

Auto Workers Remain Loyal To CIO—Rump Move Fizzles

Basic Locals, Rank And File Stick With Parent Organization

DETROIT, Mich.—The rump movement against the United Automobile Workers of America is fast reaching the end of its rope.

Relations Act Under Fire of Labor's Foes

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The attack on the national labor relations act and the most important body of labor law gains ever put on the statute books continued on several fronts.

Pontiac Swings Into Line

Pontiac, the most solid important Martin center in the union, has been the big surprise. A skillful and clean-cut drive on the part of CIO adherents has resulted in the entire city going CIO.

Wisconsin Local

All Wisconsin locals of importance are aligned with the CIO, including Case in Racine, Naah in Kenosha, and Seaman Body and Allis-Chalmers in Milwaukee.

P. O. U. M. Leaders Safe in France

Leaders of the P. O. U. M. (Workers Party of Marxist Unification) who were imprisoned in Barcelona, including Julien Gorkin, Bonet, Audrade, Giornella and Solano, the youth leader, reached France safely.

AFL Miners Guild Strike

CHICAGO, Ill.—Receipt of a \$200 contribution from Local No. 1 of the Progressive Mine Workers of America (AFL), Gillespie, Ill., cheered the 600 striking members of the Chicago Newspaper Guild.

Pledges of solidarity were also received from Jack Battuello and Dave Reed, left wing officers of the PMWA.

Local No. 1 also sent \$200 donations to the striking oil workers (CIO) of Tulsa, Okla., and the casket workers (AFL) of St. Louis, Mo.

Comprising a membership of 2,200 employed in four large mines of the Superior Coal Co., a North-western R.R. subsidiary, Local No. 1 enjoys the reputation of never having turned down an appeal from workers who are engaged in a struggle against employers.

Local No. 1 officers are William Campion, president; Craig Easton, vice president; Andy Easton, recording secretary; Joe Vidmar, financial secretary.

23 MINERS KILLED

ANKARA, Turkey—Twenty-three coal miners lost their lives in a mine explosion at Kozluk, near Zonguldak, in the Black sea coal basin, Feb. 27.

Workers Desert C. P. Controlled Alliance

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Officers of the American Workers' Committee on Unemployment, an independent organization of unemployed and project workers in this city, began contacting groups throughout the state this week with a view to expanding their organization to statewide and perhaps even larger proportions.

The American Workers' committee, according to Chairman Makie Weber, was formed nearly two years ago after the Communist party invaded the state Workers' alliance, successfully conspiring to place that organization under the mechanical control of their political party and began by trials and expulsions to purge their political and organizational opponents in the alliance.



President R. J. Thomas (center) of the United Auto Workers (UAW) and Loren Heuser of the UAW Automobile Workers (CIO) welcomes Charles E. Madden (left) in his hotel room in Detroit after they withdrew support from Homer Martin. Only 3 of the 24 board members are still in the Martin camp.

Mexican Fascists Suffer Setback in First Plans

Labor Martyr Fund Recalled By AFL Unions

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Kansas City labor has been reminded of the murder of William Polley, militant Socialist and labor organizer, more than three years ago, with the withdrawal by the AFL unions here of the \$5,000 reward for information leading to his slayers.

Polley was shot down in downtown Kansas City early on the morning of October 11, 1935. He was business representative of the truck drivers' union. His effort to organize the truck drivers was a thorn in the flesh of employers and his militancy and activity brought clashes with old line labor leaders. Following his murder, AFL unions chipped in to the \$5,000 reward fund. The fund now will be broken up and returned to the donors.

Polley's greatest monument today is the truck drivers' union, with 3,000 members, one of the most powerful unions in this area.

Thomas A. Rickert, AFL vice president, and head of the United Garment Workers' union. Tobin Declines Daniel J. Tobin, Teamsters' union president, originally appointed on the committee, declined to serve because of press of business.

Bourgeois Democrats Bury Spain

Heroism of Loyalists Surpasses Even Efforts Of Russian Masses

BY NADOR SCHNEEBBAUM A Special Correspondent of the SOCIALIST CALL

PARIS—When future historians will record the social struggles of this our age, among them they will doubtless give special emphasis to the heroic battle of the Spanish republicans.

Denied all assistance they have had to combat the legions of Caesar and Nero. In addition, they have had to combat the utter inaptitude of world bourgeois democracy, an ineptitude indicative of senility. It is this democracy that dominated the world situation and was the root of non-intervention.

Supreme Heroism It surpasses in heroism even the Russian revolution. Flitting the balance in favor of that struggle were situations unparalleled in fortuitousness.

In the case of the Spanish republic it is exactly the opposite. In Europe the right is on the offensive—with the permission of Whitehall. The Spanish army, made up largely of Moroccans, sided with reaction against the workers.

London also hurried to their aid, because the city feared for its copper, mercury and other mines from the "unreliable" people's front government, and thus supported in every manner the Chamberlain non-intervention policy that finally led to the undoing of the Spanish republic.

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Joint Conference Raises Hopes for Early Labor Peace

Both AFL and CIO Agree to Negotiate; Appoint Committees

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Hopes for an end to the civil war between the AFL and the CIO were raised to a fever pitch during the past week following the entrance into the picture of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

A copy of a letter that he had sent to both William Green, president of the AFL and to John L. Lewis, head of the CIO, urging them to renew peace negotiations was made public last Saturday.

Both Green and Lewis agreed to negotiate, although Green limited the authority of the AFL committee. Green's stipulations limiting the authority of the AFL committee are as follows: There shall be no compromise on the preservation of the "structure" of the AFL and its "democratic principles."

By Norman Thomas

It ever there was a time for us American Socialists to take stock of the opportunities which confront us, of our own resources and the best use of them, it is now.

Numerically weaker than our comrades in many European countries, through no virtue of our own we have many advantages over them by reason of our historical and geographic position. We are, of course, not exempt from the tragic history which has put Socialism everywhere temporarily on the defensive, and has made totalitarian tyranny the giant of the hour.

In its Communist form, totalitarianism has completely arrested the development of true Socialism in Russia, but, largely because the U.S.S.R. is among the satisfied nations in respect to resources, Russian totalitarianism does not aggressively menace the peace of the world.

A Few Years of Grace We Americans for the time being are more fortunate. We may have a few years of grace, years in which we are not swept or stampeded into war we can actively campaign for Socialism and for that democracy which in the richest sense of both words is synonymous with Socialism.

Of course we are not exempt from the general problems of our own. Beginning in 1933 the New Deal took over in substance the most urgent of Socialism's immediate demands. Partly because of our educational work, Roosevelt was able in a comparatively short time to bring the United States from a very bad last into the vanguard of capitalist democracies in respect to a wide range of social legislation.

New Deal's Basic Failure Herein lies its basic failure. Much of the Roosevelt legislation is subject to specific criticism—for example, the security legislation—but fundamentally the trouble with the New Deal legislation is that it is still capitalist in conception and outlook.

That fact is now becoming more apparent and presents a new situation and a new challenge to Socialism. We have come to an end of a chapter. The Roosevelt administration and its advisor, Secretary of Commerce Hopkins, frankly admits the emphasis must be on recovery, not reform, and he definitely envisages recovery in capitalist terms. The New Deal has come to the end of its imaginative powers for reconstruction. It merely hopes that pump priming will work now that some minor repairs have been made in the pump.

In this respect the New Deal unquestionably reflects public opinion. Roosevelt according to the Fortune poll holds his personal popularity, but the amazing fact is that less than 60 per cent of those who favor him would vote for him in 1940. Only about half of the voters want Roosevelt or "a man like Roosevelt," and clearly they cannot agree on any man like Roosevelt in sight. Garner still leads the list of possible successors in popular esteem although most voters just don't know whom they want. Most surprising of all is the majority for balancing the budget, a majority which applies to all groups of the nation except Negroes.

