers and sailors.

YORK, S. C., Aug. 23, 1937—Rev. W. T. Sims, Negro preacher, lynched for alleged opposition to the draft.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Sept. 9, 1917—Several Italians shot in street after a loyalty meeting.

PASADENA, Calif., Oct. 2, 1917—Conference of Christian Pacifists broken up by mob of Home Guards.

NEWPORT, Ky., Oct. 30, 1917—Rev. Herbert S.

Bigelow kidnapped and horsewhipped by mob "in the name of the women and children of Belgium."

OSAKIS, Minn., Nov. 22, 1917—E. H. Stratemeyer tarred and feathered for alleged disloyalty.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 10, 1917—Emmett Oburn beaten for neglect to stand while Star Spangled Banner was played at a meeting.

BRENHAM, Texas, Dec. 25, 1917—Six German farmers whipped to make them subscribe to the Red Cross.

STAUNTON, Ill., Feb. 12, 1918—Severino Oberden, a labor organizer, and J. L. Metzen, his attorney, beaten by mob in police station. Later tarred. Many

other cases of violence in this mining region for alleged disloyalty, notably Marysville, Hillsboro, Worden, Mt. Olive, Gillespie and Williamson.

COLLINSVILLE, Ill., April 5, 1918—Robert P. Prager lynched by mob because of alleged pro-German utterances. Mob leaders tried and acquitted.

SCOTLAND, S. D., March 16, 1918—William Rempfer, Socialist state secretary, and August Friedrich driven out of town by threat of tar and feathers.

More Next Week

War Will Bring Fascism!

KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR!

WORLD NOTES

Pivert and the French Popular Front—How to Aid Spain

By JOHN MILL

The SOCIALIST CALL regrets that the heading of John Mill's article in the last issue was a carry-over from the previous week.—EDITOR.

The withdrawal of Pivert's faction from the French Socialist Party at the Royan convention was not caused directly by its Peoples Front policy, but by the decision of the convention to uphold the dissolution of the Seine Federation and by endorsing Leon Blum's declaration for "national unity" in time of war.

Now in its foundation statement Pivert's new "Labor and Farmer Party" explains why originally Pivert and his followers were not opposed to the "Peoples Front": they sincerely believed that the "Front" had far-reaching opportunities.

"The year 1936," the statement says, "ought to have been decisive in the history of the French and international working-class movements. The misery of the people, the economic crisis, the anxiety caused by the Fascist menace—these had created circumstances favorable to an alliance between the industrial and agrarian proletariat with all the victims of capitalism."

CITE ELECTORAL GAINS

"It is true that the powerful mass movement had been distorted by the coalition of the working class parties with the bourgeois Radical Party. But the electoral victory giving the Socialist and Communist Parties 230 seats, the powerful movement for the occupation of factories, and the panic among the bourgeoisie which resulted from these developments gave the working class the opportunity to break the capitalist oligarchy by taking control of its strongholds."

"The hopes raised in the heart of the people of Europe on the creation of the French Popular Front, the fear in the camp of the fascist dictators that France would now take up a bold anti-fascist attitude—this provided a favorable basis for a complete break with the policy of the Treaty of Versailles and of the armaments race."

Rapid material aid to the workers of Spain fighting Franco would have caused the victory of the Spanish Revolution and would at the same time have extended the scope of revolution in France.

WAR DANGER

"Such measures would have contributed to the reawakening of the people oppressed under the fascist dictatorships, shaken the foundations of world fascism and pushed back the menace of another world war."

"All that was necessary to achieve this was a decision by the working class parties to use the victory of the Popular Front as a brief stage towards the social revolution instead of maintaining 'loyal' collaboration with the bourgeoisie."

"But nothing of what was necessary and possible has been attempted. The Socialist Party and its leader, Leon Blum, refused to use the power of the proletariat to break the power of the banks and the trusts."

CONTROL OF THE BANKS, WORKERS' CONTROL OF PRODUCTION, NATIONALIZATION OF THE KEY INDUSTRIES—these indispensable measures were not even seriously considered.

COLONIAL PROBLEM

"In order not to create a revolutionary crisis, each of the two Popular Front Governments under Socialist Party control capitulated before the senate, the rampart of capitalist interests."

"They did nothing to realize the hopes which the Popular Front victory aroused in the hearts of the colonial people. The Socialist Party made a promise to the colonial people of democratic liberties and immediate relief of their wretched

conditions, but their conditions are still the same.

"Also the Communist Party carries a large part of the responsibility for the abortive results of the vast upsurge of 1936. It has done everything to limit the program of the movement of popular unity to superficial reforms, to restrain strikes, to protect the Senate when it was attacking the workers, and to show approval of the Radicals when they attempted anti-working class repression."

C. P. CONCILIATES

"The Communist Party held out its hand to the representatives of big business and the church in the hope of effecting reconciliation with its class adversaries, with the object of creating, under the label 'French Front,' a new holy alliance under the illusion that this would 'defend the U. S. S. R.'"

The first convention of the new party just held in Paris shows that about 45 per cent of its members still have faith in the "Peoples Front." The resolution against joining the Popular Front was adopted only by 100 votes against 83. The final decision will depend upon a party referendum on this resolution.

AID FOR SPAIN

The workers in Europe are organizing large meetings to express their sympathy with the heroic fighters of loyalist Spain, who for two years have been sacrificing their lives in order to free the country from the fascist rebels and the German and Italian invaders.

Intensified help is being urged and the call is being liberally responded. Not minimizing the value of this kind of help, the "New Leader," the organ of the Independent Labor Party in England, points to another, more effective way of helping Spain, "a way that has not yet received the full consideration that it must get. It is the way of independent working class action."

"Fascist Germany," the paper says, "Fascist Italy, Fascist Japan and Fascist Spain—all depend on trade for their existence, and all depend on imports to feed their people and their industries. There is the one certain spot where the organized working class can hit, can hit hard, and can hit effectively."

The International Federation of Trade Unions and the Co-operative International can "work the oracle." "Let them issue their call for a mass refusal to handle ALL goods to and from the aggressors, and let them organize that refusal effectively; let them tell the imperialist governments that the workers are acting independently and are not allying themselves with the governments; let them do this, and the day of the horror of China and Spain will be ended."

Pledge Solidarity . . .

ANTI-BRIDGE FORCES TO AID LONGSHOREMEN

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—The Los Angeles Trade Union Conference, made up of locals of Rubber, Auto, Garment and Shoe Workers in revolt against Bridges domination of the CIO, this week adopted a strong resolution pledging support to the Longshoremen in any struggle they may have when their contracts expire September 30.

The resolution set at rest stories that the Conference unions were intent upon splitting the CIO. It emphasized that the Conference set-up is merely a temporary estrangement until the undemocratic structure of the California CIO shall be cor-

Pioneer Unionist



Peter G. McGuire, a founder and first secretary of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, who first proposed to the Central Labor Union of New York City in 1882 that a day be set aside each year as a Labor Day.

AMLIE RAPS WAR MONGERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"The aggression of Fascist countries has shown that war is today generated out of domestic economic problems left too long unsolved," Cong. Thomas R. Amlie (Prog. Wisconsin) declared in a statement issued by the National Council for the Prevention of War.

A leader in the house liberal bloc, Amlie is now a progressive candidate for U. S. Senator endorsed by the Farmer-Labor Progressive Federation and supported by the Socialist party. He was in the forefront of the congressional fight this year for passage of the LaFollette-Ludlow war referendum measure.

"Mass unemployment, unrest, grinding poverty—these things turn a once democratic country into a breeding ground for dictatorship. The dictator, faced by the same economic problems that put him into power, turns to war as his way of turning poverty into a patriotic virtue, and make soldiers out of the unemployed," Amlie said.

The Wisconsin legislator maintains that strengthening democratic processes of government and employing all able bodied workers at productive labor is fundamental to the prevention of war.

"In a world of trouble, sorrow, poverty, ignorance and anguish, Socialism is the only hope."

"Without it, all is gloom, the times are out of joint, and the world has gone crazy. With it, the world is sane and the future is bright with better things."

—John M. Work

Socialism

The end of class struggles and class rule, of master and slave, of ignorance and vice, of poverty and shame, of cruelty and crime—the birth of freedom, the dawn of brotherhood, the beginning of MAN!

An Answer to John Mill— THE CASE FOR LABOR PALESTINE

By MEYER HALUSHKA

There is terror in Palestine. Innocent men, women, and children are being brutally murdered. Almost daily some Jewish youth or maiden toiling in the field falls victim to an assassin's bomb or bullet. Almost daily crops and forests, products of Jewish labor, are fiendishly destroyed. Arab workers who have begun to sense the class interests that bind them in labor solidarity with Jewish workers have also been laid low by the lash of terror.

To calmly record these tragic happenings in Palestine as "manifestations of an Arab national revolt against England and Zionism" is fantastic folly. One may refer to the equally savage attacks on the Jews in Austria, Germany, and Poland as consequences of national revolts.

In fact, the terror in Spain and China has also been hailed by Nazi propagandists as "manifestations of popular revolt". Killing from ambush, throwing bombs on school houses, buses, trains and market places are not hailed by fair journalists as wars for national independence.

PALESTINE'S RECORD

The same forces that are aiming to destroy the labor movements of Spain and China by terror are operating in Palestine to destroy the labor movement there.

Let us review briefly the record of achievements of Labor Zionism in Palestine and dispel for all times the false charge of failure and frustration.

