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At First GLANCE

By JAY LOVESTONE

THE columns of the C.P. press are now reeking with opportunism. It it especially hard to keep track of the crude reformist concoctions now being palmed off as communist ideology in the Daily Worker. One day the editor oozes with bright ideas for Americanizing the Stalinized membership and hurls this baseball defi at the American Legion officers: "We challenge them to a gamethe best team of Young Communists against the best of the Legion sponsored teams." Inculcated with this great American virtue of sportsmanship, the editor has fired a blast at one of Storm Trooper Hearst's Communist-devouring ministers, Reverend Pierce. However, judging by the ammunition used by the Daily Worker, the blast was but a boomerang. Making his protest for the Daily Worker in the name of religion, Reverend James K. Morse, Minister of the First Congregational Church of Hackensack, N. J., thus thundered: " . . . We have such men as Hearst spreading his dishonest and unpatriotic propaganda . . . The article by Reverend Pierce is an insult to the churches and synagogues in this country."

Here is the inedible fruit of the 180% degree turn being made mechanically and desperately by the C.P. leadership today. If this keeps up long, it's impossible to say what will come of it all. Here is a broad foundation for a large superstructure of inference. But for the moment we disdain all inference. To the extent that villainy has crept into these travesties against Marxism-Lenism, it is by necessity, inevitably flowing from the ultra-leftist insanity of yesterday. Inso-far as mere foolishness is involved here, we are prepared to charge it to "heavenly compulsion" as Father Divine would say. Yet, one question we would like to pose: how long will the rank and file proletarian membership stand for this?

NE does not have to cudgel his brain in the least to in the least to rise above the din of demagogy accompanying the discussion of Roosevelt's new tax program. The American big business men will still be far better off than their British or French colleagues-in-plenty, even if the Roosevelt proposal should ever be given a birth certificate of legality. In Great Britain the proportion of the total revenue gotten thru income taxes is much higher (31%) and accounts for a greater share of revenue than in the U.S. In "our" Republic it is only 26% and 59 cents out of every dollar collected by the government comes thru indirect taxes. In the U.S. the Federal Government has relied on imposing burdens on the average man thru levies on tobacco, alcoholic beverages, gasoline, etc. In France 53% of the revenue is gotten this way. Even in Fascist Italy it is 48% and in Nazi Germany 47%, or still 12% better than in the U.S. from the point of view of indirect taxes paid outright by the average person who isn't wealthy. But nothing can stop Wall Street's champions from unfurling their bank accounts. Such is the foundation of the code of morality in a dollar de-

SOMETIMES we feel like praying that someone should invent a birth-control device for restricting the outpouring of "Magna Chartas" of Labor. Our most recent hope and prayer for such an invention are occasioned by the enactment into law of the Wagner Labor Disputes Act and the lavish praise show-ered upon it by "Dear Bill" Green. What this "Magna Charta" is and what it may be are thus frankly told us by this hero of labor's latest Runnymede, Wagner himself: 1) ". . . The bill gives added protection to workers who wish to exercise their free choice to remain completely unorganized. . . . 2) There is nothing | in the bill which favors the closed shop. It provides merely that closed-shop agreements may be made, but only in those states where they are now legal, by voluntary agreements between employers and employees. In fact, the bill somewhat narrows the now existing law sanctioning such agreements by stipulating that they shall be valid only when desired by the employer and the majority of the workers to be covered by them.

Great friend of labor, this senator is! Such are the friends Green and Woll have been making for labor. Such friendship can be crowned only with grief for the workers. God save us from our "friends" and those who wish them on us! Then we will be able to begin cleaning up on our enemies.

ANESTHIZERS FOR ETHIOPIA



Cloak Victory A Tribute To Organized Militancy

Bosses Feel Power of Union | manufacturer depends upon his producas Quiet Stoppage Wins All Vital Points

By B. BRILL

After negotiating almost three months with the three employers' associations, the so-called inside manufacturers, the jobbers and the contractors, the Cloakmakers' Union of the I.L.G.W.U. succeeded in securing an agreement for a period of two years without resorting to a general strike, something for which the mion was well prepared.