A Challenge to Socialists In these figures which are pretty well corroborated by other observations and, indeed, by election, there is evidence of a widespread reactionary or conservative trend in American public opinion but by no means as yet of a tidal wave of reaction or fascism. We are not forced to drop all else and defend what we have. Here lies a peculiar challenge to Socialists. Once again obvious and bitter facts prove that the capitalist system cannot save itself and us. Its basic failure under the Old Deal and the New is its failure to produce enough. It is a common-places that we have the resources, the machinery and the mechanical skill to conquer poverty. But to conquer poverty and provide security we must produce a great deal more, besides sharing what we have produced more equitably.

On this Republicans and Democrats, men of all shades of economic opinion are united. It is a monstrous tragedy that capitalism, whether under Hoover or under Roosevelt has not in 10 years been able to equal the 1929 level of production, and that it has multiplied the number of the unemployed by at least five. The levels both of production and of equity in distribution were low in 1929 in terms of what they might have been. I shall not pause to repeat the figures so familiar to Socialists and Socialist sympathizers.

Pump Priming Inadequate Faced with these facts, Roosevelt and his critics give us two answers neither of them justified by the facts. Roosevelt still argues that we can spend our way to prosperity. He is clearly right in believing that no important item of government expenditure should be greatly diminished. But his own argument for an increase of WPA funds, finished, has shown beyond any doubt that the success of pump priming the pump will make a continuance of the process unnecessary. As I write the business index is falling again. The only new thing the administration has to offer—unless it be armament-economics—is the sort of olive branch to private business which Secretary of Commerce Hopkins tentatively held out.

The president's critics, in and out of his own party, are alarmed that an indefinite continuance of an unbalanced budget will lead to repudiation or inflation. On psychological as well as economic grounds, they are right although they are too pessimistic concerning the time limits under which the country can manage an unbalanced budget. But when the president's critics say that all that is necessary is "to restore confidence" by "balancing the budget," reducing taxes, and giving a freer hand to business without much government regulation, those critics talk dangerous nonsense.

A Return to Hoover At best they want to restore the very system which under Hoover broke so badly in 1929. Nothing has been done in the realm of domestic or foreign politics to remove the causes which brought us the Great Depression. Government savings are likely to be at the expense of the unemployed and the poor generally. None of the great capitalist countries in the world has shown any ability to absorb the army of the unemployed except by war or frantic preparation for war.

At this stage of capitalism, unemployment is a universal chronic ailment and is only alleviated by state intervention. Even conservative governments, like the Roman emperor's old, have to keep the masses quiet by some provision of bread and circuses, and Roosevelt's successor, Republican or conservative Democrat, will be no exception. He will find that he cannot safely balance his budget at the expense of the unemployed and the poor, but in the attempt he may increase the sum total of human misery. And he will invite the coming of a real American Fascism based on some demagogic appeal to the envy and prejudice of the "little men."

# Majority of CIO Delegates Pledge Support for Unity

**Young Socialists Sign Up Delegates Representing 110,000**

By a Special Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.—Members of the Young Peoples' Socialist League of this city got busy at the state CIO convention here last week and signed up delegates representing 110,000 out of the 150,000 CIO unionists in the state, on the petition of the "Committee of a Million for Unity" of the AFL and CIO.

This response to the year and a half old petition launched by Kenosha Labor and the Sheboygan Times in Wisconsin explains one of the very good reasons why President Roosevelt, last week felt it was good politics to launch a peace proposal identical with the request of the unity petition.

**Petition Launched in 1937**

The petition which was launched just before the first unity negotiations between AFL and CIO at the end of 1937 is a petition of union members in both groups to their officers to meet and stay in conference "until such time as they can establish a united labor movement capable of organizing the still unorganized millions."

The Young Socialists under the leadership of Leo Leopold did not stop with getting delegates representing a majority of the workers in the state CIO but proceeded to sign up in addition the various local, state and international union officers visiting the convention. Signers included representatives of steel, textile, rubber, shoe, electrical and radio, furniture, maritime, shipbuilding, leather, petroleum, sugar, Amalgamated Clothing, ladies garment and United Mine workers.

**Out to Get 2,000 Signers**

Teachers, printers and postoffice clerks of the AFL were among the signers. With 250 signatures to their credit the Springfield YPSL are out to run their total of Springfield and convention unionists on record for unity up to 2,000.

Powers Haggood, president of the national YPSL and former national vice-chairman of the Socialist party was among the speakers at the convention as were James Carey, secretary, John Brophy, director of the CIO, and Father Francis Haas. Much of the convention was devoted to expression and organization of opposition to the proposed changes in the National Labor Relations act, and the invitation to Sen. David Walsh to speak to the convention was cancelled to protest his sponsorship of the amendments generally endorsed by the AFL in their drive to hold up their end of the labor relations strike.

**C. P. Up to Old Tricks**

It was most regrettable that the Communist party in a frantic drive to consolidate its power, which will be sharply undermined by genuine labor unity, was permitted to continue to fill convention seats with delegates from paper locals of office workers and non-union paying miscellaneous local unions. This representation enabled them to defeat a sharp anti-war and anti-militarist resolution by an alliance with some innocently reactionary American legion elements among the delegates and to create and fill a new office of legislative agent, a full time office without pay, a set up for CP payroll control.

# Bourgeois Democrats Bury Spain

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That English-French military circles were opposed to non-intervention and favored aid to the Republicans against the Germans and Italians—for strategic reasons, of course. But they had to yield to pressure from other sources.

The Republicans could not secure help, because the democracies are in a defensive position, and in addition, their freedom is limited by the power of big business. Therefore, their dilly-dallying with London, Rome, Paris, Geneva conferences resulted finally in the appearance of Franco at the Pyrenees.

**A Horrible Picture**

At the Pyrenees the Franquist pursued the Spanish republican refugees like hunted animals toward the French frontier. These fled by the ten thousands, arriving in France under the most incredible of circumstances. The highways were filled with endless lines of struggling women, children on their arms, old men leaning on sticks, fatigued and starved after three years of war.

The horrible picture they composed was strangely reminiscent of Dostoyevski's description of Tsarist Siberia, with this difference, that these horrors were transpiring in modern times. The exodus occurred in bitter cold and snow, through the dead of night, over mountains, forests and fields.

**Planes Attack Refugees**

The thick lines would suddenly scurry in fright as an occasional lorry drove past with lights shaded, lest it be picked up by the searchlights of the Fascist planes, that were constantly circling above and frequently swooping low to harass the refugees. One can imagine the effect of all this upon the physical and emotional condition of the hounded refugees, particularly the impressionable children among them.

