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BRITISH LABOR **OK'S REARMING**

Back Conservatives' War **Budget**; Neutrality In Spain Upheld

Despite the most extensive plans for British rearmament, recently announced by Sir Samuel Hoare, First Lord of the Admiralty, the British Labor Party, now in session at Edinburgh, Scotland, broke with its traditional pacifist position by voting 1,738,000 as against 657,000 for a resolution favoring rearmament because of "the threatening attitude of dictatorships."

The leadership of the Labor Party, panicky over the aggressive attitude of Germany in continental Europe and its persistent demands for the return of a share of its colonial possessions lost during the world war, horrified at the prospect of the loss of the Mediterranean trade routes to India, has swung over completely to the position of the Conservatives. However, fearing the reaction from its own constituent membership, the leaders attempted to explain away this decision, leaving the delegates in pretty much of a daze.

Thus, when Dr. Hugh Dalton brought the Congress down around his ears with the statement that the Labor members of Parliament must discard their historical opposition to the defense program of the Conservative government, and should be prepared to vote for military appropriations, Herbert Morrison arose to calm the troubled waters. He stated that the resolution in no way changes the attitude of the Parliamentary Labor Party. The obvious contradiction was protested from many sides and resulted in a statement by Major Clement R. Attlee, leader of the Parliamentary Labor Party, to the effect that the passage of the resolutions by the conference does not make it mandatory to support the Conservative governments

The Labor Party Congress which had previously backed the neutrality position of the British government by a vote of 3-to-1, was finally forced to reconsider its action after a stirring appeal by a delegation from Spain and by the stirring fight being conducted by the soviet Union against assistance by Germany, Italy and Portugal to the fascists in Spain. The new position calls for outright armed aid to Spain if the contention of the Soviet Union and the Spanish Government is substantiated.

OFFICE WORKERS ON STRIKE AT GLOBE

Twenty-seven additional employees joined the 64 office workers of the Globe Mail Service, Inc., 148 West 23rd Street, who went out on strike on Tuesday, September 29th under the leadership of the Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Accountants Union of the American Federation of Labor.

The strike was declared on Tuesday of this week when 64 employees in a closed, secret ballot voted uanimously to walk out after their appointed representatives, including a committee of the union, were of their chief grievances.

Soviet Union Demands End of Aid To Rebels by Germany and Italy

Soviet Russia, having failed to convince the Socialist Blum of the necessity of a common stand on Spain, declared to the Non-Intervention Committee sitting at London, that "unless certain powers cease open aid to the rebels, we shall consider ourselves free from any obligation resulting from the agreement". (i.e. the non-intervention pact).

The declaration provoked the most hypocritical reactions not merely from the fascist representatives of Germany and Italy, but from England and France, two "great democracies". Britain snickered that it would very much pre-fer to have "some arms trickle in thru Portugal" than to give open aid to the anti-fascist government at Madrid. Despite the presentation of documentary evidence of aid being given to Franco's gang of cutthroats by the German and Italian governments, the powers that be (France and England) ignored the desperate plight of the Spanish masses and continued their neutrality" stand. The brazenness of Germany and Italy can only be explained by the fact that they were well aware that their "democratic opponents" were intending no support to Madrid. Grandi shrugged his shoulders when presented with evidence of aid in the form of troops and planes amounting to practically a whole army in the capture of the Balearic Islands (promised to Mussolini by Franco). Germany "denied" having aided the fascists in Spain, but maintained that Russia was the one who had broken the agreement! The sheer effrontery of these two powers, coupled with the democratic indifference of France and England, is a brutal commentary on imperialist diplomacy.

Today, Blum's government can do a great deal of explaining as to its "bold" stand. When the French defense program either in whole C.P., a few weeks ago had called or in part. How such a thing is for arms to Spain, Blum replied possible he did not trouble to ex- "Why not demand this of Soviet plain. Russia?" Aided by the streng hening of Russia's stand the French C.P. now has sharpened its campaign-and what does Blum say now? Blum stands as the most contemptible betrayer that the labor movement has seen in a long time. Not even moved by the national interests of France, to which a Fascist Spain with a pro-German orientation is an obvious danger he preserves "peace"—and is today worthy of the highest decorations Franco and Mola can bestow for services rendered.

> The military situation grows increasingly tragic for Madrid as the fascists completed their encirclement of the capital despite the heroic fighting of the proletarian battalions. After a long siege, the good news has come that the brave Asturian miners have dynamited their way into Oviedo.