The main bone of contention was the question of contractor limitation and jobber responsibility. On these matters the union could not be budged, for an agreement without these provisions would have been meaningless and worthless. Limitation of contractors offers the union the opportunity to control conditions of labor and thereby prevent the return of the sweatshop.

Slight wonder, therefore, that the jobbers, a very irresponsible but powerful group of employers controlling about 50% of the ladies garment industry, opposed vigorously the limitation clause in the old agreement and refused to renew it. With the abolition of NRA, these jobbers mistakenly believed their opportunity had come to rid themselves of union control and return to the good old days of cut-throat competition among the contractors at the expense of the work-

40.000 workers on strike, Governor Lehman intervened proposing that the exparva as the hasis for negotiating a new one. The bosses grud- the cloakmakers. Mr. Samuel Klein, exgingly accepted the recommendations thus opening the road for the settle-

How does the union control conditions thru "limitation." First of all the number of contractors allowed to a jobber or

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tion capacity and the work is divided equally among the contractors, according to the number of workers employed in their shops. Thus competition between contractors for work is restricted and each worker is assured of his share of the work.

Price settlement per garment is not made with the contractor or sub-manufacturer but with the jobber who is obliged to pay the same price per garment to all of his contractors and who is kept responsible for the conditions of labor in all of his contractors' shops. This further eliminates the price-therefore wage-slashing competition and gives the workers a sense of security.

Finally no contractor is permitted to ork for more than one jobber thus eliminating the multiplicity of prices in the same shop.

It goes without saying that the union also demanded the renewal of all other clauses of the old agreement. In addition the union demanded the 30 hour work week and a 20% increase in wage scales The former was not insisted upon and the latter demand was left to the Impartial Chairman for investigation and ecommendation not later than May

In a number of respects the new agree ment is an improvement over the old one. A number of clauses were clarified and strengthened in favor of the union. The great task before the union and its With the union prepared to bring out members is to enforce this agreement

> It is interesting to note that the emloyers recognize the great strength of ecutive director of the Industrial Council, complains bitterly that "The pro luction of tens of thousands of early Fall garments has been paralyzed by this quiet but altogether effective demonstration of power. Except for the production of samples in isolated instances, our factories were just as quiet as if a powerful and determined industry-wide strike were under way."

And this condition was secured by a statement in the press calling upon the cloakmakers not to work on Fall garnents until an agreement is signed! Again this proves that what counts in Jennie Kaye negotiations is not so much clever tactics the solid organized power of the workers.

However, the new agreement is not perfect. No provision is made for recognition of conditions for the designers. Clarity is also needed on the proposed Labor Buro, its character and scope. But by and large the settlement must be Eve Garcia scored as a victory for the cloakmakers in the I.L.G.W.U.

ISSUE OF "NEGRO VOICE" MARKS CPO ADVANCE

Last week witnessed the initial num ber of "The Negro Voice," organ of the Harlem Section of the Communist Party (Opposition).

The Voice will be a monthly magazine, selling for five cents, containing articles on specific Negro problems and the Communist position on them.

Union Fight Exposes Scab Center In West Haverstraw

Hirsam Mills, Tenant in Open-Shop "Terminal" Falsifies Union Position to Workers After State **Supreme Court Grants Injunction**

Nestled in the wooded hills that line the Hudson north of New York lies the tiny crossroads village of Garnersville. A beautiful rustic spot is Garnersvilleand one of the most vicious scab-nests in the East. This is the home of the Haver-

The attention of organized labor has been focussed on the open-shop Terminal the storm and stress accompanying

the "lock-out" of the Hirsam Mills workers after an injunction had been secured the Joint Council of Knit Goods Workers Union. The careful and astute anti-union propaganda spread among the workers and in the local and metropolitan press by the mill owner and the Terminal management is an amazing study in the technique of the bosses in building a scab center.

THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS OF MR. HIRSCH

The Hirsam Knitting Mill, owned by

Sam Hirsch, was a runaway shop. It left New York to move to the Haverstraw Terminal late in 1934 promising to carry out the collective agreement with the union. But gradually and carefully it weeded out its union help, especially in the semi-skilled crafts, replacing them with non-union workers. In December Hirsch fired a group of local workers, telling them that the union forced him too. This so enraged the local people that they attacked a number of union men and drove them out of town. Hirsch filled their places with townsfolk and scabs recruited in Philadelphia. The Joint Council applied for an in-

junction to prevent the manufacturer from violating his agreement. It sup-plied proof that he had been paying wages far below the union scale, working longer hours and otherwise breaking his agreement. The injunction was

Then Hirsch made his coup. He fired his entire force—142 workers—telling them that the responsibility lay at the door of the Knitgoods Union and that he dared not violate the court decision. By his action and by deliberate slander of the union spread through the press and through agents-provocateurs the work of arousing the local people was carried on.

The decision did not specify, nor did

the Joint Council demand the dismissal of local help. Long before the trial, the union made its position clear on this question insisting that the firm employ the local workers on the basis of the

hours and wages in the agreement.

July 8 found the "locked-out" workers in a firm picket line around the Terminal. Husky pickets swore to kill the first New Yorker who dared to show

Age Drive Slows As Heat Rises

Contributions to the Summer Sustainng Fund of the Workers Age slowed down in the dog days of last week to only a hundred dollars.

With the goal of \$1500 to be realized by August 1st the comrades and friends of the CPO must hurry in their donations. Especially we urge the out-ofnext weeks' listings.

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his face in Haverstraw. The Pilgrim's Progress of Mr. Hirsch had ended in apparent success—he had succeeded in convincing the local workers that the union was their sworn enemy and that their lost jobs could only be won back by fighting off the invaders.

The situation is still substantially the same. The Hirsam Mills are still closed. The picket line continues. The Joint Council has, very wisely, made no attempt to send its members to Garnersville and provoke a certain and bloody

But what lies behind this situation?

THE OPEN SHOP PLAN OF THE TERMINAL

The Terminal, a huge area comprising some thirty-seven one and two story factory buildings, was originally a textile mill. In 1930 the mill moved to the South.

In 1934 a group of Haverstraw business men subscribed to a promotion fund to re-open the Terminal. They offered low rentals, free water and—sub rosa non-union labor willing to take any wage after years of unemployment and starvation.

The Terminal was placed under the management of William F. Larkin of the Garnersville Ice Co. Mr. Larkin proved his business ability almost immediately by having the siding tracks yanked out of the Terminal. Now all nauling is done in Larkin-owned trucks.

Now there are thirteen firms in the Terminal—textile mills, pocketbook manufacturer, textile dyers, fur dyers, knitters, etc. The majority are shops that have run away from unions in other cities. Not a single one is unionized.

Hiring at the Terminal is the vested interest of Mr. William Larkin. By keeping a tight control of jobs—and jobs are just as scarce in Haverstraw as any-where else—Larkin has gotten into the Terminal a group who owe their existence to him and have the proper sub-servient gratitude for it. Being fired by one firm in the Terminal means a blacklisting in all of them.

ANTI-UNIONISM RUNS HIGH

Under this virtual dictatorship a ter-

rific anti-union sentiment has been fos-tered in the Terminal. Workers have been told repeatedly that unions extort exorbitant initiation fees and dues, that they call strikes only to levy assessments on the members. A company union, the Terminal Club, embraces all the workers in the various shops and offers them so-called social activities—in return for loss of independence and decent wages. Agents of the bosses among the workers help to spread these lies and to weed out any malcontents.

The powers that be in Garnersville strongly support this "labor" policy. It has even been rumored that the Ku Klux Klan has revived to take a hand in affairs. The Mayor of West Haverstraw. Green-House-Keeper Brownsell, says, "People here don't want the union. The manager, Nelson, is a damned anarchist. We don't want anarchists!"