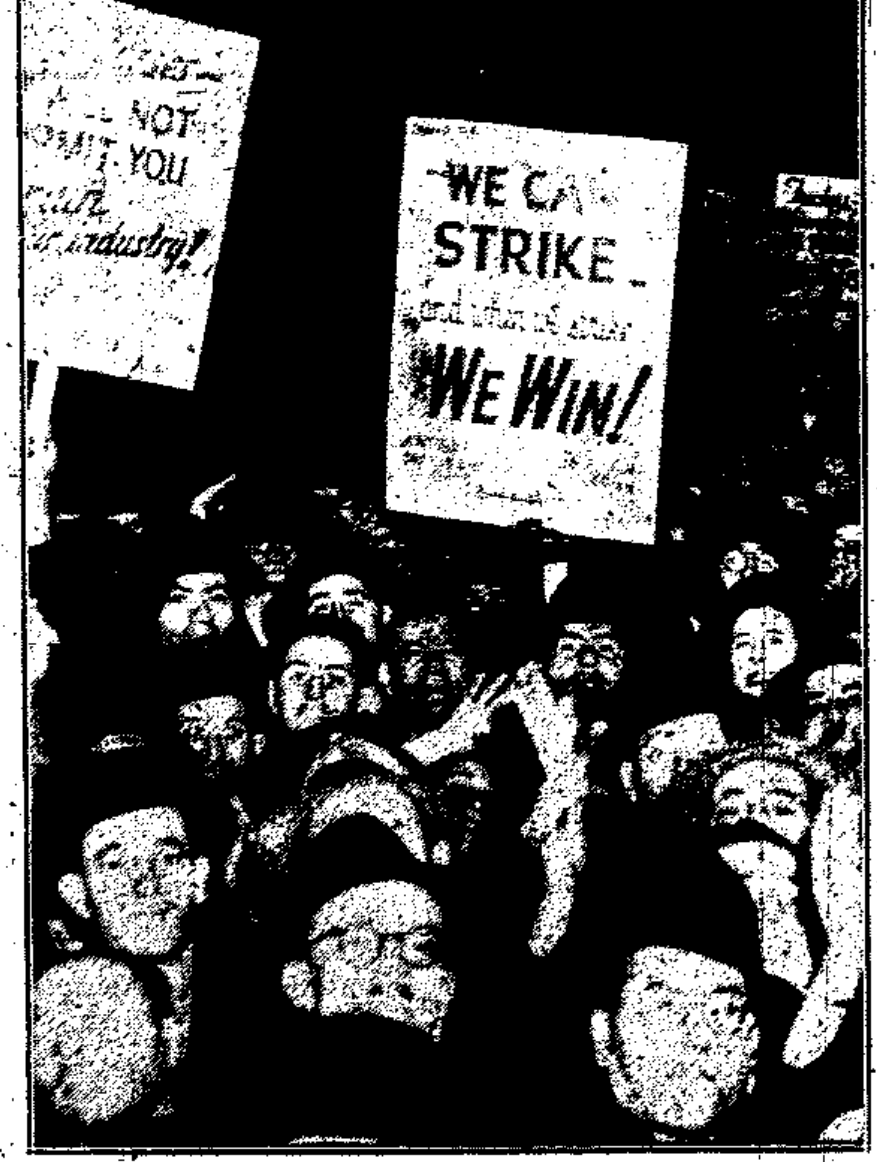
One mother, who fled with four children, one of whom died on the way, told French reporters when she arrived, "I don't know what politics are all about. But if I had to live there, these barbarians who machine-gunned us from airplanes as we were fleeing, if I had to live among them, well, rather a bullet here for me," and she pointed to her forehead.

**Chamberlain's Brotherly Love**

The republican soldiers followed the example of the civilian population, and fled wherever resistance seemed useless. Catalonia, thanks to Chamberlain, faced the well-equipped fascists virtually without guns. Now these brave men are living in French concentration camps. Mr. Chamberlain and company can now sit back contented that they succeeded in duping a whole world with non-intervention, and they can continue to preach "brotherly love" and "world peace."

In the meantime comes the news that wherever Franco sets his foot, wholesale massacres are taking place in the dead of night. The unfortunate anti-fascists who have fallen in Franquist hands are being executed by the thousands in obscure places. The tragedy of a whole people!

# Garment Workers Protest



Some of the 13,000 demonstrators from the International Ladies Garment Workers' union who protested the policy of New York truck owners in hauling nonunion dresses. Mayor F. H. La Guardia has named a fact-finding committee.

# Medical Problems Headlines Racine Co-Op Conference

**Indicts High Cost Of Medical Care; 107 Delegates Attend**

RACINE—An inspiring talk by Dr. Michael Shadid, Sunday evening, was the highlight of the three-day sessions of the Institute on organized labor and cooperatives held at Co-op hall on Feb. 23, 24 and 25.

He indicted modern medical practice for being "too costly," for "inefficiency," "fee splitting," etc. He stated that 25 per cent of U. S. citizens received medical care on a charity basis and that another 50 per cent receive inadequate care due to the high cost.

He condemned the American Medical Association for doing nothing about the commercializing of the medical profession and also for its efforts to smash the Elk City, Okla., co-op hospital of which he is the head surgeon.

"Too many doctors," he stated, "operate on the theory that a rich man's pain in the side needs a surgical operation. . . . While a poor man needs only a dose of salts."

He explained that between 2,100 and 2,200 member families own and control the Elk City hospital. Since it was established in 1929 the cost of medical care has not only been reduced to members of the co-op but also to non-members living in the western part of Oklahoma. Other doctors have had to lower their charges to conform with the

prices charged at the co-op hospital.

Space will not permit a complete account of his speech but one interesting fact that he did mention was that one-third of the deaths in the United States were preventable. The high cost of medical care causes most persons to refrain from seeing their doctor until it is absolutely necessary and thus minor ailments develop into major illnesses.

There were 107 registered delegates from 12 cities in Wisconsin, five cities in Illinois and a total of six states. There were also in attendance during the three-day session several hundred observers and visitors. The following states were represented: Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, New York and Washington, D. C.

The Institute was opened with talks by Henry Ohl, Jr., president of the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor, and Jacob Baker, president of the United Federal Workers of America.

Ohl stated that the state federation had always urged its members to support the principle of consumer-co-operation so the people may "enjoy the means to live without being compelled to pay tribute to some non-contributor at every point in the struggle for existence."

**Youth**

BY SUE LANDON JONES

You say that my eyes are much too sad  
For one so young in years;  
You chide me and say I should live in joy  
Not mask my youth in tears.

You tell me that youth is the greatest gift  
That the gods have seen fit to bestow,  
That gladly you'd part with some of your wealth  
If, young in years, you could grow.

You repeat again that it isn't right  
To sulk or s' a trivial thing  
For I am young, you remind me again  
And, therefore, my heart should sing.

You're amazed and shocked when I laugh out loud  
At the lovely phrases you use;  
I am much too bitter, you repeat once more,  
'Suppose my youth I should lose?

You tell me to pray and hope and work  
For there is a God on high  
Who is just and good and you are sure  
He'll watch o'er me from the sky.

What right have you to condemn my laugh  
What right my bitterness to chide?  
My life and yours are as far apart  
As the ocean is deep and wide.

Have you ever tramped the streets and searched  
For a chance to earn some bread,  
And walked and walked in a chilling rain  
'Til your heart seemed to weigh like lead?

Have you ever cursed the day of your birth  
— And waited for hours in a line  
And prayed to God for a chance to live  
And to earn an honest dime?

It is foolish to ask, I know your reply,  
You belong to the class you have got;  
While I, unfortunate as that I am,  
Belong to the class you have not.

'Tis funny, for when you stop to think  
I am part of the laboring mass  
Who builds your house and sews your clothes  
Yet, you are the privileged class!

You live by taking away from me  
The wealth my own hands have wrought;  
And when you desire you cast me aside—  
Cheaper labor can always be bought.

But take heed to what I am saying now  
'Twill not for long be so:  
There will come a time and it is coming soon  
When you and your kind must go.

My laughter will ring with the joy that it should  
For when the workers unite  
A new world will be born from the dust of the old  
From the darkness will come the bright light.

No longer will children be hungry and cold,  
Men will enjoy the things they produce;  
Privation and care will be cast to the winds  
When we have PRODUCTION FOR USE!

# Auto Workers Loyal to CIO Body

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Automotive Manufacturers' Association recently made some startling statements in a highly significant press conference. He predicted Martin's defeat explained that the auto companies want a quick settlement one way or the other, said that of course Martin was "easier to deal with" and in this sense was preferred by the manufacturers, but that in any case the companies would be satisfied to deal with whatever union actually represents the workers in the shops.