There are now over 400,000 Jews in Palestine, more than 30 per cent of the total population. At a time when hundreds of thousands of Jewish refugees were being driven from their homes and had no place to go, Palestine took them in. In the last five years over 70% of all the Jewish emigrants from all countries of the world were absorbed by Palestine. As has been revealed by the Evian Conference, no other country wants these refugees; no other country has room or jobs for Jews. But Palestine wanted them and still clamors for the gates to open for more. Palestine has created jobs and opportunities for these Jewish refugees so they may live as free and creative men and women.

SOCIAL VISION

But labor Zionists do not look upon Palestine merely as a place of refuge; a place to run and hide to escape persecution. For over forty years they have struggled with great social vision and heroic sacrifice to rebuild Palestine as a Jewish homeland. There would be a small spot in the world where Jews would constitute a majority and would be able to develop fully their cultural heritage.

There Jews would have access to all fields of economic endeavor, a right denied them all over the world. Has this "dream" met with failure? Have the young Jewish pioneers who came to Palestine to build a labor commonwealth been thwarted and disillusioned? Let us record what we find in Palestine today that our answer may be based on reality rather than on prejudice.

Jewish labor has established over 200 agricultural colonies and has penetrated every field of industrial endeavor thus normalizing the economic life of the Jew and saving him from the doom so common outside of Palestine—confinement in middle class and white collar jobs.

CREATIVE EFFORT

Jewish labor has built new cities and modernized the old cities. The all Jewish city of Tel Aviv with a population of over 150,000 was but a group of sand

dunes twenty years ago.

Jewish labor has developed an extensive system of consumers and producers cooperatives. It has evolved its own system of social insurance against unemployment, old age, accident and ill health. Thru its sick fund, Kupat Cholin, it maintains a large medical staff and operates several large hospitals and Rest Homes. Arab workers as well as Jewish workers are beneficiaries of this fund.

RICH CULTURE

Jewish labor has created a rich culture in Palestine. It maintains a public school system extending from nursery schools thru workers universities. It publishes translations of labor classics (from Karl Marx down) as well as original works. It publishes the Hebrew Daily newspaper, the Davar, and many weekly and monthly magazines. It maintains a Labor Stage. It sponsors a youth and labor sports organization.

Jewish labor has drained swamps, reforested hillsides, irrigated deserts, and reclaimed soil so as to make possible a greater Jewish population and also a greater Arab population. For the Arab population has been rapidly increasing due to the economic improvement of Palestine by Jewish enterprise.

Jewish labor has with courage and vision pioneered in creating a socialist society and socialist way of life. Over 100 agricultural cooperatives, called Kvr-zoth, are organized and functioning on the Marxian principle "From each according to his ability, to each according to his need."

LABOR UNIONS

Jewish labor has built a powerful labor organization, the Histadruth, the Palestine Federation of Workers numbering over 100,000 members.

The Histadruth has consistently held "in deed as well as in words that "emancipation of a nation can not be bought for money or granted by benevolence or mercy" nor "by claiming historical rights" nor "by alienating Arab workers." The Histadruth believes that Jewish liberation can be achieved only by its own labor and sacrifice.

Hence it demands and fights for the right of Jews to endure the hardships and face the risks inevitable in the draining of material swamps, the building of roads, the building of cities, and the harvesting of crops. It will not allow that burden to be shifted on the backs of Arabs who would be exploited to enrich some individual.

ARABS NOT BARRED

The Histadruth organizes Arabs as well as Jews into unions. Whether Arabs should have their own distinct national sections as is true at present, or be merged as a non-differentiated part of the Histadruth is a subject that is being debated heatedly in the Histadruth.

To accuse the Histadruth of "Jim Crowism" in its policy towards the Arabs is as fantastically ridiculous as to denounce the Socialist Party for Jim Crowing Jews, Italians and Bohemians, because it has such language sections.

IMPERIALISM

It is maliciously unfair to regard Palestine as the problem of Jews versus Arabs. To the Histadruth it never was and never will be. To the Histadruth the issue has been and still is the struggle of Jewish and Arab workers against feudalism championed by the Mufti and the Ef-fendis (absentee landowners) and the struggle against con-

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KENTUCKY LAW SNARES 28 BOYS IN GOLF WALKOUT

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Twenty-eight boys, ranging from 12 to 18 years old, knew they weren't getting a square deal at the Picadome Golf Club, so they borrowed from their older brothers in the unions and struck for more dough.

The young strikers used their own technique and strategy in executing the strike and their nemesis, one Mr. Frank Atkins, a golf professional, got all hot and bothered with the boys' effective picketing. What did Mr. Atkins do? You guessed it the first time he called the law into the situation and the law as usual did their stuff.

Patrolmen and constables barged in on the scene of picketing something like a Nazi whirlwind, corralled the lads, terrorized them and hauled them off to court.

Horrors! said Mr. Atkins to the judiciary end of the law, the boys were intimidating non strikers, were taking golf balls that had been knocked out of the golf course into Gibson woods and that a section of the fence near Gibson Woods had been torn down by the strikers.

Lack of experience snared 22 of the caddies into signing a statement of "guilt" to the charge of "breach of peace." But union teamsters, who in recent years have learned a thing about law and labor solidarity, entered the picture in time to aid six of the boys. The remaining six pleaded "not guilty as hell" and their case will be defended by two lawyers secured by union teamsters.

Upshot of the temperamental Mr. Atkins is that he is worrying and losing some sleep. Mr. Atkins is making the rounds asking the caddies to sign another statement which protects him from being sued.

So the class war took on a wider front in this commonwealth of sovereign Kentucky: 28 of its tender sons have learned that boss-men are boss-men and that the law is always eager to respond in the holy name of "breach of peace."

Los Angeles Socialists To Hold Picnic Sunday

LOS ANGELES.—Los Angeles Socialists will hold a campaign picnic Sunday, August 28, on the eve of the primary elections in California. Party members and sympathizers will gather in Bardall Park in Hollywood to greet Lillian Symes Clement, Socialist candidate for U. S. Senator.

Comrade Clement will also address a rally on Saturday, August 27, at the Polish Workers' Hall, the meeting being sponsored by the Polish branch of Los Angeles.

100 Young Workers Strike

NEWARK, N. J.—Over one hundred militant young strikers are holding tight lines in the third week of a strike against the only non-union luggage manufacturer in this area. Attempts to organize this plants were halted before with an injunction issued by Vice Chancellor Stein. The workers struck one hundred percent as the plant was working on big mail order houseorders, and production was tied up completely.

John Jason, business agent of the Luggage workers union local 62, which is conducting the strike, and Murray Baron, international representative of the Luggage Workers Union, announced that the Brotherson Leather Products Company was the lowest paying in the industry, and the strike was called when the plant management refused to negotiate with the union.

VICTORY EXPECTED

A 24 hour picket line daily is showing the boss that the workers are serious about the union and their demands. Working under miserable conditions during a 50 and 60 hour week for a mere \$6 to \$12 before the strike, the Brotherson workers are determined to make this a union shop with decent conditions and wages.

Union leaders expressed hope of an early victory. Union conditions provide for a 40-hour week with minimums of \$17.25, \$24 and \$32 respectively for apprentices, helpers and mechanics. A victory at this plant would make this city 100% union for the trunk and luggage industry.

Freud for Nobel Prize

PRAGUE, (NNS). — A movement is under way to secure the Nobel Prize for Medicine for Sigmund Freud, founder of psychoanalysis and Nazi refugee now in London. This 82 year old scientist is richly deserving of the honor and bestowal at this time would be another slap at Nazi barbarism, just as was the granting of the Peace Prize to Ossietzky.

"Socialism is a theory of society that advocates a more precise, orderly and harmonious arrangement of social relations of mankind than that which has hitherto prevailed."

—Webster's dictionary.

Reports Progress



HOMER MARTIN
President of the powerful United Automobile Workers of America, predicted last week the Henry Ford would sign a contract with the union. "Three thousand Ford workers have reinstated with back pay and a new local has been set up at the Ford plant at Detroit, which is a strong local right now," he reports.

Strikers Win After Eight Week Struggle

HILLSGROVE, R. I. — The workers at the Rhode Island Malleable Iron Company and the Rhode Island Fittings Company, a subsidiary, at Hillsgrove, Rhode Island (walked out on June 14th, 1938 against a wage cut ranging from 10% to 33%. Two weeks later, the 200 strikers, joined the Steel Worker's Organizing Committee. The strike was directed by a rank and file strike committee under the guidance of Martin J. Walsh, sub-regional director for the S.W.O.C. and Charles Hill, organizer.

The plant was closed down 100% and no attempt was made to reopen it by the management.

Negotiations have resulted in restoration of the wage scale, a 40 hour week, time and one-half for overtime, impartial arbitration, seniority rights and the first closed shop obtained by the S.W.O.C. in New England.

Rhode Island Socialists aided the strike by raising funds and otherwise. Comrades David Goldman of the Typographical Union, Bernard Seltzer, organizer of T.W.O.C. and Comrade Eric Stone, were especially helpful.

The plant resumed work under the S.W.O.C. contract on August 8, 1938.

Teachers Confab Marks Great Gains; Elects Three Socialists

BY A TEACHER

CEDAR POINT, Ohio. — The American Federation of Teachers was, until recently, a very progressive but very weak organization. Lately, however, it has experienced a period of rapid growth, more than doubling its membership in the last two years.

For the first time it has become in many cities the organization of the majority of the teachers. As in other unions the Communist problem is a burning one. Unable to win support of a majority of union members, the Communist have allied themselves with certain reactionary elements in the union.

In the face of this threat, honest and progressive trade unionists of every shade of political opinion have united to preserve the union. The leadership of the progressive forces has fallen in a large part to the Chicago local, whose organization of two-thirds of the teachers in America's second city has been one of the outstanding achievements of the A.F.T.