> refused an interview with Mr. Charles E. Whitehouse, President of the Globe Mail Service. Wages as how at \$5.00 to \$11.00 a week for a 44-hour week were being paid to the great majority of employees and a "bonus system" by which the employees' work was intensified and pay decreased is one



Juan Alvarez de la Vayo, Foreign Minister of Spain, conferring with Maxim Litvinoff, Commissar of Foreign Affairs for Soviet Russia, at the recent Geneva Conferences. The Soviets have demanded that the Spanish government be supported, and have established the most friendly relationship with Madrid at a time when the latter stands deserted by "democratic" France and England.

WHITE HOUSE NOT TOO RED FOR WALL STREET'S GOLD

WASHINGTON is thick with rumors and reports about a rapprochement betwen Roesevelt and the biggest fellows down the "Street"

Usually reliable sources are convinced that the bankers have practically written off the chances of Landon's winning the Presidency. In anticipation of the inevitable, the leaders of the banking fraternity are now looking around for men and means to be used in securing not merely a truce but harmony

PLAN EXPOSED

Extensive plans for a private fascist army to number some 830,000 have been uncovered by the United States Treasury Department, and an investigation into its ramifications is under way. Colonel Hubert W. Eldred, a Treasury Department employee who conceived and set about to organize this army, stated that the "National Veterans Reserve Corps"as the army is called-was intended for use in national emergencies.

A most important phase in the whole matter is the support which this movement seems to have secured among former army and navy men. Among those who are known to have taken a leading part in floating this fascist army are to be found Admiral Richmond P Hobson, Lieut. Col. Edwin Laurie, Col. Daniel Kelly, Major Ernest Spallholtz, Lieut. Col. Charles Grobet, Cant. Joseph Marino, and Capt. William MacLaughlin.

Intensive organization for the 'National Veterans Reserve Corps' had been proceeding among WPA workers in New York. It is stated that the "Corps" was intended as an anti-semitic and anti-radical

with Roosevelt. This strategy was already foreshadowed at the last Convention of the American Bankers Association. At this gathering of financial solons, there was no frontal attack made on Roosevelt. He was scarcely mentioned. More than that, so prominent a figure in the ranks of those who formulate social and political policy for the banking community as Mr. Hecht came forward with the idea that the bankers must recognize that a certain amount of social legislation is essential to their own security, to their own position in the socio-economic system. This approach by Mr. Hecht was not merely the beginning of a recognition by the banking world as to certain inevitable changes in their government policy, but also an attempt to come to an agreement with Roosevelt over means of stabilizing and perpetuating the capitalist system in the United States.

We must further underscore the following as an animating force in the strategy of the bankers to come to complete accord with Roosevelt: the differences between the majority of the biggest bankers who today are not pro-Roosevelt and the President are only over method, important as these differences may be. The struggle over these issues will last for quite some time. It will be waged in the Democratic Party as well as in the Republican Party, and the outcome will be a further checking-up of the twoparty system.

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PEACE PLANS

Refuses To Rescind The Suspensions of CIO Union Bloc

The Executive Council of the A. F. of L. has practically turned down the peace plan of the Millinery workers union by insisting that the suspension of the CIO unions stands altho the Council has accepted that part of the plan which calls for another conference with the CIO unions. This brings the discussion right back where it started, the A.F.L. insisting that the CIO liquidate and reinstatement will follow, while the CIO insists on the status quo ante.

The Council elected a committee but it is not known whether the CIO will meet with it because of the decision on suspensions.

The Millinery proposal did not stipulate the reinstatement of the CIO unions but rather referred vaguely to "seating" the delegates from CIO unions. The full meaning of this clause became clear when it was learned that a number of concilliatory members of the Council had drafted a peace plan which called for seating the CIO union delegates "with a voice but no vote".

The same plan also calls for further conversations with the CIO and offers a mutually agreeable organization committee for the steel and other mass production industries. Union organization is to be conducted along industrial lines but skilled workers are to have the right to affiliate with their respective craft unions rather than the industrial union.

There is not a single "peace plan" which really offers permanent peace since all dodge the question of industrial organization in some manner. The acceptance of any of them would therefore merely postpone and aggravate the crisis rather than solve it.

AUTO WORKERS FORCE REHIRING

LANSING, Mich. - Wholesale discrimination against union members by management of the Reo plant has been frustrated by action of Local 182, United Automobile Workers of America, the company last week-end to consent to the working out of a written seniority agreement.

Settlement of the dispute, that involved the jobs of some fifty to sixty men, was reached after several weeks of negotiation. The controversy began nearly six weeks ago when six union members were discharged from the shipping department in violation of a verbal seniority agreement. Protest of this action by the union resulted in the firing of 6 other union members and this was followed by a wholesale discharge of forty to fifty men.

The union immediately answered with charges of discrimination and a publicity campaign in newspapers, handbills, and over the radio.