Charges by Martin that the CIO high command is out to dominate the UAW, deny it autonomy and in general sell the auto workers to the Communist party, Moscow and the World Revolution are missing their mark increasingly. The CIO is making clear not only in words but in action that it wants autonomy not only for the UAW, as an international but for the locals within the UAW which Martin tried to run without regard to the desires of the membership.

**Want Speedy Solution**

There is every reason to believe that the sooner the CIO leaders can forget about UAW troubles, the better they will like it.

Charges of Communist domination have increasingly less weight. Already the domination of a Communist group, the CPO or Lovestone group, has been completely broken. A letter issued to the membership, by Murray and Hillman makes clear not only that the CIO opposes CPO control of the UAW but opposes Communist party control with equal vigor. This too is being amply demonstrated by the CIO people in their work.

**C. P. Can't Dominate**

Despite rumors, charges and fears, Communist domination of the UAW either at the next convention or soon thereafter is generally accepted as an impossibility. Even if the CIO leaders took no hand, the rank and file of the UAW would make this true.

# Young Socialists Stage Demonstration For Spain's Workers

**Denounce Hitler, Mussolini, Daladier, Chamberlain**

NEW YORK CITY—The growing Young People's Socialist League organization staged a demonstration against the "four little angels of peace"—Hitler, Mussolini, Daladier and Chamberlain—here last week and four of their members were arrested by the "liberal" La Guardia's cops.

Led by black-clothed, caped and hooded youths, symbolizing the dark menace of Europe's four fascist and pro-fascist leading characters, 150 Yipsels picketed the French and British consulates in Rockefeller center. The demonstrators called upon France and England to refuse recognition of the fascist government in Spain and demanded the lifting of the United States embargo on Loyalist Spain.

Will Merin, executive secretary of the New York YPSL said: "It is a sad commentary on a city administration, which allows fascists to wear their hateful uniforms, but won't allow Socialists to demonstrate against fascism. This is a challenge to all liberals and progressives. Since when does the administration and the police department show such favorable partiality to fascists?"

The Yipsels distributed 100,000 leaflets throughout the city which called upon the people of New York City to join the struggle against fascism. Some of the Yipsel slogans read: "No Recognition of Fascist Spain," "England Talks Democracy — Gives Spain Slavery," "Open French Doors to Spanish Refugees," "At Madrid—No Pasaron," "The Spanish Workers Will Carry on."

**Robin Myer Defense Fund**

The Young People's Socialist League thanks those comrades who have helped pay the fine, which was levied against its national student director, Robin Myer, for picketing activity.

The fine was paid because New York and Washington comrades were willing to dig down and lend the money. It still is necessary to raise money to pay off these loans. However the danger that Comrade Myer will be imprisoned is past, because of the sacrifice of these few comrades.

The following contributions have been received to date in response to an appeal in the February 25 SOCIALIST CALL: They are most gratefully acknowledged:

Circle 2-8 Seniors Bronx	.....\$1.25
Circle 1-11 Seniors Bronx	..... 2.00
P. S. L. Office, N. Y. C.	..... 2.50
Samson Horn, N. Y. C.	..... 5.00
Louis Uffner, New York	..... 1.00
Rochele, N. Y.	..... 1.00
B. Sokoloff, Brooklyn, N. Y.	..... 3.00
Al Hamilton, Newark, N. J.	..... 5.00
Ex-Com Mingers Club, Chicago	..... 2.50
Janet Greig, Cleveland, O.	..... 3.00
Herman Weika, Thiensville, Wis.	..... 1.00
Norman Thomas	..... 10.00
Total	..... \$37.25

**FRENCH TAIL ATTORNEY**

PARIS—Dr. Erick Frey, the attorney who defended men accused in the slaying of Horst Wessel, Nazi hero, was sentenced to six months imprisonment for violating a decree expelling him from France. Frey fled from Berlin to Paris in 1933. He was ordered to leave France last August.

# Unified Socialist Local Established in Reading; Veterans Rejoin Party

**Flay Boss Plans for War; Action Inspires Socialists Nationally**

READING, Pa.—After more than two years of division and misunderstanding among Socialists in this important working class and Socialist center, a unified and determined Socialist local is again functioning in Berks county. The national executive committee of the Socialist party recently confirmed the revocation of the charter of an old group of party members who had completely lost their bearings in the course of fighting their fellow Socialists to the point where they defied instructions of state and national executive committees to support the straight Socialist ticket in Reading in the 1933 election.

Immediately following the revocation, the national executive committee meeting in Chicago authorized the issuance of a charter to close to a hundred Socialists headed by James H. Maurer and J. Henry Stump jointly with another group headed by Mark Brown, a national executive committeeman of the YPSL.

Jim Maurer Rejoins

Membership of the veteran applicants like Maurer and Stump was restored as of the time of the original break in August, 1936 and for the present by agreement, these comrades will maintain dues paying membership in the Social Democratic federation as well as the Socialist party, pending outcome of unity negotiations nationally between the Socialist party USA and the Socialist Democratic federation.

at a first regular meeting of the unified local Berks in the Labor Lyceum on Sunday, Feb. 26, the following officers were elected: Nathan Dettler, organizer; Mark Brown, assistant organizer; Emanuel Switkes (a former national secretary of the YPSL) recording secretary, and Richard Mengel, financial secretary.

**Executive Committee**

Executive committee is composed of Raymond Hofes, George Rhodes, Darlington Hoopes, Miles Williams, Mark Brown, Lorraine Herzog and Raymond Murling.

Registration of the local is proceeding apace and the majority of the local is already registered. The local meeting while in session received a congratulatory telegram from the Socialist Pennsylvania state committee which was mailed in Pittsburgh at the same time, notifying the local of the national executive committee and expressing good wishes.

The Berks local meeting adopted resolutions calling for uniting opposition to the plans of the bosses and for local affiliation and vigorous support of the Keep America Out of War congress, for carrying the unity-re-established in Reading to its logical conclusion and for legislation to outlaw political uniforms and military formations such as the Bund and other would-be Fascist groups.

# GREETINGS!

BY GERRY ALLARD  
Editor, Socialist Call

The magnanimous action of the Berks county, Pennsylvania, Socialists in reuniting their ranks will serve to inspire Socialist activists nationally. Occupying at a time when our Spanish fellow workers and comrades are being ground under the iron heel of fascism, the action is a fine example of Socialist loyalty and responsibility.

It is a fool who cannot see the handwriting on the wall. European fascism is casting its sinister shadows on the American soil, not through the German Bund nor the blatherheads Coughlin, but in the vast army of forgotten American workers and farmers who are restless under the yoke of 11 years of mass unemployment which has uprooted them from established traditions.

Coupled with the fast militarization of the United States and we have a full-blown pro-fascist situation that spells ultimate totalitarianism in America.

Socialist unity is not the dream of sentimentalists. It is a crying need that must be answered with deeds. It is a vehicle of action with which a united Socialist and labor movement can prevent the crystallization of dangerous fascist forces in this country.

Socialist unity is the first prerequisite for labor unity and united workers and farmers action. The Reading comrades have taken the lead in this direction not by talking about it but by doing it. To them the Socialist movement owes a debt of gratitude.

Welcome home, Reading Socialists!

# It's the Miner Who Pays for Coal Industry

# Unemployed Desert C. P. Alliance

Figures Show 50,000 Miners Killed in U. S. Mines Since 1900

BY GERRY ALLARD  
Editor, Socialist Call

Slaughter in the coal mines of the United States continues. Last year, the United States bureau of mines reported 1,228 miners lost their lives in American coal mines. The bureau reports that the fatality rate stood at 29 deaths per million tons produced, whatever that is supposed to prove.

More tragic figures is the fact that since the turn of the century 50,000 coal miners have been slaughtered in the United States. This constitutes a larger number than there were American soldiers killed in action in the World War.