Workers in the Hirsam Mills either insist noisily that they are receiving union wages and hours-statements proven false by the sworn statements of Sam Hirsch himself at the injunction proceedings-or maintain a stubborn and scared silence. This is the fruit of Larkin's job power and his spy system.

Thus Garnersville is growing closer and closer to the bosses' dream of an open shop Utopia. Rents are cheap, the metropolitan market is near and the workers are as yet non-union.

THE TERMINAL

MENACES LABOR

The Terminal represents an idea, a potential threat, a citadel of open shoppism shining before every wage-cutting employer in New York and the East.

Organized labor must meet this threat. It is not the job of the Joint Council of Knitgoods Workers alone, nor even of the ILGWU. The unions of Haverstraw have already shown a sense of solidarity with the Joint Council in its fight with Hirsch. It is the duty of the entire labor movement in the city and the state to to mail contributions to P. O. Box 68. Station "O", New York City.

TOWARDS THE MISUNDERSTANDING OF MARX

"Capitalist economists," confesses Paul M. Sweezy of the Harvard Economics Department, "have always shown how (2) ascribed to the stupidity and chicanery of governments, or, finally (3) to actual value may continue to sag. The Marxists, on the other hand, have ately keeping interest rates low (p. 56) given us, and on the whole with surrelopment which offers a theoretical exprising success, a view of economic deplanation of these various phenomena

ing to a very large degree this difficult aim is evidenced by the cold facts of economic life since his day." (from "Economics and the Crisis of Capitalism," by Paul M. Sweezy, Economic Forum, III, 1, Spring 1935, p. 71.)

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and the modern monetary-mercantilists. bosses' offensive against the Union after the "money was gear-the "settlement" of the general textile and file" committee, Luigi Valgo, its ed to production" in America "for eight years in ideal conditions," a la Fisher (p. 46). He falls for the managed currency superstition to the effect that inflation (a term that he uses as loosely as Warren, Fisher, and the financial page "economists") can prevent a fall in prices. ("The financial authorities," he ed to production" in America "for eight strike to gain control of the Plain Goods chairman,—formerly leader of the N.T.reconomists") can prevent a ran in lies they circulated about the pass are prices. ("The financial authorities," he writes, "will be in a position where they

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A Review of Strachey's "The Nature of Capitalist Crisis"

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The much heralded and long awaited stoppage finally took place—on May 1, when the Central Labor Union conducted a May Day Demonstration. The Daily the rejected. chey or to Marxism.

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other countries and then allying themselves with the U.S.S.R. in a revolutionary war. This strategy holds just as much for the Communist Parties operating in imperialist countries which have military agreements with the U.S.S.R. The task of such Communist Parties is also to transform the imperialist war into a revolutionary war. This task can be achieved only thru the ment to understand and solve this basic problem. Hence, the recent dangerous since the fall of the Diaz dictatorship in Mexico. Madero, Victoriano Huerta, the ranks of the French and Czech Communist Parties.

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CONFUSION AND OPPORTUNISM

At best, confusion has gripped the sections of the C.I. in so far as this problem is concerned. Thus, following the impermissible Stalin declaration, the Paris organization of the French Communist Party held a membership meeting and adopted a resolution to "greet their great comrade Stalin whose wise words on the necessity of security and peace have been approved by the French people." After this excursion into the realm of the here cult which is now a curse in the C.I., the resolution very properly declares: "The Communists of other lands. Such that any Mexican politician of the Tuling complaints of any nature and making suggestions for improvement or solution of cardenas as words on the necessity of security and peace have been approved by the French people." After this excursion into the realm of the here cult which is now a curse in the C.I., the resolution very properly declares: "The Communists of other lands. Such that any Mexican politician of the ruling complaints of any nature and making suggestions for improvement or solution of each proporely declares: "The Communists in such countries as well as for the Rommunists of other lands. Such the service of the National Telegraph to the service of the National Teleg Soon after Cardenas became president, elements in all the leading posts.