Union officials insist that the agreement worked out must provide for the reinstatement of all men discharged, some of whom The big bankers apparently have have worked for the company for as long as 15 to 20 years.

Peace would be more than wel-

PRESIDENT JOHN MARA of

he Boot and Shoe is at it again

We refer of course to the lifting of

ganization which numbers well

above '0.000. The reasons given in

the letter notifying that the char-

The real reason seems to be that

Brother John is terribly worried

ment is signed and sealed, than to

Council and forces the workers to

go back under conditions they do

Mara did precisely that about two

years ago when the executive of

he Stitchdown Local balked at an

Someone ought to tip off William

Green that Mara makes pretty

"ATTORNEY TO RUN SHIP

UNION POLL." "Court Names

agreement which Mara had signed

ot like? Far fetched? Not at all.

ossibly believe them.

The Tenth Man Must Be Organized

(Concluded from last week)

By STEPHEN CUNNINGHAM you." The South is still preached Pastures. The decay of the Catholic as the ideal home for the oppressed faith in Mexico and Spain brings black masses, even if a "lawless Negro" is occasionally lynched!

But the North was not a happy hunting ground after all. The racial conflict which had been seething in America since the importation of slaves and white indentured servants in the same year, was now nation-wide. When the drive by Foster in the steel industry was opened, the fear of Negro competition was supreme. With the long-awaited exodus to the North Negro church-goers was unforunder way, race riots were the threat of the day.

The fear of Negro competition had as much to do with the early drive for labor organization as the struggle against capitalist exploitation. The half-Guild, half-union beginnings in American labor organization owed as much to the race bugaboo as to the realization that their own freedom demanded organization against the exploit ers. However, as early as 1870 there were serious attempts in cerworkers. The Knights of Labor were comparatively free from race hatred. So was the I.W.W. The Longshoremen have had some kind of organization for sixty years. It the South, in spite of the Reconstruction terror, building trades workers, although stupidly bound to separatism in their locals, or "lodges," have known labor organization almost as long. But in the North, where the interest in the Negro was mostly confined to idealists who had no need of actual contact with Negroes, and therefore felt relieved when they had only to listen to Negro singers. and to laugh at Negro tap-dancers and comics, the problems of the Negro were minimized. Such aid as church and liberal capitalist groups could "donate" was salve

for a guilty social conscience. Rich idealists donated to Negro colleges. The desire to grow rich was planted in Negro students. One of the great transitional services rendered by liberal capitalists like Rosenwald and the Spellman sisters was the unconscious foundations laid for the overthrow of religion as the dominant factor in Negro life. The deadly humor of the continual reference to Mr. Rosenwald as a "real Christian." was a type of flattery which shook the foundations of primitive Christianity, and eventually of modernist Christianity. Since the American Jews were not eager to increase their load of troubles by ize on the presence in America of eled Hereafter. devout but much maligned, "black Jews," Negroes shaken from their leaders, themselves scarcely fafaith did not turn to Judaism, nor miliar with Negroes as people to Mahometism, either. They an achievement that depends upon simply began turning away from social equality—will find themthe church. The presence of profes- selves relying upon the ineffective sional groups among the listed approach of previous steel drives. members does not destroy the fact It must be emphasized to labor that the Negro is rapidly deserting leaders again and again that their the fear of God. Even the totally own advance came not within the beaten, exploited souls desert the established church, even though they flock to such messiahs as Father Divine.

Negro Labor And The Church

So when William Z. Foster sought aid from the Negro church in the steel area, he was on the whole, wasting time. The preachers there, as in the coal fields, had been bought and paid for. By and large, the intelligent Negro preacher grows scarce with passing time. The majority of the pulpits are falling into the control of religious

the weak defense that these Latin an appeal to a Negro congregation William Z. Foster appealing to tunately classed with white revivalists of the Billy Sunday type, whose visits have always been the

signal for money-raising rallies. While the rank and file member ship is increasingly negligent about power of the Negro church in bygone years.

To build labor organization, it is necessary to seek less socially chaotic sections of the Negro people. But a casual series of visits l to the Negro church will disclose ren, middle-aged women, and the aged. The presence in the congregation of alert Negro professional and business men is connected with their worldly interests, and only a calculated affectation for religion. The masses are being shaken from their devotion to the those professional groups whose daily lives indicate no connection with Sunday prayers.

Wherever hosts of Negro work ers have struggled with the elements unaided by machinery, they have remained religious. When machinery comes into the lives of miners, steel workers, longshoremen, and truck-drivers, the fear of the hereafter dwindles. Those who live in a familiar land cast aside their ancestral gods quicker than strangers whose loneliness drives them to ship their preachers and priests along with their Lares, Penates. and kitchen furniture. But the children depart from these directions. Mechanical refrigeration, baseball, movies, and auto- worker as a threat to white work- when a race is persecuted. Finan- but also against the government. making any great effort to capital- mobiles destroy the already shriv-

There is danger that the CIO perately needed. church, but without it.