Coal mining by nature is a hazardous industry, but it is more hazardous by the economic and competitive forces of capitalism. This is especially pronounced in the coal mining industry where for 20 years has been in a tremely chaotic condition. Greater efficiency in the use of coal, substitution of oil, gas, power, gas and other by-products of the violent production of the miner in the mines and other factors all tend to create a need for men and mines.

**Neglect Safety Devices**

Under the rules of capitalism a coal operator spends his money on safety devices and prevents his more favorably situated brethren. The result is that the deaths of miners are needed.

There are good safety laws in many states, the detached pedant might be prone to say and that is nothing more than what can be done to lower fatalities. There are plenty of good mine laws, but for all practical purposes they remain on the statute books and are often unenforced.

I recall a few years ago when I headed a committee from a mine employing 473 men which petitioned a high official of the Illinois department of mines to do something about the extremely dangerous conditions in the mines. The official refused to clean the dust out of the roadways; this created a hard ripe for an explosion. The state official responded by saying that his heart bled for the miners but that if he enforced the laws the operator would shut down his mine as it was too expensive to clean the roadways. "There too many people out of work now," he said, shrugging his shoulders lamentably.

**Miners Strike**

We continued to work under these conditions for a few weeks because the miners are fed and it took a lot of agitation to convince the men that the mine was "hot" and we should go to the pit to explode any day.

The miners were finally convinced that an explosion was imminent, they struck. The operator blamed the strike on agitators and the public indignation. The miners let the pit remain indignant but they could not load another pound of coal until some employer couple of hundred dollars to the roadways and improve ventilation.

Even now many reactions are agitating the farmers and small town folk who pay exorbitant prices for coal that the industrial workers, especially miners, are a dissatisfied lot, they are preparing to strike again, and that the high cost of it is due to labor unions.

**Low Earnings**

Let these same folk who pay the high price be informed that they pay \$8 for a ton of coal, the miner who produces it gets between 10 to 15 per cent of commodity price in wages. The miners in the coal fields of Illinois are a little better than during 1933. In the Gillespie field, which is one of the best sections, earnings averaged \$300, or less than \$16 a week.

The American consumer can be informed that the producer of coal work under extremely hazardous conditions and that reward as an existence is paid. So when the miners ask for a cent raise this spring and coal operators begin to shout derision and threaten to lower pay, and that remember too, 50,000 of their fellows were in the past 35 years who have been killed in the coal industry could secure to operate its basic and machines.

can strike a death blow at the system of imperialist exploitation. The strike against war by the miners is their answer to the preparations of the government and their declaration of solidarity with progressive forces throughout the world. Students allied with stop war. Students allied with stop war. Students allied with the fight against war are to be reckoned with. This strike against war, is the answer of young Socialists for the time being. It is a dress rehearsal of the mass demonstration of workers. Crisis is very near, our united strength can conquer it. Make the strike a strike against the war!

# Young Socialists at Work

**THE STUDENT STRIKE AGAINST WAR**

BY ROBIN MYERS

While the halls of congress are filled with new armament plans, secret alliances with foreign powers, rumors of military training for the CCC, a determined and deliberate drive to bring the United States to the side of France and England in imminent war, students all over the United States have planned their fifth strike against war and against the war preparations of the Roosevelt administration. On April 20 at 11 a. m. they will leave their classes in a strike which is their dress rehearsal for refusal to support the government of the United States in any war it may undertake.

The world seemed very close to war and destruction in 1934, when 25,000 students dared to conduct the first strike of this kind. Hitler had come to power in Germany, the most vicious onslaught of fascism yet experienced. The seizure of Manchuria had exposed and destroyed the League of Nations as an impartial and altruistic power. Arms budgets were soaring and throughout the world youth were on the march, goose-stepping again.

In the United States, students attacked militarization of the campus through reserve officers' training corps; American imperialism in Latin America; plans for industrial mobilization and dictatorship in time of war. And they gave their pledge not to support the government in war which was the repetition of the old imperialist conflicts. Against reactionary opposition and persecution from school authorities, from patriots, the governmental and military sources, the strike continued and grew in militancy.

**Fight Fascism and War**

At the time of the first strike, there was unity among progressive forces against imperialism, against militarism, against dictatorship. But in succeeding years a new devil theory of war grew up. Fascism was the cause of war, and all forces must be united against it, even those of the democratic capitalist states. The pro-war theory of throwing fascist imperialism, capitalism against democratic imperialism had its strongest supporter in the Comintern, which saw its chief enemy in fascist Germany and Japan, and felt it could no longer rely upon the international working class for the defense of the Soviet Union.

But it crippled the working class further by the demand that it support alliances of the democracies against the fascist powers, and the military machines of capitalism which were the teeth of the alliances. The anti-war movement began to turn into a pro-war movement. A part of the anti-fascist movement began to adopt a policy which was sure to bring fascism to the political forefront.

The student anti-war movement felt the shock of this change. A year ago the American Student Union under Student Government dropped the Oxford pledge and called for economic sanctions against the fascist powers. This year it advocates "national defense." The strike dropped in militancy and numbers as its purpose changed.

**Strike With YCAW**

But the rallying of anti-war forces in the youth movement behind the Youth Committee against War has halted this trend, and students this year again take the offensive against war and militarism. The strike is again a dress rehearsal, promising that Roosevelt's war for democracy will not



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The UAW Weathers Another Storm

Socialists helped to build the United Automobile Workers of America and at every critical point have strived to protect the unity, militancy and the spirit of the auto union.

During the critical strike days, Socialist auto workers as well as Socialists in other auto groups did all in their power to bring about the historic victories over the great automobile manufacturers.

Now when an effort is being made with the aid of Ford and Coughlin and through the personality of Homer Martin to disrupt the auto workers' union, Socialists again take their stand—against dual unionism as espoused by Martin and his aides.

The Socialist party does not interfere with the affairs of the UAW. But the many auto workers who are Socialists fight for real unionism in the tradition of that great fighter for industrial unionism and labor solidarity, Eugene Victor Debs.

The CALL welcomes news from Detroit and other centers indicating that the UAW will weather this current storm. Backed by the CIO, the UAW is decisively defeating Martin's present policies.

The CALL sincerely hopes that the auto union will emerge from its Cleveland convention the end of this month stronger than ever, without factionalism gnawing at its vitals, ready to blaze once again a new trail for industrial unionism and progressive labor policies.

For more than a generation Socialists have fought as loyal unionists, braving prisons and thugs and blacklists to help build an ever stronger, ever more effective union of workers. Socialists cannot stand by idly when labor is in danger of losing its gains, whether that danger results from attacks by the employers or by an inner-cancer of factionalism and division. The fate of every worker depends in some part on the fate of the UAW.

Whether Homer Martin marches his forces into the AFL hoping that auto workers have forgotten the record of Green and Dillon in the automobile industry or whether Martin's group chooses to remain independent, every effort must be made to crush dual unionism and to establish unity among the auto workers once again.

To have real meaning, this unity must have a clear purpose—the organization of the great mass of unorganized automobile workers especially in the parts plants. A leadership truly representative of the union's membership and truly devoted to building new landmarks in the auto workers' search for greater security and greater happiness can achieve such unity.

Domination of the UAW by any individual or by any political group or clique will be disastrous at this time. Communist domination would be a special and a fatal disaster; it is good to know, that, Homer Martin to the contrary, there is no real likelihood of Communists controlling the UAW's affairs. Domination by the Socialist party or any other party group would not be desirable.

Those who fear that Socialists seek domination or that the active aggressive work of Socialist unionists in behalf of the UAW and CIO will lead to such domination can rest at ease. These are not the tactics of Socialists; they never have been; they will not be. Socialists attempt to build and develop and educate the labor movement; sectarian domination would defeat the Socialist hope that the union movement expand and promote an ever-increasing participation by the rank and file in the affairs of their movement.