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Eyes On "Darkest Africa"

TODAY no one will be so foolhordy as to question the imminence of a war by Italian imperialism against Abyssinia. All efforts at mediation by the League of Nations agencies and by England's ace diplomat, Eden, have failed dismally. And with the failure of these moves additional evidence was piled up to show the worthlessness of such capitalist peace schemes as the Kellogg pact and the insolubility of imperialist antagonisms.

What's eating Mussolini? Why is Italian Fascism driving so furiously towards war on Ethiopia? Of course, the Italian bourgeoisie covet the fabulous mineral resources of this African land. It is patent that Il Duce sees in the Trade Union Participation present hectic European situation a fine opportunity for seizing more territory for plundering more resources for his owning class. The conflicts among the European powers are so numerous and so acute that Mussolini, not unlike the Mikado, realizes that he now has the best chance for a free hand, the least embarrassing moment for grabbing the raw materials which he sorely lacks and which are essential to modern warfare. In peace times Italy depends on foreign sources for 15% of its grain and meat supplies, 53% of its ore, 80% of its wool, 95% of its coal, 95% of its cotton, and 99% of its petroleum. The Italian Fascists can boast of huge supplies of olive and castor oil; but warships, unlike anti-Fascists, can't be driven with castor oil. In short the Fourth Rome has in view the utilization of the Abyssinian conflict for securing precisely those supplies which she needs so badly for waging a good-sized "decent, respectable war" in the future.

But there is an even more potent and pressing reason for Italy's thrust just It is the inner situation—the social and economic conditions—of the first Fascist "paradise" itself. Fascism is running true to the logic of its own composition. This process runs along the following course: The capitalist state becomes all powerful, but its socio-economic foundations simultaneously reach their highest point of decay. The gap between this instrument of coercion and the great mass of the population has become wider than ever. The dynamic drive and activism of the first days of the Fascist dictatorship have been disappearing to the vanishing point. This is due to the total failure of Mussoling to make good on any of his many promises or to solve any of the numerous economic and political difficulties besetting the country. Here is soil increase ingly fertile for revolutionary developments and struggles.

What is most ominous is that the youth of the Fascist party and the country as a whole has become most "afflicted" and disaffected. That is why the Secretary of the Fascist Party made a violent attack on its cultural groups about three months ago. At the close of April, Mussolini himself denounced the intellectuals and had them arrested in wholesale. Il Duce was especially virulent in his chastising of the unsatisfactory results of the "Littoriali della Cultura" which is the Fascist cultural competition among the youth. A few weeks ago there was an open struggle between the old and young Fascists at the Congress of Fascist cultural institutions held at Palmero.

In a number of important respect Mussolini is at the end of his rope. All his attempts to galvanize the masses into enthusiasm and support for his iron positions for the ultimate showdown fist have failed. Italy's economic plight is desperate. A year ago Mussolini admitted that three-fourths of Italy's industries were "in the hands of the state" and that if the government pulled out for one day the whole economic system would collapse. Apparently the remedy of Fascism has not only failed to cure Italian capitalism but has plagued it with new incurable diseases. The budge etary deficit has become chronic-reaching about five billion lire a year. The public debt burden has really doubled in the last few years. For the first time, last year, Post Office and Savings Bank deposits have declined. Exports are on the downgrade. The remnants of the individuals' reserves of foreign credits, grabbed by the government, are being used up at a frightful pace. The standard of living of the country is going from bad to worse. Fascism has failed to less opportunity to show his friendlisave Italian capitalist economy. On the contrary, life has shown that Fascism ness. has further impoverished Italian capitalism "with attempts at self-independence ... with tremendous expenditures for appearances and war" and further corrupted it "with monopolies, interventions, political prizes and preferences. Today, all signs point to economic and social catastrophe.