A Proper Approach

common-sense rights to engage in is more the problem of bourgeois alibi as the sole possession of the all deliberations of the Amalga- leadership than ordinary racial erring bureaucracy.

racketeers, theatrical trumpeteers, mated Steel union, the white work-The migration of two million idealistic type are being rapidly ize the Negro workers is left for unity. Lecturing white workers skilled labor in certain branches of on the need of treating Negroes the armament industry which has the Spanish civil war will have on races are retarded in their development of the proper concept of God. The inability of the white Christians to bridge the gap between Biblical faith and Jim-Crow practices has deeply impressed the create a demand among white tices has deeply impressed the create a demand among white will continue to bear the chief bur- members are armed and who will Negro masses. If God is Jim-Crow, workers for fair play. Arousing den of rearmament in the form of use these arms in the defense of then the white exhorter who makes the Negro workers to demand. a lowering of their already mis- their own class interests. must precede the expectation of erable standard of living. The new comes over only on days of need. being received by their white fel- "Four Year Plan" and the system-

prejudiced organizers from Tighe's workers because raw materials or regime are on hand, "and must be their substitutes, produced within watched." It is much more neces- the country, will be much higher Nazis have pronounced it as "public sary, however, to launch a drive priced than imported goods. For- enemy No. 1". to stimulate the Negro zeal for eign observers have correctly noted church attendance, the lower mid-dle-class Negro is shifting to more fashionable faiths. Even the money-conscious Christian Scien- Sidney Hillman, have promised berg audience. money-conscious Christian Scientists and a host of lesser sects have
an appeal for Negro "leaders."

Sidney Hillman, have promised that race equality will be "one of the main objectives in building a ler's official demand for colonies.

Secondly, the Nuremberg convariant to secondly, the Nuremberg convariant to secondly, the number of the main objectives in building a ler's official demand for colonies.

The Nuremberg converse was notable because of Hitchian to reject the application by the Communist Party for entry This double shift, the most exploitstrong union" is an expression of a

The Nazis do not count on an iminto the Labor Party. Both resolued section moving towards Father promise that will never be realized mediate practical solution of this tions were passed with an overtain industries to organize Negro Divine types and the advanced unless Negro workers themselves problem. However, it will conve-whelming majority. The vote, in section striving for admittance into are stimulated to demand equality niently serve as a threat to comour opinion, however, was by no more preferential creeds, is not from the CIO. It is a well-known pel the granting of more immeenough to preserve the admitted fact that not all CIO unions have diate demands. progressed as rapidly as the United Mine Workers in the organization of Negro miners. The practical advanced jobs in many of the CIO the Congress. unions does not list these unions to the Negro church will disclose as Jim-Crow, but it does emphasize that motivates this campaign. Hit- French workers and that the the terrific amount of work still ler is more interested, for the remaining before America is ad- mutual aid pacts entered into by Front are not real issues in Engcaps of race prejudice.

The problem remains complicattotally unable to reach the Negro relying chiefly on the effect which masses. While it is true that most of the American Federation of Labor unions were organized by prejudice. workers whose point of view re-

Tenth Man Must Be Won

hesitation of black workers, have by their preachers and antiquated beginning a new extra-parliamentsimilar problems with immigrant social workers, the leaders of the ary battle. colonies. The French Canadians in steel drive will be forced to New England, and the German and broaden their hearts enough to ad-Italian workers in Harlem and mit the Negro worker into the illustrate the difference in the pol-Brooklyn and New Jersey, present necessary share in control. The icy of Madrid which is dominated similar problems. Retarded because final prayer is that Negro poli- by the People's Front and that of Mr. Granger has correctly stated suppressed in shops which exploit ticians will be staved off with the Barcelona which has rejected the foreign-born workers, even the same vigor that the Communists People's Front idea. the conditions that follow an awakening of the Negro masses.

CIO unions are too frequently satisfied with signing up and coltain to depend upon "leaders" of doubt-If the Negro steel workers are lecting dues rather than to educate ful clarity in all phases of the

EUROPE TODAY

'revivalists," and plain, political ers will grow to respect the Negro THE PARTY Congress of the National Socialist Party of exhorters. The honest men of the workers. But if the drive to organ-

Negroes to the North will change the Southern racial situation.