The cause of democracy within the UAW will not be served by staging a massive popularity contest between individuals. Whether the Cleveland convention should or will adopt the procedure of referendum to elect officers, the present conflict between the UAW and Martin cannot be settled on the basis of a Homer Martin vs. R. J. Thomas referendum.

This is not an issue of personal leadership. The questions involved are deeper. Shall the UAW continue its affiliation with the CIO? Shall the UAW be ruled by one man or by an executive board and its periodic conventions? Shall the membership be the determining factor in the life of the union or shall its officials use back door negotiations and deals with employers as a means of clubbing the membership into line? These are the major issues at stake, not Martin vs. Thomas.

Democracy requires that the forms set up by the auto workers themselves be adhered to. The Cleveland convention is a legal convention, called at Martin's own request. Changes to the constitution can be proposed at this convention; election of officers by whatever procedure the auto workers choose is in order; resolutions on any matters deemed proper by the delegates will be in order.

That convention is the place to look for the solution of the important and vital problems faced by the organized auto workers of America.

Socialists and History

BY B. E. PHILLIPS

Socialists should be close students of history. Now the word history is employed in two different senses. In one sense history is the way the human race has come since its earliest beginnings up to the present moment. History is the aggregate of what the race has achieved on this long journey. History is motive, purpose, impulsion, being given form and body and substance as the race becomes more and more conscious of its self and of the world in which it lives.

Again, history is the record of how the race has found its way along the long road since its birth to this hour, and of what it has achieved during the ages that this journey has already spanned. Obviously this record is incomplete, inaccurate and inadequate. The record is not written down infallibly as achievement is attained.

It has to be extracted from all sorts of source materials. And these sources are seldom examined impartially and without prejudice. It is a unique historian indeed who does not start out to write the history of a period without certain definite principles and conclusions already formed, and which he bends facts to support and sustain.

Christian Histories Differ

This explains why Roman Catholic and Protestant histories of the Christian church are so different. A French and an English historian would vary greatly in their account of an historical era, in which both countries were vitally involved. Rupert Hughes' history of George Washington varies strikingly from the story of the father of his country as fed to school children. Defenders of capitalism set out a different philosophy of history than do the champions of Socialism.

Again, history is separated into strands like the wires of which a great cable are composed. There is, for instance, the history of music; the history of medicine; the history of religion; the history of transportation, and so on as long as one would wish to particularize.

Now it is important that Socialists take a good look at history in its meaning as racial achievement so that they may be able to get the record of this achievement straight. The race has been on its way a long time. It has come a long way. It has to its credit a great deal in the way of achievement. It presents striking variety in color, culture, energy, temperament, and a host of other factors.

Class Struggle Emerges

"Now," the alert Socialist asks, "is there a principle around which all the facts of history can be correlated, somewhat as beads are strung upon a cord?" The answer is "Yes." And the principle is this: that the movement of the race during the ages of its life has been more or less steadily, but none the less surely, toward the emancipation of the many from the iron grip of the powerful few.

Very early in the life of the race, the wily few learned that they could live at ease through the simple scheme of compelling the less crafty many to support them. The simplest form of this device is slavery; the ownership of one man by another. In Europe, feudalism ruled for centuries. Under this system a very large percentage of the people were fixtures on the land, with about as much freedom as the livestock.

In our day the plan is capitalism. Its machinery is rent, interest and profits. It works badly, even for the few, much of the time. But yet the few manage to live comfortably while the many have anything but a decent living. The significance of 10,000,000 or more unemployed in the 50,000,000 of 40,000,000, a large segment of the total population, are either in acute distress or on the verge of misery and suffering.

The Struggle for Socialism

There was little that slaves could do about slavery. It fell largely of its own cumbersome weight. There was little that the masses could do about feudalism. It, too, fell finally because it became outworn and inefficient. But the people can do literally everything about capitalism. It is within their power to replace it with a society of brotherhood in which production for use rather than profit shall function. But if the people are to effect the transition intelligently and effectively, they must thoroughly understand the fundamental principle of history that the movement of the race is toward the emancipation of the many from the rule of the few.

Negro slavery fell in this country. But the method by which the Negro was freed from chattel slavery was anything but intelligent and efficient. It hardly could have been more costly, less colored by the spirit of brotherhood, or more definitely divorced from the scientific principle of social progress. Capitalism will fall ultimately. But Socialists are deeply concerned that the transition from capitalism to Socialism shall be effected sanely and without the calamity and destruction that have attended great social transitions in the past.

Socialists need to know history—and to teach it to a society that is sadly in need of teaching.

GOODWILL DEPARTMENT

Armored motor cars for use of the British king and queen during their visit to Canada will probably be made in the United States.

After all of Premier Hepburn's attempts to keep the CIO out of Canada, it looks like George VI will ride in union made goods.

EXCUSE US

Leni Riefenstahl, Hitler's girl friend who came to the United States to visit Hollywood film producers, said on her return to Europe that she had a nice time everywhere in the United States—"except in Hollywood."

Wanamaker's department store in New York is displaying a new batch of rainy weather goods called "Chamberlains."

Those are the things you put up when you hear a bombing plane.

By Ruth Schechter

The Call's London Correspondent

For many years Sir Stafford Cripps has been the bad boy of the Labour party. Dubbed as an irresponsible but charming chameleon, he was frequently spanked in private or disowned in public for his extreme "left" views. When the ILP left the party, Sir Stafford remained to work in the late Socialist League for a more thoroughgoing Socialist program. Critical of the league of capitalist nations, forthright in his attack on the British empire, a lonely voice in the Labour party congress of 1936 in opposition to the application of governmental sanctions to Italy, Sir Stafford was regarded or disregarded as on the lunatic fringe.

Today Sir Stafford is again exercising the Labour party, but the issues are more serious and the roles are reversed; Sir Stafford is on the "right"; he has been expelled from the Labour party for his active advocacy of a people's front on a diluted program, while the Labour party bureaucrats have dusted off the "red flag" and resurrected pure socialism.

Sir Stafford is no longer naughty but nice. To his opponents he seems to be recklessly splitting the Labour party; to his followers he is the white hope of democracy.

Background

When Sir Stafford was not embarrassing the Labour leaders, the Labour leaders were embarrassing the rank and file. For years there has been discontent with the Labour party. It lacks an outstanding national personality. It has reversed itself in essential policy, e.g., rearmament and the general strike, within three years. It has sold controlling shares in its labour press, the Daily Herald, to a notorious capitalist publishing house, with the result that even the Daily Worker is more mealy than the Daily Herald. It lacks conviction and bows before the wind. When Chamberlain left for

The Supreme Court And the Sitdown

Last week newspapers headlined throughout the country the information that the United States supreme court in the *Faustel* case in North Chicago had declared the sit-down or occupational strike illegal, and denied the labor board the right to upset dismissals of workers for such illegal occupation of plants. In newspaper circles in commenting on elections in certain traditional strongholds, there is a cryptic phrase to describe this sort of "news." It is the laconic statement that "the Dutch carried Holland."

The same sentence goes for the event of the "liberalized" supreme court sitting down on the sit-down strike. There is no more reason for being surprised at the court action than there was at the action of President Roosevelt's secretary of labor and NRA administrator trying to break the 1934 San Francisco general strike.

Both the San Francisco strikes and the *Faustel* workers were driven to action in attempt to compel employers to comply with federal law, in one case section 7a and in the other its child the national labor relations act. In both cases the employers' defiance of the law was in effect making the law of no effect. In both cases the actual destruction of property and the physical violence came from the employers and their legal and illegal agents.

These matters are of secondary importance to the supreme court or any court in the United States. The nation's life depends on measurably continuous operation of its productive and service machinery. Government, courts, president and police representing the largest collective force in the community with all force at their disposal, must deal with any large scale stoppage of society's machinery.