DAVIS RE-ELECTED

Knowing that the rapid growth of the union made the present period crucial in the fight for control, the C. P. forces spared no effort to achieve control of this convention.

The principal contests were in regard to the presidency and the vice-presidencies for the northwestern, south central, Minnesota-Wisconsin, and southeastern areas, and the WPA-Adult education and college sections. For the presidency Jerome Davis, with Communist and anti-Semitic support, was reelected over Lillian Herstein of Chicago, veteran Progressive.

In the Northwest area, Lila Hunter, progressive, defeated the C. P. supported candidate, Hildur Erickson. In the south central area, where the C. P. had made a desperate effort to elect John Woodruff, a "lily-white" Democratic politician and Chamber of Commerce secretary of Goose Creek, Texas, the Socialist incumbent, Paul Preisler of St. Louis, won out by a narrow margin—300 to 306.

The C. P. supported incumbents Allie Mann and Mercedes Nelson were reelected — 308 to 303 and 309 to 304.

THREE SOCIALISTS

Against Joel Seidman, vice-president for WPA-Adult education, the C. P. nominated Lida

Auville of Cleveland; Seidman was overwhelmingly reelected.

For college vice-president the progressive forces were divided. Most of the Progressive bloc supported George Hartmann of Teachers College, Columbia, while the Chicago local backed the incumbent, George Axtelle of Northwestern University, who was reelected.

As a result of the election the Executive Council now contains eight progressives (including three Socialists), seven of the C. P. reactionary bloc, and one independent.

ISSUES

The most bitterly fought issue of the convention was the question of support for Fred Beal, Gastonia strike leader, now in prison in Raleigh, N. C. On this issue the C. P. poured out its full measure of venom, denouncing Beal as a "stoop pigeon," "rat," "traitor to his class," etc.

In the most stirring speech of the convention, Lillian Herstein pointed out that the Beal case was the acid test of one's belief in civil liberties, and compared Beal's case with that of Sacco and Vanzetti.

President Davis, on the other hand, left the chair at the beginning of the debate and stayed off the floor until the issue had been decided, thereby avoiding the necessity of committing himself on the issue. After an hour's debate the Communists and their allies succeeded in winning a narrow majority by a standing vote.

WAR QUESTION

On the war issue the C. P. brought in a "collective security" resolution while the progressives introduced one based on the six point program of the Keep America Out of War Congress. After a debate in which the progressive position was ably presented by Joel Seidman and others, both resolutions were tabled on the motion of those who desired to avoid committing the A.F.T. in either direction. The C P block also supported the motion to table.

While the results of the convention were by no means completely satisfactory, the Progressive forces did succeed in blocking the drive of the C. P. for power making possible the continued healthy growth of the union. The newly elected executive council has already laid plans for a vigorous organizing drive in most promising areas.

Socialist Candidate Thanks Commies For Not Supporting Him

By EUGENE G. JOHNSON
MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Glenn P. Turner, Socialist endorsed progressive candidate for governor, is thanking voters for not supporting him—yes that's right, the voters are Communists.

Speaking to a Communist party picnic, state secretary Ned Sparks said that the "Twentieth Century Americans" would support Gov. Phillip F. LaFollette because he is the only one who can receive "the united support of liberals, farmers, workers and the small businessmen." Sparks said that the Communists would not support "the 70 year old Socialist Turner."

In answer to Sparks, Turner offered to produce a mid-wife, a birth certificate and a bible to prove he is only 49.

Becoming serious Turner said: "I believe with you that Mr. LaFollette's tactics are much

closer to those of Communists than mine are. I do not believe in allowing the head of the armed forces in Wisconsin to enter politics. He does. I do not believe in a 'one man' party. He does. I do not believe in having tin hats parading at my meetings. He does. All of these things naturally appeal to the Communists."

Turner's barbs referred to Adj. Gen. Ralph M. Imge. The National Progressives of America and national guard demonstrations LaFollette has been frequenting of late.

In concluding Turner wrote: "I have already spent 30 years fighting for the rights of the common people; but I started young and will be in many more campaigns either on behalf of myself or someone else, whom the Socialists have nominated."

Silver Shirt Nut Goes Haywire Under Pressure of Summer Sun

By a Special Correspondent
MINNEAPOLIS. — This city, long noted for its militant labor movement, has a fascist movement, the Silver Shirts, also.

A wild-eyed man, Roy Zachary, told approximately three hundred persons that Roosevelt is a Jew, that he is surrounded only by Jews, and that he is led and controlled by Jews. Among those present were George K. Belden, President, Associated Industries (Citizens Alliance) of Minneapolis and Dr. Charles Drake, member, Minneapolis School Board.

Zachary, national organizer of the Knights of the Silver Shirts, said that the ballot couldn't be used to solve the Jewish ques-

tion, thus indicating that a direct action campaign was about to be started.

SATURDAY, THE WORKS

At the earlier meeting of local organizers Zachary stated that, "We want to keep secret until we get strong enough to blow the lid off the town. We are ready to do this in Chicago this Saturday and when we are strong enough in Minneapolis we will blow the lid off here."

The Jews are responsible, the organizer stated, for the murder of the Lindberg baby.

Organizers were told to tackle "big businessmen" for at least \$100 a month each to the cause.

When asked if he knew why Ford had discontinued his Dearborn Independent, he re-

plied, "The Jews were going to kidnap Mrs. Ford and that made her hysterical. It was the case of an hysterical woman."

TROTSKY PLOT

Zachary stated that Judge Rutherford, anti-Catholic commentator and pamphleteer, was doing all right.

Following the meeting a fist fight developed between a Silver Shirt and a newspaper photographer.

The CP is really in for another flip-flop, because, according to Zachary, FDR is in southern waters unaccompanied by newspapermen so that he may slip off to have an unobserved visit with his royal highness, Leon Trotsky. And how can the CP, under the new constitution, support FDR if he's a Trotskyite?

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ELEVEN YEARS AGO

Sacco, the shoemaker, and Vanzetti, the poor fish peddler, were murdered by the capitalist commonwealth of Massachusetts.

"We came back from Boston, after the executions, as though somehow life had ended for us in that fiercely lighted room in the Charleston prison. The emotional shock was as intense and lasted longer than any physical shock inflicted by a surgeon's knife could have been. We went about our separate businesses as people stunned by a vast and unspeakable disaster. The August sunshine had no kindness in it.

"We thought of that blustering murderer in the Massachusetts State House and his dress-suited co-conspirators as the loathsome figures of some terrifying nightmare. A nightmare from which we would arise to go again in a world of decency. But there was to be no awakening. It had happened. There was the blood on the hands of Fuller, Thayer, Lowell.

"Then, because life cannot be sustained in the mood which Thoreau described as 'silent despair,' we took up again the old ways. But we did not forget, nor will we forget until the last breath has gone from us, what happened there in Boston ten years ago."—McAlister Coleman in the August 21, 1937, issue of the SOCIALIST CALL.

In the Socialist Commonwealth which the workers of the United States will one day establish, the memory of Sacco and Vanzetti will live as a shining example of supreme human courage and dignity. The memory of their murderers will survive to serve only as an example of how capitalism, by fostering greed and selfish gain, transformed normal men into beasts.

An Open Letter To 4,000 Comrades and Friends!

August 24, 1938

Dear Comrades and Friends:

Last month we issued an appeal for funds. This appeal was made through the medium of coin-card remittances. The response was indeed gratifying as the contributions were most generous and enabled us to meet our immediate obligations.

We did not, however, receive any response from some 4,000 comrades and friends who were contacted on this appeal. Thus, we are taking this opportunity to inform you, who are numbered among the 4,000, that the CALL is in dire need of funds—that it must have your contributions if it is to continue publication.

The SOCIALIST CALL, the one newspaper whose policy is to edit the true working class character of American life, is truly faced with a serious crisis—a crisis which could be averted if those who have not already done so would respond without further delay to our emergency appeal.

Whether the contributions be large or small you may be sure that they will be most welcome and will go far in placing the CALL on a sound financial footing.

We are grateful to the contributions we have already received, for they enabled us to survive the month of July. But summer is not over, and since this season of the year is the time when the CALL experiences its gravest hardships, it needs and must have your support.

Therefore, we urge you to act now—TODAY!

The welfare of the CALL is at stake, and your contributions will largely determine its success or failure.

Fraternally,

GERRY ALLARD,
Editor.

HAROLD MAGIN,
Business Manager.

Trager's Views On Palestine

By FRANK N. TRAGER

John Mill's column on the "Palestine Imbroglia" is a combination of truth, half-truth and misrepresentation. Since the CALL prints such articles—and I see no reason why it should not because Comrade Mill represents one body of opinion, however wrong I think it is—then I am sure the CALL will want to invite a second opinion on the same subject. To speak of Zionism in general as Mill does is to falsify history; to conceal the existence of several politically distinct varieties of Zionism, which like Socialism extends from national socialism (German fascism) to revolutionary Socialism, is similarly reprehensible.

Zionism is the body of thought and practice dealing with the Jewish question as a national question. It assumes that Jews are, as a minority within other nations, a distinct group, culturally, socially and economically. Therefore, Zionism contends that national liberation is a requisite for the Jewish minority as it is for any subject people.

National liberation or Zionism has its fascist advocates (Revisionists), its bourgeois capitalist proponents (General Zionists), its social reformists (Labor Zionists, affiliated to the Labor and Socialist International, based on the Histadruth or Palestinian Federation of Labor, organized into the Mapa or Labor Party), and social revolutionists (Left Labor Zionists, who supported our Party in the 1936 campaign.)