Southern newspapers still warned rooted in the belief that the Negro First, by the declaration of Hitler that in the future there Southern newspapers still warned rooted in the belief that the Negro parint the Northern newspapers from slavery, the Civil could be no talk of a rise in wages. The question of wages is the Negro against the Northern is religious, pious, and in general War, Reconstruction, and strike- again assuming prominence in Germany because the cost of whites "who do not understand made in the image of the Green breaking by Negroes in 1918-1919, living has increased and there is again a shortage of important breaking by Negroes in 1918-1919, living has increased and there is again a shortage of important will prolong the present-day drive foodstuffs, such as eggs and meat. There is also a shortage of

atic increase in domestic production of raw materials will bring It is correct to point out that further hardships to the mass of

And last but not least, we note the vicious campaign against the that the minority is much stronger Soviet Union conducted not only than it appeared to be at the Conexclusion of Negro workers from by Hitler but by all speakers at gress. However, it is equally cer-

uniform evaluation of the policy the Spanish struggle as are the vanced in the possession of a unit- the Soviet Union with France, ed working class without the handi- | Czechoslovakia, and Rumania. Hitler is, more interested for the present, in isolating France, in disrupting the bloc of powers under ed by the lack of class conscious- the hegemony of France, and in hereafter by the very presence of ness of the educated Negroes, even displacing it with an alliance of those who have of late taken an forces under German leadership, interest in the steel drive. A large than in an immediate attack on percentage of these liberals is the Soviet Union. The Nazis are

For the Negro the problem is mains middle-class, the lot of the further complicated by the whole-Negro worker reveals little or no sale flocking of Negro strike-prospect of a striking material adbreaking recruiters to the Roosevance under capitalism. Used as velt banner. Those newspapers the prejudice of the white workers gle of the Pullman Porters for re- in the provinces than in Paris. as well as by the determination of cognition are stump speaking for the steel barons to engender that the illusions of the New Deal. hatred by reserving the black Racial solidarity is a myth, even as elsewhere.

"Six Months of the People's Front in France" FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th at 8:30 P. M. NEW WORKERS SCHOOL, 51 West 14th Street

In Germany itself this gigantic campaign against the Soviet Union will have the opposite effect of that calculated by the Nazi leaders. The masses will become more sympathetic to the Soviet Union and to communism precisely because the

THE BRITISH Trades Union Congress at Plymouth adopted a policy of "non-intervention" tomeans an accurate indication of the real sentiment of the British trade unionists. We are convinced The outside world has given a not nearly as much interested in tain that the British workers are

A NEW SERIES of strikes has broken out in France involving primarily the metal workers in Marseille, the textile workers in Lille. etc. It is no accident that these strikes have started in the provinces rather than in Paris. These strikes are being waged in protest against the increased cost of living which has to a large extent nullified the gains won in the June strikes and against the systematic sabotage of the so-called Matignon agreement by the employers. The bosses dismissed workers, closed factories, violated the wage scales, a strike-breaker, the Negro work- which fought unionism bitterly two failed to grant paid vacations. and er in the calm days that have fol- decades ago are also grouped under prolonged negotiations for agreelowed, finds his advance into the the Roosevelt banner. Negro editors ments unnecessarily. Such saboranks of skilled labor blocked by who opposed even the clear strug- tage is carried on more extensively

Generally speaking, the employers are waging a stubborn offensive not only against the workers ers' security. The Negro is a labor cial interests are as apparent in the The textile magnates of Lille rereserve to be advanced when des- methods of Negro business men jected the attempts at arbitration by the Minister of the Interior and America's "tenth man" will make later also of Leon Blum. Despite or break the steel drive. If the the efforts of the People's Front Negro steel workers are awakened parties and the CGT* to put a Those CIO unions, some of whom and stimulated to action despite stop to the strike movement, the pretend not to understand the the caution poured into their veins French working class is obviously

In Madrid the Caballero cabinet has just issued a decree whereby conscious of the need of organization, and proceed to demand their the bewildered young workers who have been enrolled. This condition workers will peter out with an etc.

In Barcelona the government has issued a decree decided upon by the Economic Council that all peasants must join the agricultural syndicates. These syndicates (Continued Next Column)

over the land. London, Sept. 16, 1936

CANADIAN UNIONS PUSSYFOOT ON CIO; REJECT LABOR PARTY

> pose a resolution, which would express regret at the expulsion of confusion and evasion. It comes