HE Italian Fascist regime realizes that it must do something and do it forcefully and quickly in order, at least, to counteract, if not overcome It has its program and platform but has this mounting decadence, inertia, passivism, indifference, economic collapse and not been able to reach the masses or to political hostility now menacing it. The Ethiopian war is the answer, the hope, of the Mussolini gangmen. The Abyssinian war is to be much more than a The decisive forces of Italian imperialism look upon it as diversion. attempt to break thru the inertia of the country, to try to give to the dictator, measures. But the labor organizations ship and to the Duce a justification, a goal, a great success." Here is the of Mexico are weak. Unfortunately most sesame to gagging the youth, wiping out the potentially articulate among the of them exist only on paper except for discontented, and smashing the reviving revolutionary proletarian movement. certain industries and regions. But such Coercion, hunger, despair, and boredom are to be the whips driving people into enlistment.

However, just here is where the new and even greater difficulties begin. There is no enthusiasm or "imperial" urge among the Italian masses for war. And Abyssinia, particularly because of its terrain, is no easy nut to crack. Sub-rosa, other imperialist powers will help Addis Ababa wage the war as long as possible against Mussolini. What will happen to the latter's uninspired and harassed troops? Despite all loud bragging by Il Duce, despite such "civilizing" harassed troops? Despite all found bragging by it Duck, agencies of warfare as chemical for burning the bare feet of the Abyssinian labor leaders and labor organizations and soldiers, there isn't the slightest certainty that Italy will win. Nor is another in drawing in of certain leaders of the soldiers, there isn't the slightest certainty that Italy will win. History can and old "agrarista" movement into strategic disastrous Adowa out of the question for Italian imperialism. History can and

sometimes does repeat itself.. Should this happen, not only Italian Fascism but all imperialist brigands in Africa would face the most serious challenge by the colonial masses aroused and inspired by the Abyssinian heroic exploits. The repercussions would not be limited to one continent; capitalist colonialism would then be rocked to its very foundations in Asia and elsewhere. Here is more than one keg of dyna-

mite Eyes on "darkest" Africa! The flames of war soon to be waged there may yet prove the light of and the signal for a series of revolutionary struggles for liberation by the colonial peoples and by the Italian masses.

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Hartford Builds Labor Party

By HARRY YOUNG

Approximately 200 delegates, representing over 41.000 organized workers in Connecticut, met in Hartford Sunday June 30, for the purpose of laying plans for the formation of a Labor Party. The conference, to judge by the decisions adopted, was a success; it placed upon the order of the day for the mass of Connecticut's workers and especially for the organized workers in the AFL, number 75,000, the immediate launching of Labor Party to fight on the political field for a comprehensive system of social insurance, for defense of workers right to organize, to strike, to bargain collectively; against injunctions and the use of police in strikes; for the 30 hour week in industry without reduction in pay, and etc. In addition, not the least important thing to be noticed at the conference was the genuine feeling of labor solidarity of the delegates, their militancy and determination not to be side-tracked in the building of their own political party, and their resentment against the NRA and the repeated sellout and breaking of strikes on the part of the Federal government; the enthusiasm of the delegates was inspiring and, as the results proved, was directed into constructive action.

Almost all of the 200 delegates came o conference as official representatives of their unions. At least six Central Labor Unions in Connecticut participated officially and at least half of these came instructed in favor of a Labor Party. All the textile unions of the state united in a bloc for a Labor Party. Of special significance was the fact that J. Nicholas Danz, president of the Connecticut State Federation of Labor, spoke in favor of the formation of a Labor Party. The representation was truly state wide, including every large city in Connecticut and every type and variety of local unions. It was reported to the conference that in two cities, Waterbury and New London, the Central Labor Unions were running a Labor Party ticket in the municipal elections. Two independent unions were represented, the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Workers Industrial Union of America and a so-called New England Allied Metal Trades Council. Of the latter there is no visible evidence of existence. What unions are included in it, what activity it carries on is not

A Program of Action

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which is likely to end in an armed strug-

It may be that this time Calles has

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Party was adopted almost unanimously. The conference also adopted, as specific form of social and unemployment insurance the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill known in Con-

gress as House Bill 2827 introduced by the Farmer-Labor Representative Lun-deen. Although the resolution emphasized the point that a new party of the workers, a Labor Party, must have done with the policies and program of the two old major capitalist parties and must therefore be anti-capitalist in its orientation, in its program of immediate de mands, it did not come out specifically for a new social order. The decisions adopted were confined to a comprehensive program of social reform and guar antees of the workers' minimum economic and social demands.