PALESTINE A FACT

No Socialist today can take his stand on the Bundist-Zionist controversy, ignoring the many changes since the first Zionist Congress in 1897. Some Bundists in America, including Comrade Mill, apparently write and think as if the clock stood still since then. But neither the Bundists of Poland nor their voice in America, the Forward, have remained unaffected by events. Palestine is a fact; a Jewish national solution there is a necessity; that solution demands a Jewish-Arab workers' "state" which would inevitably continue the cultural diversity, as it would bring about the social and economic liberation of these Jewish and Arab workers and peasants.

The above is all to brief a reply, but I hope it stimulates further discussion.

ERLICH'S ARTICLE

What I have said about Comrade Mill's article applies in part to Comrade Erlich's article on the Evian Refugee Conference. When Erlich—one of the supposedly "left" Socialist leaders in Europe—recently visited this country, he offered us advice of rankest opportunist variety, i. e., to enter the A.L.P. without worrying too much about its program and to unite with the Old Guard without considering basic programmatic differences!

Now, his article on Evian is, in part, good in its criticism of the capitalist national convenors of the Conference; but, like the Communists he attacks the possibility and need for immigration to Palestine and other countries. Whether or not the Jewish masses are able to normalize their life in some capitalist states, obviously not since the Middle Ages has such persecution been inflicted upon this people.

COLD POGROM

Germany, Austria, Italy, Rumania, Hungary, and even Comrade Erlich's Poland, are carrying on a systematic "cold pogrom," the like of which history

FOUR UNIONS BREAK FROM COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Sick of his conference-packing, dual union policy, four major CIO unions here have brought the fight against Harry Bridges into the open.

Locals of the Ladies' Garment, Rubber, Auto and Shoe Workers withdrew from the Los Angeles Industrial Union Council and formed the Los Angeles Trade Union Conference.

In an official statement, the Conference charged the "Bridges-Communist axis in the CIO on the Pacific Coast" with:

1. Packing conferences and councils with subservient delegates from locals representing only the paper on which their charters are written.

2. Arbitrary appointment of Communist Party members and stooges to almost every available post in the West Coast CIO.

3. Calling of a convention to set up a state CIO body without consulting any of the international union representatives or officers resident in California.

DENIES DEMOCRACY

The statement reaffirmed the loyalty of the four unions and their members to the principles of the CIO and emphasized that the move was not against Communists as such but against the policy which Bridges has followed and which has resulted in a complete denial of democracy.

The following six-point program was adopted by the Conference:

The Case for Labor Palestine

(Continued from page 2)

flucting imperialisms of Italy and England.

Jewish workers are proud and happy with the record of achievement in Palestine. They know that the task is difficult and the obstacles are many. The two years of terror has not weakened their morale. On the contrary twenty-one new Jewish colonies have been established. Jewish labor's reply to the terror was "Havlagah", for-bearing self-defense but no retaliation. The Histadruth has vehemently denounced and repudiated the "revenge" propaganda of their bitter opponents the Revisionists.

Let us here in America give aid and support to our fellow workers in Palestine who are heroically fighting Fascism and reaction in that tiny sector. Let us aid them in the task of liberating a suffering people from merciless persecution and exploitation. Let us help them build a Jewish Labor Commonwealth.

has not recorded for centuries! These Jews, petty bourgeois and proletarian, must find egress from this living hell. Where shall they go? There are about 5½ millions of them in the dozen central states of Europe. Our "liberal" country has a quota of 27,000! Palestine has taken in more than five times as many in the last few years. And Erlich thinks it is wrong even to raise the question of Palestinian and other immigration at Evian!

Finally, Comrade Editor, I want to thank you for printing my letter—knowing that you do so in order to make the CALL truly reflective of party opinion. It might be a good idea to reserve a section for discussion as a regular department. For especially today, many questions hitherto regarded as "settled" demand critical attention from all thinking Socialists.

1. Labor solidarity in the struggle for better conditions of employed and unemployed alike. We offer aid to any union, AFL, CIO or RR Brotherhood, which is engaged in such a struggle.

2. Organization of the unorganized must be seriously carried out despite the continuing depression.

3. Industrial unionism in the industries for which it is suited. We are opposed to raids on existing organizations.

4. An actual democracy in the trade union movement; not democracy in name and dictatorship in deed.

5. Struggle against anti-labor legislation and government interference whether through use of the courts, the National Guard, the police or otherwise. For the enforcement and extension of workers' rights.

6. For independent political action to supplement the trade union struggle on the economic field for industrial democracy.

The feeling against Bridges has been intensified among rubber, auto and shoe workers by his charge that theirs are only "paper" unions. In a speech in answer to the Conference statement, Bridges said:

BROKE STRIKERS MORALE

"Of the so-called seceding unions, only the garment workers mean anything.

"The ill-advised Douglas, Northrup and Ford strikes have broken the auto workers in Los Angeles as I told them they would at the time."

Thus does Harry Bridges boast of the fact that, during the early days of these strikes, officially called by an autonomous union, he broke the morale of the strikers by telling them they were licked.

"Go back into the plant," he said, "even if you have to crawl in on your bellies."

CALL FOR ELECTION

The perspective of the Conference is to convince John L. Lewis and the national CIO leadership that a grievous mistake was made by handing over control of the West Coast CIO to Harry Bridges, who in turn has shared that control with the Communist Party, and to require correction of that mistake by a democratic election.

As was to be expected, John Brophy, national director of the CIO, backed up Bridges. Whether Brophy was acting with the consent of Lewis remains to be seen. In any event, however, the fight against the mechanical domination of the Bridges-Communist Party machine, must go on.

If the national leadership of the CIO cannot be persuaded to act, then it will be necessary to carry the fight into Bridges' own Longshoremen's Union, where there is reported bitter dissatisfaction.

TRAGER CALLS HIS SHOTS

"I want to emphasize that militant unionism and militant organization that have characterized the west coast for the last few years are being endangered. A split in labor forces on the west coast at this time cannot but set back the movement many years. Only direct intervention on the part of the CIO national leadership, including John L. Lewis, plus a rank and file protest against the bureaucratic attempt to impose the Bridges leadership on the west coast CIO can prevent what would be in effect a national catastrophe."—Frank N. Trager in the August 28, 1937, issue of the SOCIALIST CALL.



AT THE —
FRONT
with Norman Thomas

A Liberal Awakens

Harry Elmer Barnes naively assumed that the march of the American League for Peace and Democracy in New York on August 6 was a peace parade, and that speakers had a certain freedom to discuss their ideas of peace. He found instead that the League is educating America for a new holy war. The squabble at least shows how rapidly the advocates of collective security by capitalist states are dropping the fiction that it can easily be obtained without war.

Heywood Brown, for instance, keeps writing: "Peace without democracy is no peace at all." Which, like much else that he says, has truth in it. But if it's the whole truth, is there peace in Russia? And does Brown think that if America goes to war there will be any democracy left? We who insist that America must keep out of war do not do it because we condone fascism, but because American participation in war will bring new horrors and sure fascism to America without curing fascism abroad. Dorothy Thompson's cry that America "must do something" is dangerous unless that something is an alternative to war.

Communists in Auto

The Communists point out that if the auto workers adopt a thoroughly pacifistic policy and reject the collective security or popular front program which the Communists advocate they could, with the strike weapon, effectively cripple American participation in any foreign military action. That is one reason, it is said, why the Communist Party is willing to risk wrecking a union with which it is essentially sympathetic.

Those lines closed a special article by Geoffrey Parsons, Jr. (a newspaper man supposedly rather friendly to the Communists) in the Herald-Tribune, August 8, 1938. He was discussing the automobile situation. No words can make plainer the reason why Socialists cannot go along with Communist attempts to disrupt the U. A. W. We know and have criticized the faults and mistakes of the Martin administration, but we can be part of no putsch against it, and can endorse no demand for a special convention. We must work with genuine progressives, neither those who take orders from the C. P. nor the reactionaries, to save and build the union.

War Fever

Before these words are printed, we shall know more about immediate war or peace in Central Europe. We shall also know more about the significance of the border fighting into which the concealed Russo-Japanese war has flared out. Fundamentally the aggressor is Japan, and against her the aggression the USSR's display of strength is salutary.

It remains to be seen whether Stalin wants to escape European commitments because he has become so involved in the Far East. That's one guess, but there are others equally plausible. Meanwhile, the Spanish Loyalists are showing magnificent courage and power. What a little thing it will be for us to fill that food ship!

Roosevelt's Democrats

These much discussed Roosevelt purges do not violate, but conceivably may strengthen, democratic processes. Properly used, they would increase party responsibility and the control of registered voters over their party candidates in the light of advice from the responsible leader of the party. If we criticize Roo-

sevelt's purges, it is not for the same reason as his Republican and anti-New Deal Democratic critics. It is because he doesn't do or try to do a thorough and consistent job.

Let two examples out of many illustrate this point. The number one controller of federal patronage in New York City is Jimmy Hines. Dewey may or may not win his conviction before the present jury. Hines may or may not be protector of the dope traffic as has so often been charged against him. But no one doubts that he is a Tammany boss and no liberal! But he has passed out the jobs.

Hague has done the same in New Jersey, and Hague hasn't quit as state boss or vice-chairman of the Democratic Party. He is not talking much, but everybody knows that Ely, candidate for New Jersey Senate, is Hague's man. He is also Roosevelt's and hopes to be labor's! Arthur Krock, generally friendly to Roosevelt, writes in the New York Times that the selection of WPA director Ely (who allowed the politicians to make his folks walk in Hague's parade) was "mutually arranged last week in Washington and Jersey City." He continues by quoting a Jersey politician's remark: "A wonderful set-up, bomb proof. The Mayor and the Big Chief together, just like that." And that's what Socialists are fighting in Jersey!