I.L.G.W.U. wanted to dodge the pendent of any political organizalutions and decisions adopted by whole issue. The head of the Unit- tion. . . ." the convention, it must be under- ed Mine Workers Union in Canstood that the Congress does not ada, D. W. Morrison, who is also eniov the same prerogatives as the Vice President of the Trades and tation. The resolution they sup-A. F. of L. convention; it is merely Labor Congress, is a long way ported was that the Congress the legislative mouthpiece of the from the fighting John L. Lewis. should urge its affiliated unions talist press, Dubinsky's speech was letter in which we are told that A. F. of L. unions in Canada with The C.P. delegates were not de- to join the C.C.F. It was left for a declaration of intentions to the "middle of the roaders" from the addition of several national termined enough to push the issue a delegate who is a member of the bodies and federal locals, char- and were wavering in their atti- C.P.O. to state clearly the position tered directly by the Congress. It tude, even ready at the beginning of the trade unions to political achas no organizational power and to support a colorless, meaning- ion. confines its activities to lobbying less resolution, aiming to preserve and conducting propaganda of a "unity at all costs."

mined by the "respective Interna- fascism. tional Unions affiliated to the to this Congress."

the ten International unions by the
A. of F. L. executive and definite-A. of F. L. executive and definite-ly state the desire to stand united in Canada in Canada.

By K. KALMEN

the Trades and Labor Congress of

Canada concluded five days de-

liberations, in Montreal on Satur-

day, September 12th. Close to 400

delegates, representing local

unions and international organi-

zations, coming from every prov-

ince of Canada, made this conven-

in the history of the Congress.

general nature.

tion one of the most representative

To estimate correctly the reso-

Membership Increases

Treasurer showed an increase in

it can be assumed that the Con-

gress has a membership of close

largest trade union center in Can-

The questions agitating the pro-

it to say that more than 100 reso-

the organization of the unorgan-

The most important problem of

scarcely discussed. The resolu-

a conference of the Catholic Syn-

about a united movement. Presi-

dent Draper dodged the issue by

declaring that the split was not

the fault of the Congress and that

C.I.O. Issue Straddled

The C.I.O. issue agitated the

minds of most of the delegates.

Since the opening of the Congress,

the C.I.O. delegates, together with

collectives, as they exist in the

dicates, however, represent stages

working class arrogates complete

political power to itself and takes

toward that goal provided the

The report of the Secretary-

The fifty-second convention of

gressive sections of the labor handling of the resolutions by the President ruled the whole matter ment. President, P. M. Draper, was in- out of order, including the "comstrumental in shelving all the pro- promise" resolution, and refused gressive resolutions for the last to grant the floor to the bewildday of the convention. Suffice ered delegates. While discussing the question of organizing the unorganized, Draper made a state- C.P. delegates. In spite of the lutions were left for Saturday, including 13 favoring the C.I.O., ment that no matter which legiti- fact that they had a block of mate International Union will close to 30 delegates, they did not resolutions for a Labor Party, against War and Fascism, and for unorganized, the Congress will Convention in the least. They were help it with all possible means at badly organized, took an apoloits disposal. Substantiating this getic, supine attitude, at times borstatement in private conversation, dering on flattery of the leaderthe Canadian trade union movehe declared, that no matter what ship. The People's Front policy ment— trade union unity—was happens across the border, he will was strongly felt at the Congress. collect the per capita dues from tions committee moved non-concurall the unions affiliated at pres- sive block at the Congress, it was rence on a resolution asking the ent. As the Constitution provides confined to the C.I.O. issue only, Trades and Labor Congress to call for the affiliation of unions who and was outwitted even in this were expelled from the A. F. of field. It was gratifying though to dicates and the All-Canadian Con-L. if a two-thirds majority of the see the attempt at collaboration gress of Labor in order to bring Congress consents to it, the C.I.O. between C.P., C.C.F., C.P.O., Left issue has been left hanging in the Poale Zion, and generally progresair, as far as Canada is concerned. sive delegates. What was lacking

Labor Party Opposed

The Labor Party question came up for discussion in the last few hours of the convention. Resolu tions calling on the Congress to initiate a Federated Labor Party, iterated, which is a masterpiece of labor political parties, and . .

On this question the C.P. delegates showed confusion and hesi-

Discussion on war and fascism

When the head of the resolutions lutions dealing with these quescommittee finally presented a so- tions were combined with a prevcalled compromise resolution, it iously adopted resolution endorswas found to be far from satisfac- ing the recent decision of the Amtory to the C.I.O. forces. It de-sterdam International (of which paid up per capita, bringing it clared the whole issue to be outclose to 112,000 members. As side the province of the Congress trade union unity. The reason was many affiliates do not pay on the and stated that the future policy that the preamble of the resolution of the Millinery Convention. basis of their actual membership, of the Congress would be deter- spoke of the danger of war and The only resolution adopted un

was one greeting Tom Mooney of

its doors are open for all unions desiring to affiliate. WINTER ISSUE OF "INT, CLASS" STRUGGLE" JUST OFF PRESS