In a strike there are two ways. Force the owners to grant labor's rights by talking over the operation of the machinery collectively or force the workers back to work. President Roosevelt, the supreme court, yes and the trade union movement of America, as spoken for by both Green and Lewis, accept the fundamental sacredness of private capitalism's administration of the nation's wealth.

The first splution in a major encounter is barred to them. The result is that labor's rights have been and remain secondary to the rights of private property of the few. Workers' rights to their jobs, their freedom, their very lives must in a test always take a back seat. Ninety-nine years ago American courts finally ruled that farming a union was not illegal in and of itself. Still today courts and legislatures premeditatedly try to cripple and even to take away the effect of that old legal victory.

Ninety-nine years more might see the sit-down strike almost as legal as unions themselves are today. Unfortunately we do not have that much time. The private owners who have their sacred property rights can't keep their mouths going any more in a society of scarcity for the many who can produce plenty for all. Unless organized labor passes beyond Mr. Roosevelt and the supreme court and its own present philosophy to adopt a Socialist program of democratic, cooperative collective production for use, an iron fitted bureaucratic state machine of fascism will destroy labor's rights and hopes for a better day.

It's Up to Us

It's up to us Socialists. Capitalism has collapsed. It is now but the mere shell of its former self. Harding, Coolidge, Hoover—their generation is dead, dead and buried. Capitalism cannot be revived by men who are themselves dead. But around the fainting form of capitalism a new set of would-be revivors fuss and fume, trying to impart new vitality and to dress it in an up-to-date costume.

These new first aid mechanics are popularly known as the new dealers. But they are little more efficient than the lumbering, blundering old guard that tumbled into the tomb upon the exit of Hoover from the white house. Puzzled lieutenants of capitalism like Vandenberg, Knox and Landon are probably sincerely happy that the new dealers and not themselves are applying the impotent-smelling salts to the once powerful giant.

But it is tragic to sit by and enjoy the futility of the whole revival scheme, whether conducted by old guard or new dealers. In the old world there is abundant evidence of the several sorts of things that can happen when capitalism collapses with nobody around to lead the way to safer heights and logical solutions. This nation cannot endure much longer under a moribund sick capitalism. Confusion now reigns and soon there will be added to it chaos and calamity. And in the darkness of catastrophe anything can happen—Sinclair Lewis to the contrary notwithstanding.

And so it's up to us Socialists. Ours is the true philosophy of economics: that the producers should own the tools and resources of production; that production should be carried on for service and not for profit. But when capitalism shall have gasped its last breath, with the new dealers at the bedside, with the old guard out in the corridor, what will we Socialists be able and ready to do about it?

There is one thing that we can do; and it must be done quickly and effectively. We can organize and carry on a tremendous campaign of education. Some of us have been more or less active Socialists for ten, twenty, thirty, or even longer periods of years. We are all, regardless of how long we have been Socialists, now living in a new generation that saw capitalism rise to the heights of its power and achievement. Indeed, it is a generation that is witnessing the decline and death of this same capitalism. Can this generation be won to Socialism? Will we make the effort to win it to Socialism? Or will we stand listlessly by while the country drifts into the gulf in which Germany and Italy now wallow, and be content merely to say "We told you so?"

Godesberg, it wished him "Godspeed."

But the real rub of the discontent is in the nature of the party organization. While the Jimmy Higgins' work is done by the constituency, local labour parties, with about 400,000 individual members, the policy of the party is determined by the trade union bloc controlling almost two million votes. This does not mean rank and file trade unionists.

Small Meeting Attendance

Perhaps 3 per cent of the trade union membership attend meetings; the remainder pay their dues. Nor are the 2 per cent encouraged to consider political questions. A trade union is a trade union, and its problems are industrial. Nevertheless, that does not deter Bevin of the Transport and General Workers' union (611,000 votes) nor Dukes of the General and Municipal Workers' union (405,359 votes) nor Marshbanks of the National Union of Railway Men (384,356 votes), entrenched and unbolstered oldtimers, from determining national policy for the Trade Union Congress and consequently for the Labour party. Recently when Mr. Bevin disagreed, he threatened to withdraw his union. He did not suggest that he would consult his membership.

Dissatisfaction Within Ranks

Although at the 1937 congress of the Labour party, the constituency labour parties succeeded in effecting a reform giving them their own representatives on the executive council, they are still a minority, and as such still find themselves ineffectual in determining the party's program. It is in the constituency labour parties that Sir Stafford's strength lies.

Side by side with this growing dissatisfaction in the Labour party is the recent ideological change in the thinking of European Socialists. Hitler's advent has pushed to the fore the defense of democracy even in the pseudo capitalist form, and has relegated Socialism

Little Essays In Socialism

BY JOHN M. WORE

In a copy of the Cooperative Builder I saw a headline which said cooperation is a historical necessity, and in the same number there was a letter containing the sentence, "Rugged individualism is simply the law of the jungle."

I said to myself, "Those two sentences are worth the price of the paper to anyone who really absorbs them."

It is well to differentiate between individuality and individualism.

Individuality has reference to the personal qualities of the individual, and it is something very desirable, for this would be a humdrum world if all individuals were alike. Individualism is largely crushed by capitalism, whereas Socialism will give it a chance to develop.

Individualism has reference to a social order—the existing social order, variously called capitalism, the competitive system, and the profit system—in which the rule is everyone for himself and the devil take the hindmost. It is indeed the law of the jungle.

It was natural enough that rugged individualism should exist so long as men were not under necessity to cooperate. The development of machinery has made them work together and has made them dependent upon one another. To attempt to maintain the social order of individualism under these circumstances is both absurd and tragic. It throws the whole works out of gear and causes the paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty.

Thus machinery makes it a historical necessity that human beings should cooperate. There is no other way out of the tragedy of poverty and abundance side by side. As soon as we can make a majority of the people see this, they will insist upon having the benign system of Socialism.

How I Became A Socialist

BY RUBEN FOX

Féncé, Wis.

(This is the third of a series of articles on "How I Became a Socialist." The previous articles were written by a New Yorker and an Indianan. This week a young Wisconsin tells his story. The SOCIALIST CALL invites members of the Socialist party to contribute stories on this subject for publication.)

Living in an isolated rural area as I do, the subject of political affiliation did not become paramount in early age, except at irregular intervals. One of those was election time, the other during depressions, or when some incidental catastrophe added its potency toward denunciation of existing conditions.

When election rolls around and the kids at school would be saying, "Rube, what's your folks voting for, the elephants or the donkeys?" "So, of course, I'd ask at home. "Ma, are we elephants or are we donkeys?"

No, We Are Socialists

But they said, "No, honey, we are Socialists and Norman Thomas must win for president." Thus I learned at an early age that I was a radical, a disseater, and an internationalist. The talk of the table and in the household naturally reflected the Socialist opinion on everyday affairs, and though my father did not necessarily force his political and economic view upon us he had happily supplied us with excellent books upon the matter. My boyhood environment responded happily to contact with essays upon such subjects as evolution, ethics, and political economy.

Campaigned for Turner

In the 1934 gubernatorial election, I received temporary enthusiasm by some excellent pamphlets and Upton Sinclair's "Letters to Judd." I learned the value of campaign action by helping to win for Glenn Turner in our town, 64 to 34. (Turner was then a Nonpartisan candidate for state supreme court.)

In 1936 I helped keep my parents loyal Socialists by again voting for Thomas, though many of the liberals forook broader ends for assurance of temporary gains. But it was only during the past year since graduating from high school that I received my more complete introduction to Socialism. It came in a highly intellectual form through contact with the works of such brilliant writers as Jack London, Upton Sinclair, Arthur M. Lewis, Gaylord Wilshire, Walter Thomas Mills, Robert Blatchford and various others of the old school.