Dies Committee

It is clear that the Dies Committee is primarily doing a red baiting job, not too competently. It also is more than willing to discredit the CIO. And that goes for John Frey. Note that in his testimony he dragged in Powers Hapgood and the Southern Tenant Farmers Union as Communist or, as bad as Communists.

In spite of errors there is, of course, a lot of truth in the charges of Communist activity in unions. That of itself isn't bad. It is Communist attacks on individuals and Communist Party power politics in unions to which we, like the progressives in the furriers' union and the Los Angeles unionists, object. It is this which breaks up a proper unity of workers and encourages red baiting and even fascist reaction.

Towards War

"The Dominion of Canada is part of the sisterhood of the British Empire. I give to you assurance that the people of the United States will not stand idly by if domination of Canadian soil is threatened by any other empire."

In that declaration President Roosevelt took another step toward a virtual British alliance. His pledge, he himself says, was not an extension of the Monroe Doctrine. It was not a pledge of support of democracy against fascism. (Canada is in danger of her own domestic fascism far more than of Hitler's or Mussolini's.)

It was not a promise of protection against invasion. It was an assurance that the British Empire could be sure that in any war with another empire Canada would be protected. Arthur Krock, to quote him again, correctly says of this speech and Secretary Hull's "But our government uses stronger and stronger terms as the situation worsens, and this can only mean that we are preparing to assume the attitudes and responsibilities such words imply."

In other words, war. Again and again we must repeat: that war means fascism for America. Roosevelt's pro-British war won't cure what Wilson's did so much to cause.

Unity: The Immediate Task of American Labor

By ANTON GARDEN

The civil war between the CIO and AFL rages merrily onward, with ever greater intensity and scope. Each week brings forth new and more devastating clashes between the two contending trade union camps. The will to peace, never strong because of lack of organization, is profound only in its silence. The poison of factionalism is spreading ever faster even among the rank and file to the obvious satisfaction of the kept press and other circles and organs of reaction.

When workers fight among themselves the ruling class has ample reason for being gleeful. For it knows that in such a situation a large section of the working class inevitably turns against its own fellow workers, and either becomes hostile to the labor movement or indifferent. It generally is both.

If the signs do not deceive, the workers, as a result of the civil war between the CIO and AFL, are becoming disgusted more and more with both groups. The mood of "Plague on both your houses," made famous by the President in the steel strike last year, is already creeping upon them. This is obvious to anyone who has contact with the masses.

LOSE FAITH

There certainly is no longer the enthusiasm among the rank and file for the labor movement that used to be the driving force of the CIO in the last two years. Disappearing among the masses is the faith, the confidence in labor itself. The only one in whom they still have faith unshaken is their Messiah in the White House, the champion of a reformed capitalism that would not and could not be reformed. Indeed, a dangerous situation this. And it has been created largely by the rank obstreperousness, if not stupidity, of the top leadership of both trade union factions.

There is no question that John L. Lewis and his colleagues have made a most significant contribution to the American labor movement with their unprecedented campaigns in the mass-production industries. They have clearly demonstrated that the workers in the great open-shop, spy-infested fortresses of our absentee owners could successfully be organized on an industrial basis into militant industrial unions.

AN AWAKENING

They have accomplished what the old guard of the AFL said could never be done. They have set aflame a whole working class in the most important capitalist country in the world. They have given faith and inspiration—alas, it seems only temporarily—to the millions of oppressed and disinherited.

On the industrial field the CIO has made a record of which its leaders could well be proud. To create, in the short space of two or three years, a movement close to four millions strong; and, moreover, to inject a new life into the not long ago, five or six years, almost decrepit AFL and indirectly helping it to attain about similar numerical strength—all this is no small achievement.

Of equal importance also is the fact that the CIO can take a large measure of credit for preventing wage reductions during the present "recession." Without relatively strong and militant new unions in the mass production industries, not even Bill Green could say that "we prevented wage reductions."

DESPITE CORRUPTION

On the political field the CIO record is not, at all impressive, even if measured by its own standard of realpolitik. I venture to say that Labor's Non-Partisan League is, because of

Anton Garden, labor editor and former coal miner, now a member of the National Action Committee of the Socialist Party, in this article fearlessly analyzes the crucial question of the moment: labor unity. "The answer to this problem must be the organization of a powerful rank and file movement of both groups for peace and unity," he writes.

its unprincipled political trading with the old-line politicians—largely with the corrupt Democratic Party—responsible for the rapid disappearance of working class enthusiasm among the rank and file. The common run of American workers might be illiterate politically, but they have no great love, certainly no great respect, for corrupt politics.

Consequently, when a labor political organization, such as the LNPL, drives them into political alliance with one or both boss parties, they instinctively feel the degradation of such political action. And when on top of all this it seems—indeed, it more than seems in many a locality—that the driving force of the LNPL is the unsavory and deeply prostituted Communist Party, it is but small wonder if reaction sets in among workers.

FOR INDEPENDENT ACTION

You can generate a healthy and sustaining working class enthusiasm, outside of militantly led and successful strikes, only by independent political action through your own class party—a Socialist, a labor or farmer-labor party—which fights the bosses and their intellectual hirelings and prostitutes on the political field.

Such a party develops workers politically and mentally through working class education and imbues them with class-consciousness and solidarity. But by playing politically with your class enemies you are merely corrupting your fellow workers.

As to the AFL, since the Denver convention which poured hot oil on the split, its leadership has demonstrated the genuine

fear expressed at that time by Socialists and some other observers. In the struggle for dominance, the AFL has become an openly ally of the most reactionary forces in the nation. Its attack on the National Labor Board is no different than that of the employers. For this and other reasons the kept press coddles it on its poisonous bosom; the bosses flock to it in their fight against the CIO. The latter, partly in self-defense and partly because of its own inclination, is becoming quite tame in its demands upon employers. Militancy is disappearing and class-collaboration is becoming once more fashionable.

CONSERVATIVE TREND

In other words, one of the results of the civil war is the inevitable tendency of both factions towards conservatism of pure and simple trade unionism. Each camp vies with the other for such favors as the ruling class is willing to give in return for—"responsibility."

And the most sordid fact in this entire development is that there is less demand, less pressure in the labor movement for unity than ever since the split. In fact, hardly a voice is heard. The civil war has already attained a clear field. Why?

First, the forces promoting the civil war are well organized and the forces of unity completely disorganized; second, the poison of factionalism has already reached the rank and file and is bound to increase in intensity and scope unless the civil war is stopped by an organized unity movement of sufficient strength to stop the top factionalists in their present mad course; third is the fact that the CIO is heavily colonized by Communists and their stooges who are driving away, with their totalitarian philosophy and tactics, the more independent progressive elements.

They have already driven some of the new unions from the CIO into the AFL, this particularly on the west coast. Their domination of certain unions and situations might well prove to be the greatest danger faced by the CIO.

LEADERS STUBBORN

It is now quite obvious that the top leadership of both groups will not do anything to bring about unity. In fact, they seem to be determined more firmly to fight it out and maintain separate existences. This naturally means continual civil warfare within a divided and self-exterminating working class. The consequences of such a warfare on the entire American labor movement are not difficult to visualize.

The answer to this must be the organization of a powerful rank and file movement of both groups for peace and unity. Without such a movement, strong enough to dislodge even the most powerful open or covert opponents of unity, the two camps will not be reunited. For remember, it will be a great deal more difficult to attain unity than it was to bring about the split. For one thing, new problems have been created, and new positions of power and influence established.

If we agree to this, and we must, the logical thing for the leading progressive trade unionists of both groups, CIO and AFL, is to get together nationally and locally. This will have to be done sooner or later, if we want to stop the civil war which is benefitting only the employer and the ruling class generally. And the sooner this is done, the better for the future of the American labor movement.

...Socialism means the collective ownership and control of industry and its democratic management in the interest of all the people.

Knitgoods Union Defeats Bosses

NEW YORK CITY—A general strike in the knitgoods industry was averted when the employers' association, the United Knitwear Manufacturers' Association, agreed to drop its demands and to renew the present agreement with the Knitgoods Workers' Union (ILGWU) for two more years. The entire industry ceased operation last Wednesday to permit the workers to vote on the ratification of the agreement.

The union refused to yield its previous gains of a 35-hour week, time and one-half for overtime, three and one-half paid legal holidays, and one week trial period. The union also won the demand that when a worker is called to work, he is to be guaranteed at least a half-day's pay.

NEW YORK. — Between six and seven thousand workers, who had stopped work August 24, met in various parts of the city and ratified the agreement between Knitgoods Workers Union and the United Knitwear Mfgs. Assn. ILGWU officers Luigi Antonini, Charles Zimmerman and Louis Nelson addressed the various meetings.

BOOKS

"Not Guilty . . ."

The Revolution Vindicated

"Not Guilty!—Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the charges made against Leon Trotsky by the Moscow Trials." Harper and Brothers—1938—\$2.75.

Reviewed by HENRY HASKELL

If truth is stranger than fiction, then the weird combination of truth and fiction concocted by the Soviet regime against Trotsky, Sedov and their alleged followers surpasses all understanding. For the men of faith who believe that Stalin is incorruptible, (even by power), while Trotsky at long range could corrupt the entire remaining leadership of the Bolshevik Party so completely as to provoke justified sneers from the most unsavory Tammany brave, nothing but a Stalin confession would be proof that the Moscow Trials were not bona fide.

For the rest of us, the Report of the Commission of Inquiry headed by John Dewey must be accepted as establishing the innocence of Trotsky and Sedov of the charges against them, and the trials themselves as frame-ups.