influence of the international deal with American problems. The nism and War", "Underground Caformer reports the conventions of dres in Germany" by Leo, "A Letthe Republican and Democratic ter to the POUM" by the Inter-

provide for the collective sale of Parties in an article entitled "Ho- rational Communist Opposition, all agricultural products, collective kum on Parade", and the latter "Problems of the British Labor purchase of industrial products, discusses very thoroughly the crisis Party" by James Christie. In adand for adequate credit to mem- which threatens to rend the trade dition there are editorials dealing maintained until an agreement was ner-union situation. Yet, this is a These agricultural syndicates are titled "American Labor Looks "The New Soviet Constitution". not identical with the Artels, the Ahead."

lution, "Perspectives of the Span- numbers) is \$1.00.

But unfortunately there was no that this Congress continue to act be straightforward and sweeping, sky's "peace at all cost" speech unity amongst the C.I.O. dele- as the legislative mouthpiece for or crafty and indirect, in an at- was a distinct surprise due to his gates. The delegates from the organized labor in Canada, inde- tempt to cause division and dis- close association with Dubinsky,

was declared out of order, as reso-

to 125.000. It is therefore the American Federation of Labor and der pressure of the Progressives After he refused to delete the twentieth anniversary of his "American Federation of Labor", martyrdom, the President refusing the C.I.O. delegates were ready to entertain a protest resolution, movement received but scant at- for a fight. But when it came as this would mean meddling in tention at the convention. The to the floor of the convention, the the affairs of a foreign govern-

Convention Changed Nothing An analysis of this Convention could not be complete without discussing the stand taken by the come to Canada to organize the influence the proceedings of the ces in Canada be able to bring ization who, with the charter in Although there was a progres-

The winter issue of the INTER-NATIONAL CLASS STRUGGLE, murdered Joaquin Maurin. It is probably the last theoretical arturn arturn last June. A strike was union last June. A strike was claim the Maurin Firemen's Oilunions, worked together to bring about a solution of the problem.

They were moved by two primary considerations and the problem of the problem.

They were moved by two primary considerations and the problem of the problem. considerations—to preserve the by and brilliant analyses of Ameriture and execution by the fascists. unity of the Congress, as a split lican and international problems. Among the rest of the articles would mean a death-blow to the Jay Lovestone and Will Herberg there is a discussion on "Commu-

union movement, in an article en- with "Coalition Government" and reached in the evening at 6 o'clock. dangerous precedent to set. The This enlarged number of INTER-

A most important programmatic NATIONAL CLASS STRUGGLE cent union shop. Soviet Union today. The latter document, is the article on the na-sells for the same price—25 cents.

provide for the collective producture of the coming Spanish revo- The subscription price per year (4 board member, was in charge of the negotiations.

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TRADE UNION NOTES

By George F. Miles

were non-concurred in by the resolutions committee. Instead the AS THE executive council session approaches there is an increasing feeling of uncasiness in trade union ranks. of the C.I.O. forces across the bor-old stand of the Congress was re-Speculation is rife as to whether the A. F. of L. Council will have the courage to strike the first blow by making the suspension final, in the face of widespread opposition from numerous locals, internationals and state bodies; whether the lines of the CIO unions will hold; whether the peace-mongers will succeed in finding a "middle ground" where no middle ground exists;

whether the Council decision will | sension in the ranks of the CIO. and the resolution ultimately ad-In the midst of this uneasiness opted can hardly be considered a

and speculation burst like a bomb- model of firmness for the CIO. shell the speech of President Du- These developments receive added binsky at the Millinery Union con-significance when considered in the vention. As reported in the capi-light of Chester Wright's weekly capitulate to the craft union block both sides were more busy than in the A. F. of L. The joyful out- ever in search of that mythical burst from William Green, upon middle of the road. reading the story, sounded ominous indeed to friends of the CIO. come at this or any other time pro-The premature joy of the craft vided no compromise is made on unionists was however arrested by the basic principles on which the President Dubinsky's charges of CIO was organized. Any other kind misrepresentation by the press and of peace would mean surrender to his insistence that he stands by the enemies of industrial unionism, the policies enunciated by the CIO. to the enemies of progress in the Dubinsky's correction would make trade union movement. job of priming at the press table

Still, we must note certain discurbing developments in the course the charter of the New York orof this convention. President Zarit-

in this cooperation was strong clear-cut leadership, the lack of ter is lifted, are so puerile that which resulted in the outcome of no person in his right mind can the C.I.O. issue.