When the resolution was brought upor the floor for adoption, an amendment to the resolution as quoted above was of fered by J. Nicholas Danz to the effect that all delegates to the coming conven-tion of the Connecticut State Federation of Labor to be held in September, 1935 shall come instructed by their locals in favor of a Labor Party. This was adopt ed by the conference.

After the adoption of the resolution a continuation committee of fifteen was elected to prepare for a second confe rence to be held in New London, July 21. The committee, to be known as the Connecticut American Federation Labor Committee for the Promotion of a Labor Party, was empowered to carry on an educational and organizational campaign "to lead to the earliest formation of such a party needed and desired by labor"; to solicit support of the pro posed party; and to call a state convention after preliminary organization of the new party has been effected. The final clause of the resolution pledges the support of the conference in organiza tion of a national labor-party.

William E. Kuehnel, president of the Hartford CLU was elected permanent chairman of the conference, John Williams of Norwich, vice-chairman, and William Scott of Hartford, secretarytreasurer. Others elected to the continuation committee were Harry Feldman, New Haven; W. C. Caye, Bridgeport; M. F. Tammany, Waterbury; T. J. Fitz-gerald, president CLU of Waterbury; J. Nicholas Danz; Joseph Orilette, New London; W. G. Hering, Stamford; M. Vanadetti, vice-president CLU of New Britain and prominent Socialist Party member in Connecticut; Leon Saginaw, New Haven; William Ramsden, Jewett City; Ovila Roberts, Taftville; Carl The resolution calling for the immediate formation of a state-wide Labor wich; and Alec Driscoll, Versailles.

> unlikely that in the next uprising worker will fight against worker, and peasant against peasant for the interests of different sections of the bourgeoisie. And in such a set up, whichever side wins, the masses have gained nothing but more

misery, disease and death.

Mexico's Rulers Fall Out

Contrary to the impressions given both y the capitalist press and the Daily ers and peasants have as little to hope for from Cardenas as they had from can labor movement is still very elementary: namely, the development of a genuine labor movement; a movement independent of government subsidy; a movement accustomed to supporting itself through its own dues payments and capable of carrying on an independent proletarian policy and of wresting the leadership of the peasantry from the hands of the petty-bourgeois political demagogues. The only positive outcome of each successive disturbance of the type now in the offing is the painfully slow growth of such consciousness, mass experience and independent organization. proletarian revolution" and "planned

Appeal of Paterson Textile Progressives

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in the Union; and has given the Patering leadership must go!

Paterson silk workers! Vote for the Progressives and for a Progressive program in the coming elections in the Plain dand, and against the reactionaries' Goods Department! Defeat the administration of reliance on N.R.A. Boards, tration that has done so much harm to our organization.

The Progressive Group proposes to build the organization into a powerful industrial union of silk workers capable of carrying on militant and victorious vigorous and well-prepared strike action struggles. It was in great measure res- at the proper time can win anything for Paterson in this direction in accomplish- ing the bosses' attacks." ing the amalgamation.

The Progressive Group, if elected to the administration, instead of antagonizing the labor movement, will work to win the support of the other labor organizations to help prepare for a national silk strike and insure its success by adequate preparation, instead of antagonizing the labor movement.

"The Progressive Group fights against dual unionism, union splitting, and disruption of union discipline practiced by

TRADE UNION **NOTES**

By GEORGE F MILES

THE AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS

TUST to underline that all is not so well with the trade union line of the ommunist Party, comes the decision of the Youth Congress recently held in Detroit. The Congress resolution states:

"As the A. F. of L. is the most inclusive labor organization, a delegation from the Youth Congress should go to the convention of the A. F. of L. in Atlantic City in October and promise cooperation in organizing the youth, and on the other hand ask cooperation from the A. F. of L. in realizing the aims of the Youth Con-

In order to get the real meaning of his statement—an attempt to dodge the question of endorsement of the A. F. of L.—one must consider the amendment proposed by delegate Albert Epstein, of the Youth Section of the C.P.O.