To those acquainted with the activities of the Commissioners, it is clear that they set out to prove their case, for it is doubtful if any of the Commissioners had any doubts concerning their verdict. By this I do not mean to imply that the Commission did not try to discover the truth. It obviously did. The caliber of the men, and of Miss LaFollette who did most of the writing of the report is such as to make certain that any evidence pointing toward the guilt of Trotsky and Sedov would have been investigated thoroughly and reported objectively.

But the first sentence of the introduction: "The Commission finds: (1) That the conduct of the Moscow trials was such as to convince any unprejudiced person that no effort was made to ascertain the truth," might, I believe, have been said by any of the Commissioners before the Commission was formed. That the Stalinists call such men as John Dewey, John R. Chamberlain, Edward Alsworth Ross and Otto Ruehle (to mention some of the Commissioners) Trotskyists or fascist stooges for this attitude is more a tribute to their faith in Stalin than to their analysis of the politics of these individuals, or the political results of the publication of their report.

Altho the burden of proof is on the affirmative, (if our high-school debate coaches were right), the Commission undertook the much more difficult task of proving that certain events never took place, that certain letters were never written, that certain instructions were never given. That it, with its limited resources, has been so much more convincing in the presentation of its evidence than the Soviet apparatus in the trials, is only a commentary on the ineptness of the creators of the frameups.

That the Stalinists refused the opportunity given them to present evidence other than the reports of the trials would indicate that they either had no such evidence, or that they hoped the evidence available to the Commission would be inconclusive.

This report will be very useful in many ways—not only for vindicating the revolutionary honor of Trotsky and Sedov. To many socialists the increasing wage-differentials, nationalism and Stalin-worship in Soviet Russia, indicating a sharp retreat from socialism toward capitalism, has been the most disheartening development in a war-mad world. Even the defeat of the German working class, with all its terrible consequences, has not meant the back to socialism which this may mean, unless it is stopped by the Russian workers.

The Moscow frame-ups were

merely the culmination of this trend away from the revolution. They tried to make us believe that the revolution was a horrible monster which made of its leaders "nothing more than a gang of murderers spies, diversionists and wreckers, without any principles or ideals," who committed crimes before which the base deeds of the most inveterate, vile, unbridled and despicable criminals fade and grow dim." (Vyshinsky's speech in the Bukharin-Rykov trial). Then, knowing we wouldn't swallow that, they tried to make us believe that these never were leaders of the Revolution by distorting history and making it unrecognizable. The Report deals with this conclusively.

If the trials were bona fide, no revolutionary could be blamed for giving up the struggle. Why work for a revolution which results in poisoning the spring from which it flows? Now, with this report of the Dewey commission, we can combat those who point gleefully to the trials as proving the corruptness and vileness of the leaders of the Russian Revolution. The radical movement can again lift its head with pride in its revolutionary history.

It can oppose to the charge that the trials prove that you can't get anywhere with a revolution the answer that only the habits and attitudes of a Party that had to exist underground for the major part of its history would permit a faction such as Stalin's to stifle all party democracy so as to produce this unenviable result. For whatever the answer may be to the question "why did they confess?" (whether you admit the frame-ups, or have faith in Stalin), is the complete stifling of all legal opposition. As the Report proves over and over again, any opposition in Russia is not only illegal, but is denounced as anti-Soviet, anti-socialist, pro-capitalist and even pro-fascist. Those of us who have been dubbed "Trotskyists" for refusing to genuflect, or "Stalinists" for refusing to curse every time Stalin's name is mentioned, now have historical proof that such efforts to place those who disagree with us beyond the pale, especially within a radical political party, can have only the worst results.

To me this is the best vindication I have seen of the Socialist Party ruling on intra-Party factions. The Stalinists, in their attempt to bolster up their theory and practice of accepting without question the dictates of the Soviet government, ridicule as for permitting individuals who do not follow the "Thomas" line to remain in the Party.

On the opposite side of the fence are the Trotskyists who spend so much time in factional difference between themselves, that for months before their conventions they can't do anything but "clarify" each other. The Socialist Party position of free discussion at any time, inner-party factional papers for a few weeks before the convention, and a short period for intense discussion of Party policies before conventions, seems the soundest Party factional papers for a few of all. It permits full Party democracy, and at the same time does not emphasize the differences within the Party to the point where Comrades spend more time splitting hairs with each other than they do tearing the capitalist system to pieces.

Socialism and internationalism are the hope of humanity. In the words of Karl Marx: "Workers of the World, Unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains. You have a world to gain!"

NOTES ON BOOKS

By Norman Thomas

Among many worthwhile books, let me call attention to the following:

On the Economic Theory of Socialism papers by Fred M. Taylor and Oskar Lange, edited by Benjamin E. Lippincott (University of Minnesota Press). An invaluable answer to the charges of Von Mises, Robbins, Von Hayek, et al., that socialism can have no true cost accounting, no sort of price system, and therefore no successful way to allocate resources and goods.

What Are We To Do by John Strachey (Ransom House). A plausible attempt by a clever thinker and writer to justify the new Communist line. This he does by ignoring the problem of the totalitarian state in Russia; by assuming the perfection of "scientific socialism"; i. e. Marxism as interpreted by Lenin and Stalin; by keen criticism of British Labor for its "accommodation" of capitalism; and then by arguing that his "new model party" should go into a popular front to serve democracy, peace, and labor standards! How in such company it would escape the Fabianism and reformism which he criticises, he doesn't explain.

Save America First by Jerome Frank (Harper). A brilliant and learned book; sound, on the whole, in its argument that America can and should keep out of Europe's wars; not sound in its tentative exceptionalism; i. e. its argument that American capitalism is "different" and can be reformed.

The War Against The West by Aurel Kolnai (Viking Press). The author, an Austrian liberal Catholic of vast learning, examines the metaphysics of Nazism; its worship of the tribal, national state, etc. This constitutes the war against the west; i. e. against the Christian, democratic tradition, with its regard for the individual. Impressive, but overestimates the metaphysical aspect of the rise of fascism at the expense of the economic. For every day fact it should be read along with Stephen H. Roberts' The House That Hitler Built (Harper) and Edward Heimann's valuable Communism, Fascism, Democracy! to which I have already referred.

Finally, let me urge that every Socialist library should have John Blair's Seeds of Destruction, a study of the functional weaknesses of Capitalism (Covici Friede). Here are unanswerable facts. It's a book to be proud of. I hope the CALL will later give it full-length review.

Musso Frowns on Os, Way, Stein and Berg

Fascist Italy has barred books written by John Dos Passos and Ernest Hemingway. Premier Mussolini's newspaper "Popolo d'Italia" warned its readers that "Hemingway and Dos Passos are two enemies fighting with rifles on the other side of the barricades."

The irate editorial went on to say that "we do not like" authors whose names "terminate in 'os' and 'way' or 'stein' and 'berg'."

Hemingway, who was an Italian soldier during the World War, was promised to get kicked across the frontier if ever he came within sight of Mussolini's castor oil exports.

Indiana Socialists

Hold Picnic Aug. 28

HAMMOND, Ind.—Socialists of Lake county, Indiana, will picnic at the beautiful Wicker Park in Hammond on Sunday, August 28. Speakers will include Roy E. Burt, Walter Frisbee and Ralph Logsdon. Following the speaking there will be special entertainment featuring Miss Edna Todd, a clever acrobat, and others.

The public is invited to join the Socialists in their all day outing.

HOLD

McAlister Coleman

THAT

Lillian Symes

LINE!

Nuts! to Wolverton from Mac

I hope you boys and girls are following the course of the so-called "investigation" into TVA. One of the investigators, a local lad from my own beloved New Jersey, says that he feels as though he were in "Alice in Wonderland." And he's certainly acting the part. If the investigation proves nothing else, it will once more show the country the low mental calibre of a Jersey Congressman. Still it was hardly worth all that expense to prove something that is patent every time a Jersey Congressman opens his trap.

Let us assume, however, that the investigation has some other object in view than the reelection of Representative Wolverton of N. J. What is it proving? For one thing the difficulties of running a governmental enterprise, collectivist in its nature, in a hostile capitalist environment. Socialist mayors know all about the headaches this involves.

One of the great exposures brought out by the investigation and calculated by the rat Republican press to "rock the nation to its moral depth" is the fact that a private company chiseled the government in its sale of phosphate lands to TVA. "Gry, havoc! and let loose the wolvertons of war." Let's tear down Norris and Wheeler dams and forget the whole dam business, because "government in industry is notoriously inefficient."

Well what about this sale of phosphate lands? Long before the war, long before anyone north of the Ohio ever heard of Muscle Shoals, Harcourt Morgan, the on-the-level, up-and-up Director of TVA was a college president in Tennessee. Unlike most of his colleagues he knew his economic time of day. He also knew something about phosphate and what it meant to the physical life of America.

He went before the legislature and told the slack-mouthed boys therein that one of our most precious national assets was being carted off wholesale by the Germans, who were buying phosphate lands in Tennessee and elsewhere and sending it back home. But did the legislature do what Morgan suggested and take steps to keep the lands? Oh no, there were all sorts of rewards lying around for letting the German concerns have their way and the boys told Morgan to run along home and teach college. When Morgan

finally got his directorship of TVA, one of the first things he did was to make for what was left of the phosphate lands. He wanted them for all of us and he wanted them in a hurry and he paid the price the privateers asked. So what? Which system shows up better in this transaction, private or public?