Fortunate to Be a Socialist

Also works on adjacent and supplementary ideas by men such as Darwin, Spencer, Morgan, etc. Need I say that I consider being a Socialist the most fortunate thing in my life? It has (Socialism) relieved me of numerous degrading prejudices and influences that assail the average mind, as well as affording me an excellent general education which I consider superior to any college course. I shall continue this education to the fullest degree possible in the next three years. Even then on even as now, in gratitude of my indebtedness to Socialism I plan to spend the remainder of my life in the service of the party, in which ever way seems most appropriate.

The Forum

Likes YPSL Article

To the Editor of the Call: It seems to me that the SOCIALIST CALL business. The very fine variety of reading less through every paragraph with interest. Socialists at Work" by Lewis Conn took my Articles on loyalty and discipline were excellent.

Here in Milwaukee we have a splendid youth movement, but someone or another we not placed it into action. I shall never forget year's parade down the avenue to the tune of a people's chorus. Our YPSL band of 45 pieces, a good unit, well organized and trained and it was sensation for the Socialist cause.

A couple days later the YPSL glee club was another gathering on the lake front and won a praise. We also need a fine dramatic club for productions, also one or more good labor plays. try to stop us!

J. P. Milwaukee, Wis.

Freedom of Religion

To the Editor of the Call:

I enclose herewith a dollar bill as a contribution to the SOCIALIST CALL. I am glad you published Norman Thomas' article entitled, "Freedom of Religion." I was glad to read Thomas attack the church, particularly the Catholic church—for its hostility to freedom of thought. I agree with Thomas that should tax the church properties. It is terrible that the Fascists and their Catholic allies have strait Spain. Where is God that permits such cruelty for liberty and reason.

Anders S. Soreng, Wolf Creek, Wis.

Questions to Coughlin

To the Editor of the Call:

I should like to ask Coughlin the following questions: 1. Why is Hitler ridding hospitals of Catholics? 2. Will Coughlin explain why radicalism is on increase in Mexico, Chile, Spain, Austria, Italy France where the Catholic religion is the dominant religion? 3. Why under Catholic education Mexican children are 70 per cent illiterate? 4. Father E. Harold Smith in "Commonwealth" the church in Europe has lost the working class. 5. Why was the Catholic church one of the heaviest losers in the Wall Street "crash" of 1929? 6. Coughlin says the issue is Fascism or Communism. If he has to choose he indicates the 21,000,000 Catholics will choose Fascism. What does he think the majority of 109,000,000 Americans will do?

W. J. E. Milwaukee, Wis.

On John L. Lewis

To the Editor of the Call:

Enclosed clipping is from the "Industrial Worker" if there is any logical argument against it please cut it with it.

You know the record of John L. Lewis as head of the UMWA stinks, so why deceive your readers sympathizers.

Conditions as they exist in Illinois and through the coal fields were brought about by no other Lewis and his clique. Socialists, like other political groups, cannot learn from experience since they entangled in the webs of politics, too. With revolutionary greetings,

M. Sedar, Grumee, Ill.

The CALL does not defend Lewis' past neither does it believe that the terrible economic conditions in the coal fields were caused by him, however powerful he may be. People who sign up with revolutionary greetings ought to know more capitalism before they advocate revolution.—The Editor

From Mac To Hague, Jr.

To the Editor of the Call:

I have sent the following letter to Frank Hague, Dear Junior:

So soon you will become a judge of the New Jersey court of errors and appeals. Here indeed is a mile in the history of New Jersey jurisprudence. I re how pleased your daddy must be with this appointment and I hope he will find time to get up from bed to be present at your induction.

I, too, have a junior, age 7, who like you is eminently qualified to don the Jersey ermine, and I trust you will put in a good word for him with our distinguished governor in order that his daddy may be pleased. I am now preparing a biographical sketch to be entitled "All That He Is Today He Owe to His Father and What Governor Moore Owe His to Nobody Knows," and in this connection it may necessary to call upon you for further details as to acquisition of that degree tendered you by the southern college whose name both you and I unfortunately forgotten.

At all events at the outset of what assuredly be the growth of the fairest judicial rose in Garden State," will you accept the hearty congratulations of a layman who looks forward to years of errors but few appeals.

I am about to make a tour of New Jersey in the auspices of the Workers' Defense League to pay to the youth of Jersey the inspiring details of a rapid rise to juridical honors.

It will indeed be an inspiration to our youth think how you coned your Blackstone before burning logs in the remote Deal cabin of your distinguished father, or how in the boulevard apartment you nightly had by heart the dissents of Justice Holmes, Brandeis and Cardozo.

Youth must be served and the fact that you out at Princeton in your sophomore year need you no questions. I see that another princely heir, Fumitaro Komoyo, son of former Japanese Emperor Fumihito Komoyo, who was also ousted at Princeton, is now a dean of the Japanese-speak Tungwen college in Shanghai.

REALISTER COLEMAN

Sir Stafford and the Labour Party

as a practical measure to the background. The more violent are Hitler's antics, the more obsessed with saving the status quo and the more neglectful of internal domestic problems, unemployment, poverty, industrial autocracy, become the one-time "left" Socialists. Foreign policy has completely monopolized the stage.

Given this background, on the one hand, a lack of confidence in the Labour party, and on the other hand, a shift in emphasis from creating Socialism to saving democracy. The emergence of Sir Stafford becomes clear.

Cripps' Program

The essence of Cripps' program is "Chamberlain must go." But to insure the swift departure of Mr. Chamberlain and his "fifth column" of Tory aristocrats and city advisers who are trying to buy England into the Rome-Berlin axis, Sir Stafford contends that the Labour party alone will be too weak at the next general election. The Labour party must ally itself with the Liberal party, the Communist party, and "every genuine anti-government party or group of individuals" who would be prepared to give support, not to Labour's full program, but to the following minimum program:

- 1. Defend democracy—protect our democratic rights and liberties against attack at home and from abroad. 2. Plan for plenty—multiply the wealth of the nation by employing the unemployed on useful work; increase old-age pensions; ensure a higher standard of life, education, and leisure for old and young. 3. Secure our Britain—organize a peace alliance with France and Russia that will rally the support of the United States and every other peace-loving nation, and end the shameful policy which makes us a complies in the betrayal of the Spanish and Chinese people to Fascist aggression. 4. Protect the people's interest—control armaments and the vital industries, agriculture, transport, mining and finance. 5. Defend the people—provide effective protection

for the common people against air attack and invasion in the event of war.

6. Build for peace and justice—and the exploitation of subject races and lay the foundation of a peace through equality of opportunity for all.

Cripps Gains Support

When Cripps first presented his program to Labour party executive, he was voted down. With Ellen Wilkinson and D. N. Pritt supporting. When, subsequently, he continued to circulate his manifesto among the Labour party constituencies, he asked to withdraw the manifesto on pain of expulsion. But the campaign goes on and is rapidly gaining herents. Each sympathetic local Labour party is organizing a petition campaign and canvassing all voters in the constituency. The petition presented program stated above, and it is hoped by Cripps herents to overwhelm the Labour party at the ference at Whitehall with tangible evidence of support for the people's front.

To understand the real conflict between Cripps and the party executive, it is well to look behind the two sides. The ostensible reasons for the Cripps' program are twofold: for one, the Labour party disagrees with Cripps' analysis of the likely result at the next election of the Labour party on its own. It claims to see the possibility of single-handed and castigates Cripps as a "secondly, it states:

"No government of the left, confined within limits of these most inadequate proposals (Cripps' program) could hope to deal either confidently or fully with the urgent problems of economic and social reconstruction with which it would soon be confronted. Sir Stafford Cripps invites the Labour party in view of the international crisis, to become a party. The Labour party declines his invitation. (Continued Next Week)