"The American Youth Congress regards the A. F. of L. as the main stream of the American Labor Movement. The Youth Congress therefore URGES THE YOUNG WORKERS OF AMERICA TO JOIN THE A. F. of L. The delegates to the Youth Congress who are members of the Λ . F. of L. are asked to raise within their unions the problem of organizing the young workers."

This amendment was bitterly fought by the steering committee and the reporters at the Congress and was DE-FEATED. Why? The answer came in the form of a reply to a question of delegate Mary Nemeroff, of the Detroit Federation of Labor. She arose after Epstein's amendment was lost and asked: "Does this mean that the Youth Congress will not urge young workers to join the A. F. of L.?" The answer of the reporter was that it means just that because the Congress, he said, can no more tell young workers to join the A. F. of L. than it can ask them to join the Y.M.C.A., Socialist Party or Communist Party.

To compare the organized trade union movement to one of the capitalist organizations such as the Y.M.C.A. or to an advanced working class organization such as a political party, merely shows to what stupidities the Communist Party members and supporters must resort in order to put across their leftist line on the trade union question. Let those ponder these facts who have been 'shouting from the house-tops" that the C.P. has completely changed its trade union line and is now all for working within the A. F. of L.

Once again the Y.P.S.L. has illustrated its incapacity, this time at the Youth Congress. Over a year ago, during the first Youth Congress, the Y.P.S.L. went soft hearted and insisted that dual unionism must not be permitted to disturb the glorious harmony between the Y.C.L. and Y.P.S.L. They roundly rebuked the C.P.O. youth delegates for making this a breaking point. Some months later the Y.P.SL sheepishly agreed that the fight to a finish should have been made.

They were now caught flatfooted once again. Until delegate Epstein made the fight not a soul had raised his voice against a patently wrong stand which closes the doors of the A. F. of L. to the youth congress. The delegates of the Y.P.S.L. very generously applauded Epstein's amendment and accompanying remarks but where were they before? They had Y.P.S.L. members on all subcommittees (we did not) but where were these when the documents were drafted and discussed in committee. Were they so carried away by the spirit of harmony and unity as to consider a mere economy" are just so many lifeless trade union question as unimportant. Indeed on a number of occasions the C.P. used Y.P.S.L. cat's paws to defeat some hot opposition.

Is it not better, comrades of the Y.P. S.L., to remain cold sober in the early stages of united front work, to criticise and attempt to correct, rather than to go on a false "unity" spree while an action is being consummated and then belatedly discover that someone has put over a son silk workers nothing but bluff and fast one on you? Remember that, comrades, when the next conference rolls around.

> Winant Boards and arbitration boards, on the others."

The Progressives have declared in the past and declare today, that "only the workers own organized strength and consible for the only steps taken in the silk workers and succeed in defeat-

Silk Workers!

Rally behind the Progressive Group in ts efforts to save and build the Union! Oust the union smashers, who have ost the confidence of the Paterson silk workers and the entire labor movement, from the administration.

Vote for the Progressive candidates in the elections on July 20!

SILK WORKERS PROGRESSIVE GROUP OF PATERSON, A.F.S.W.

Until that has reached a certain minimum level, all talk of "Socialism,"

to develop any effective class consciousess among the workers and peasants. convince them. Just now it is the driving force behind the attempt to build a united front among workers organizaas they are, these organizations are call ing upon the masses to support them in their struggle against suppression of the relative freedom for organization and activity that they have gained as a result of the present situation.

The significance of this united front, however, is very much diminished by the manouvering of Cardenas in subsidizing hot air. This irresponsible union-smashcabinet posts. Therefore, it is not at all

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