Now as to this much-debated yard-stick. Here's the nub of the thing. TVA has been supplying juice to the valley people at one, two and three cents a kilowatt hour, whereas the private companies in the valley, headed by Weeping Wilkie's Commonwealth and Southern, had been charging three and four times that amount.

They had been charging it but very few people in the valley had been using electricity, because they didn't have the jack. TVA based its rate on what it was costing to make and transmit the juice. Engineers and accountants set the rate, not Wall Street bankers and remote-control owners of holding companies. It has made life over for hundreds of thousands of farmers and other useful people all through the South. It has forced down the rates of private companies, brought electricity's bountiful blessings to cities and towns as well as farms and, worst of all from a wolverton stand-point has shown the nation how little it really costs to make the stuff.

There remains only the question of the airing of the personal pettiness of the deposed Director Arthur Morgan, an erstwhile "liberal" and now pretty well exposed as an impossible eccentric.

So that's the GREAT TVA EXPOSURE. George Norris was right as usual when he stood aside and let the snoopers dig all they wanted.

The men in charge of TVA have made mistakes. They have been working against the tough odds of the pressures of private greed and peanut politics. On the whole, they have done a good job. After all, harnessed water from the dams is turning turbines and the resultant electricity is working for the benefit of a great cross-section of our citizens, not for the further profit of the Commonwealth & Southern. That makes the pettifogging tactics of a smalltime Wolverton sound like the wet smack that the whole investigation is turning out to be.

—McALISTER COLEMAN.

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News from Washington

BY OUR WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

The Monopoly Investigation

The monopoly investigation ordered by the last Congress just before it adjourned is currently occupying the attention of the Capital's New Dealers. These gentlemen appear to expect great things from the investigation and a good deal of impressive sounding talk is being heard in connection with it.

A prominent economist in charge of one phase of the inquiry, for instance, has told his staff, "If you have an idea that this is going to be just a monopoly investigation, you had better forget it. This is an investigation of the entire capitalist system."

And, indeed, an examination of the investigating committee's powers and the scope of its work is very apt to impress the observer with the importance and great potentialities of the inquiry. That is, until one realizes that neither this committee nor any other agency of the capitalist New Deal government can hope to arrive anywhere near a solution of the monopoly problem, which would entail, of course, the overthrow of capitalism.

REAL AMMUNITION

Although realistic Socialists can have no faith in the ability of the investigators to solve any problems, at the same time the committee will undoubtedly gather much factual information which will provide important ammunition for Socialist criticism.

The investigation is being conducted under the Monopoly Inquiry Act, urged by President Roosevelt in a message to Congress, and passed on June 14. The act set up a Temporary National Economic Committee of 12 consisting of 3 senators, 3 representatives, and 6 heads of executive agencies. Chairman of the Committee is Senator O'Mahony of Wyoming, who sponsored the act in the Senate.

NATURE OF PROBE

The committee is instructed to investigate "monopoly and concentration of economic power in, and financial control over production and distribution of goods and services." Statements issued by the committee's spokesmen indicate that the inquiry will be directed very largely into the following three channels:

1. Corporate structure and powers (with special emphasis on insurance, investment banking and credit, and corporate finance.)
 2. Price fixing policies.
 3. The patent system.
- Committee members insist that the inquiry will be a broad one designed to throw light on general problems such as those listed above, and that specific industries will not be singled out to be "pilloried". However, to obtain generalizations, specific industries will necessarily have to be investigated. Certain industries, realizing this, have become slightly frightened and have started reforming.

U. S. STEEL

An interesting example of such "reform" is the case of the steel industry. United States Steel, shortly after the investigation got under way, announced the abandonment of the "basing point" price system, whereby steel was sold as if it had originated in Pittsburgh, no matter where it actually had been made. For example, steel manufactured in Birmingham was formerly sold in the Birmingham region at the same price it would have commanded had it been shipped from Pittsburgh.

The elimination of this practice means that companies which have plants only in the Pittsburgh area are now at a great

disadvantage in competing with concerns which have plants in widely separated areas, the former have taken steps to fight back, and the result is that competition in the steel industry has been whipped up into something of a frenzy.

EXPANSION

The result of this competition has been an unsound expansion. For instance, Youngstown Sheet and Tube is building new plants to the tune of about \$15,000,000, Weirton \$5,000,000, and Wheeling \$2,000,000. This is obviously uneconomic, as the steel industry is even now running at only a minor fraction of its capacity.

Another interesting sidelight of self-reform, is that, for the time being at least, the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department and other government purchasing agencies are no longer getting identical bids from supposedly competing firms.

Probably the most important aspect of the inquiry is the financial end, and more particularly, that part of it dealing with credit monopoly. A large part of the country's credit is concentrated in the hands of relatively few institutions, most of them savings banks and insurance companies.

Department of Commerce figures show that the savings banks and insurance companies together control assets amounting to close to 36 billion dollars, more than 10 per cent of the nation's total assets. Insurance companies alone control 23 billions, and half of that figure is concentrated in the hands of four companies: Metropolitan Life, New York Life, Equitable Life, and Mutual Life.

REMEDY

The tremendous control thus vested in a few hands gives these interests an economic life and death power over a large section of industry. The directors of these financial institutions decide in what directions to extend credit, not necessarily where it will do the most economic good, or where it will safeguard the interests of the policy-holders, but where it will most benefit the private pocket-books of the individual directors and of corporations in which they are interested.

The only remedy for this situation, of course, is socialized credit and banking. Indeed, for every phase of the investigation, Socialization alone supplies an adequate answer to the problems involved. However, the monopoly committee can not be expected to come to this sensible conclusion. Instead two alternatives are being considered.

RURAL ECONOMIES

Alternative one is to break up monopolies and enforce competition. This viewpoint is probably held by most of the congressional members of the committee, who represent rural constituencies traditionally opposed to "trusts". Such a process is economically unsound, as explained above in the case of the steel industry. It is bound to result in wasteful duplication and increased overhead.

Alternative two is to regulate

Cheer Call For Socialist Unity

BOSTON, Mass.—The Workmen Circle in Massachusetts invited the S. P. to send a speaker to address their annual Workmen Circle Day meeting which was held Sunday, August 7, at their camp in Farmingham.

Clare Pineo was given the assignment. He made a unity speech which was repeatedly interrupted by enthusiastic applause. A great many of the 2,000 present were overjoyed at the prospect of unity of the Socialist Party and the S.D.F.

The campaign committee of the Socialist Party in Massachusetts opened the gubernatorial drive this week by sponsoring a series of street meetings in Western Massachusetts with Brendan Sexton, National Secretary of the Workers Defense League, as the main speaker. Sexton spoke on the struggle for civil liberties.

The Easthampton and Springfield Yipsels are doing excellent work in selling literature and campaign buttons at these meetings and in getting people to contribute funds for campaign purposes.

Our Yipsels have ordered their blue shirts with the YPSL arm band and the arm torch insignia. We have also ordered real torches which will be used by Yipsels at our open air meetings.

No Class Angle

"Melvin! Melvin!"
"Huh, ma?"
"Are you spitting in the fish bowl?"
"No, but I coming pretty close."

—Labour's Northern Voice

the monopolies. This, in general, is favored by the executive representatives on the committee, of whom all but possibly one are New Dealers. The chief proposal put forward as a means of regulating monopolies is to require federal chartering for all corporations doing interstate business. This proposal will probably be adopted by the committee. Another proposal put forward is for the government to appoint public directors to the boards of these corporations with a voice and a (minority) vote.

The public director system is at present extensively used in France, and is in force among a few American corporations the outstanding one of which is the Interborough Rapid Transit Company in New York City.

PATENT SYSTEM

Regulation may possibly correct some of the evils of monopoly control. It will no doubt make corporate policies less dishonest than they are at present. But private ownership of these vast enterprises will still be maintained, and so long as we have that, the most important evils of monopoly, which are the evils of capitalism in its final stages, will still be with us.

An aspect of the inquiry which will delve into a hitherto almost untouched field is that dealing with the American patent system. Two problems scheduled to be studied in this connection are patent pooling and patent suppression. Sensational facts are expected to be disclosed, but the possibility that anything will be done about them is small, as our patent system is entrenched behind 150 years of tradition, and both the Patent Office and the patent bar will fight to the last ditch against any change.

Call Building

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	Received During 10th Week of Drive	Total Rec'd Thus Far
"Recovery" Subs	3	17
"Recession" Subs	112	688
"Depression" Subs	140	969
New Bundle Orders	80	455
	335	2,129

During the past two weeks, 335 new subscriptions were received, thus making a grand total of 2,129 since the BUILD THE CALL DRIVE was launched some weeks ago.

Of the subs received since we last went to press, 3 were of the "Recovery" variety, 112 "Recession" and 140 "Depression" subs. Bundle order circulation was increased by 80, a sharp upturn over previous weeks.

What with Comrade Craig Easton of Gillespie, Illinois, still pacing the field in the race for the most successful CALL Builder, special congratulations are in order for the following comrades who are doing a bangup job of securing subs and BUILDING THE CALL: Olive Eshleman, Elkhart, Ind., Harry Fleischman, Detroit, Mich., Martin Berstein, Newark, N. J., Marie Caler, Akron, Ohio, Le Vega Baize Hammond Ind., Ben Horowitz of (Brooklyn, N. Y., Sam Bojanovick, Chicago, Ill., Isabel White and Fred U. Ross of Harrisburg, Pa., Jerry Rubin of Milwaukee, Wis., Louis Steigwald, Detroit, Mich., Andy Van Hazinga, Kenosha, Wisconsin, Lawrence Schmidt, Bay City, Mich., and the Strawberry Man-

branch of Philadelphia, Pa. In the contest between the comrades of Illinois and Michigan to see which state will secure the largest number of CALL subscriptions, Michigan during the past two weeks turned on the heat, as it were, and secured 42 subs as compared to 22 from Illinois. The official count of this novel and exciting race is as follows:

"Recession" Subs.....	50	27
"Depression" Subs.....	94	83
	144	110

Before bringing this week's column to a close, I should like to urge those locals and branches who have not already done so, to send us the "copy" for their Labor Day Greeting without further delay.

Also, to those of you who haven't as yet sent in your coin-card contribution, may I call your attention to the open letter which appears on page 4. This appeal is most urgent—the future of THE CALL depends on your immediate response. It is, therefore, imperative that we receive your contribution at the earliest possible date!

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Gillespie Coal Miners Send Funds For Spain

By JOHN FISHER
National Vice-Chairman, Socialist Party

GILLESPIE, Ill.—Local No. 1 of the Progressive Miners of America voted to contribute another donation of \$25 to the cause of Loyalist Spain at its last meeting. A contribution of \$25 was also made to the Illinois Labor Party with which Local No. 1 is affiliated.

The contribution to Spain was in response to the appeal to fill the relief ship which a number of organizations, including the Socialist Party, have undertaken. Petitions to place the Illinois Labor Party on the ballot are being widely circulated in Macoupin county.

LABOR PRISONERS

Local 1 sent greetings to all labor martyrs who are behind prison bars. It will remind them that labor has not forgotten them and appreciates the services they have rendered to help their fellow men in the unending struggle to emancipate the working class from the chains of private ownership, insecurity, poverty and unemployment.

Labor Day, September 4 and 5, the miners of this territory are planning a real holiday affair. We have secured two outstanding speakers. Congressman Maury Maverick of Texas and our own worthy comrade and brother, Maynard C. Krueger of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, will address a great crowd.

The mining folks of this area will have the opportunity to hear national and international problems analyzed in first rate fashion. We also have booked high class talent for entertainment for the two day affair.

BATTUELLO TO SPEAK

John Battuello, president of Local No. 1, will preside and also speak in the name of the local miners organization.

Local No. 1 has begun a fight on the Litchfield Creamery Co. for the reinstatement of two union men who were discharged because of union activities. Our local has stopped all Litchfield creamery products from being sold in Benld, Gillespie and surrounding territory. We are notifying all secretaries in our sub-district to follow suit. The case of the two victimized brothers is pending before the N.L.R.B.

The miners of Illinois have just gone through one of the worst summers in their whole history. Despite the havoc caused by the economic crisis they haven't lost their morale and are in the fight for the full duration of the war.

Through the SOCIALIST CALL we coal miner Socialists extend to our fellow workers and comrades everywhere our fraternal greetings.

Seamen Blast C.P., Charge Sabotage

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A. F. of L. Seamen's Union to act directly to stop all shipments of material for Fascist Spain; and further

"BE IT RESOLVED, That we condemn the Communist Party and the right wingers in the N. M. U., and the leadership of the A. F. of L. Seamen's Union for preventing effective action for Loyalist Spain.

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Aforementioned initials mean: N. M. U.—National Maritime Union; S. U. P.—Sailors' Union of the Pacific; M. F. O. W.—Marine, Firemen, Oilers, Water-tenders and Wipers' Association of the Pacific; M. C. S.—Marine Cooks and Stewards' Association; A. F. L. S. U.—American Federation of Labor Seamen's Union, and M. T. W.—Marine Transport Workers Industrial Union (I. W. W.).

Socialist Comrade Dies

RACINE, Wis.—Ernest Heinrich a member of the Racine local of the Socialist Party died here August 5. Comrade Heinrich had served on the local school board during the past 7 years.

"The rich will do everything for the poor but get off their back."—Tolstoi.

"When times get hard a man can beg but a woman must sell."—Victor Hugo.

New Orleans Detective Nabs Wrong CIO Fellow

SOCIALIST YOUTH FIGHT IMPERIALISM

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tion which will find in these immediate struggles the road to Socialism through its own power.

"Throughout the world our fullest support is extended to the Spanish workers and peasants in their fight against fascism . . . The Chinese struggle against Japanese imperialism is our deep concern . . . And while we organize our opposition to incipient American fascism, we extend our aid to courageous underground movements in fascist countries. We support movements for freedom of all colonial peoples, and we demand of the United States Government immediate freedom for the Philippines, self-determination for Porto Rico and an end to domineering imperialism in South and Central America."

INTERNATIONALISM

The letter continues with an appeal to the youth of the world to take their stand "with the workers of every land." It closes as follows:

"Find courage in the reality of your vision. This is a grim world and a cruel one; but that is because it fights for life with the fury of desperation. We pledge you our solidarity, our resources and our strength, and we ask for yours. Peace, freedom, justice and plenty can be ours in the Socialist world we are building."

At its recent meeting in Cleveland, the National Executive Committee of the Y. P. S. L. predicted that the Congress would be composed of a disproportionate number of supporters of collective security—that is of support of the next imperialist world war in the name of the fight against fascism.

AGAINST WAR

However, there are very important organizations, both within the United States delegation and among those from other countries, which believe that workers and young people should not be fooled by idealistic slogans into participating in a war for profits and trade.

At the moment the sessions of the Congress have not yet opened altho they will have been under way when the CALL appears. Next week we will have an account of the events at the Congress and a discussion of the political positions of important foreign delegations.

NEW ORLEANS, La. — New Orleans cops who have made themselves laughing stock of the nation by picking up visitors to this quaint city "because they look like CIO fellows" picked on the wrong fellow here last week when they jailed Arthur Musgrave, Houston, Texas, newspaper man.

Musgrave was stopped on the street by a plain-clothes dick who murmured "What's your name?" out of the corner of his mouth.

The news hawk gave all the answers but it didn't satisfy the dick.

"Where did you come from, buddy?" queried the flat-foot.

"I came from Houston; I am going to Florida, and I formerly worked on a Baltimore newspaper," said Musgrave.

"Houston, Florida, Baltimore and now you're here—it don't make sense," opined the dick who later was identified as the captain of the New Orleans detectives, Alfred Malone. "You're under arrest! as a fugitive from Houston."

Musgrave spent the night in jail with rats, mice, cockroaches of all size and shapes, and hordes of bed bugs. The weird cries of prostitutes and drunkards who were tortured by police at different intervals kept him in further discomfort.

Musgrave was finally rescued by New Orleans newspaper men after being fingerprinted, photographed, cursed at and threatened with a shellacking.

"New Orleans may be America's most interesting city," said Musgrave, "but you can have it."

The Houston man got his story without depending on hearsay. And New Orleans merchants are moaning about how the dopey members of the police force are shagging off their sucker trade.

Loyalist Relief Benefit Features 'Heart of Spain'

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich.—"The Heart of Spain," a dramatic talkie depicting the heroic struggle of Loyalist Spain against fascism, and a concert, will feature an affair sponsored by the Socialist Relief Ship Committee at the Workmens Circle Colony here, Sunday, August 28, beginning at 8 p. m.

Dr. Ettelson, who recently returned from Spain, will relate his experiences in the Loyalist army.

Admission price is 15c and proceeds are to go towards filling the relief ship which the Socialist Party and other organizations are planning to send to Spain in September.

Chemist Sets Example in Loyalist Relief Drive

Smoke hangs over Spanish skies—smoke from the cannon's mouth, smoke from the burning cities. America will give its answer when the smoke pours out of the funnels of the Relief Ship as it steams into port, carrying its cargo of food, clothing and medicine for the heroic men, women and children of Spain.

Will your gift to freedom be carried in the hold of the American Relief Ship?

You cannot say, No! You must say, Yes! Act immediately!

Here's how one friend of Loyalist Spain is doing it. He writes: "I work in a laboratory and though I cannot directly obtain chemicals for medicinal purposes I know many doctors. I have called a group of them together and we are now busy as an organized committee approaching large chemical concerns with requests for quantities of supplies. We are all happy that you are giving us the opportunity to help Spain."

You can do likewise. With whatever industry you have contact, you can set to work to gather in materials for the Relief Ship. Canned goods of all kinds, soaps, clothing are essential. If you can do nothing else, you can give money. If you can do both, let us hear from you. Here is what your dollars can do for Spain:

- 1 carload of flour (50,000 lbs.).....\$1,000.00
- 100 cases corned beef..... 700.00
- 1,000 ounces Quinine Sulfate..... 600.00
- 100 pairs of shoes..... 250.00
- 1,000 yards of cotton cloth..... 100.00
- 500 pounds dried milk..... 50.00
- 1 case gauze bandages..... 40.00
- 100 pounds absorbent cotton..... 30.00
- 500 pounds dried fruit..... 25.00
- 100 pounds soap..... 12.00
- 1 overcoat..... 10.00
- 1 stretcher..... 10.00
- 200 pounds dried peas..... 8.00
- 100 pounds coffee..... 5.00
- 100 pounds rice..... 3.50
- 1 bolt sterilized gauze..... 2.60

- 1 100-pound sack of sugar..... 2.50
- 1 roll adhesive plaster (10 yards x 20 inches)..... 1.25
- 1 10-pound slab of chocolate..... 1.20
- 1 dozen tins of fish..... 1.00
- 1 pound of ether..... .60

Fill Out This Coupon and Send with Your Contribution to the:

SOCIALIST PARTY RELIEF SHIP FUND,
549 Randolph Street, Chicago, Ill.

(If you fail to find listed here the material you wish purchased, tell us what it is and we will make every effort to secure it.)

Enclosed you will find \$.....for the purchase of.....

to be sent on the American Relief Ship for Spain.

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Address

City..... State.....