Generally the convention left hings untouched in the Canadian Trade Union movement. The spirit over the possible reaction of the at this convention was much live- membership when he tries to put lier than at previous ones, but the over a new agreement for the net results are the same. Only New York market. What could through persistent, progressive possibly be more simple than to work, through firm collaboration lift the charter until the new agreewith the progressive movement in the U.S., will the progressive for-send in a receiver over the organabout the desired changes in their his pocket, reorganizes the Joint trade union movement.

WAGES RAISED

DETROIT.—Two instances of silly his insistence that craft unionvage increases for automobile ism is synonymous with democratic workers, won by militant action of procedure It will be especially the union, have been announced embarrassing to Green when the here by Homer Martin, president New York shoe workers take their of the International Union, United case to court, as they seem to be Automobile Workers of America. intent on doing.

A general wage increase of 3c an hour throughout the Bendix plant in South Bend, Ind., affecting some 2,000 workers, went into Umpire to Direct Election of Ofeffect during the past month. The ficers by Marine Workers." Thus verted when the company agreed gle in the Marine Firemen's, Oilto the wage increase and a verbal ers' and Water Tenders' Union: a contract regarding conditions, to union election with the minority charging fraud and subsequently ecome effective in September.

Another increase of 3c an hour resorting to the "law". The result Another increase of 3c an hour vas granted workers in Geometric Stamping Co., Cleveland, after an eight-hour strike on Sept. 30. At 10. o'cleck that morning every 10 o'clock that morning every worker in the plant walked out lt may seem like a plausible anand formed a picket line that was swer to a difficult and snarled in-The agreement provides also for inner life of a union organization union recognition and a 100 per must be considered inviolate and John Soltis, Cleveland executive

other policy creates precedents which may in time become both

existence of a free trade union movement.

Besides, we'll be very much surprised if Mr. McCauley does not emerge from the elections holding down the fattest job in the union.

outside the pale of the court. Any

oppressive and menacing to the

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COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL AND WAR

ticle "The United Front of Struggle for Peace" represents a political turn the significance of which the population against the horrors goes far beyond the war question and the issue of tactical differences. An article written by the general secretary of the Communist International is not simply another article, it is rather a directive for the sections of the C.I. Dimitroff's article was printed and commented on in the entire communist press and it is quite evident from the actions of Communist leaders in Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Spain, France, the United States, etc. that these instructions are already being translated into practise.

The essential points in Comrade Dimitroff's article may be summed up briefly as follows: In their attitude towards the war danger and thus assuring the bourgeoisie in towards war itself the Communist every way that they are true pa-Parties must take the concrete sit- triots. Such are the practical reuation into primary consideration. sults of Dimitroff's directives. They must distinguish between the "aggressor" on the one hand and the victim of the "aggressor" on the other. Any attempt to deny the difference between fascist and non-fascist states in this respect tain conditions the C.P.F. would must be exposed.

"For Defense Only"

The Communist Parties, Dimitroff continues, "can no longer afford to ignore" the question of of the French army. "national defense" and foreign pol- A comparison of the above stateicy in countries directly menaced by an aggressor.

"Without permitting itself under any conditions to sink to the position of the bourgeoisie. the Party of the proletariat must actively interfere in foreign policy and in the sphere of the defense of the country. advancing its own platform, its own demands. . . . In conditions of a direct threat of war by a fascist aggressor, the Communists . . . will seek to bring about the formation of a Peo-

ple's Front Government." Dimitroff warns the Communis Parties not to assume any political responsibility for the measures of national defense launched by bourgeois governments. They are "to vote against the war policy of their governments and against the policy: military budget as a whole. This does not exclude refraining from voting in definite cases, giving the cause for doing so, on those various measures of a defensive character which are necessary to hinder the attack of a fascist aggressor (e.g., the fortification of fron-

Lovestone.

LOVESTONE BEGINS LECTURES

The second week of the New "Six Months of the Peoples Front

clude, in addition to the continua- treat the domestic policies of the

opening of the current events ser- to the working class parties, but

tion of the regular courses, the peoples front and its relationship

This course will estimate the per lecture.

for the first discussion will be 51 West 14th St.

Comrade George Dimitroff's ar- tiers, or voting and speaking for such measures which are dictated by the interests of the defense of of war (gas shelters, gas masks, Red Cross work, etc.)."

"The central task of the enforce of a broad peace front.

the realization of that task."

statements the Communist Parties of Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, rors, however, there was still the Spain, France and the United States have declared their readi- ization of this resolution would ness to defend the bourgeois republic in time of war; they are, moreover, demanding "democratic reforms" for the bourgeois army,

For a "Democratic Army" Thorez and Duclos, joint secretaries of the French Communist Party, have stated that under cervote for the military budget of a bourgeois government. The conditions were not given precisely. The C.P.F. is calling for the "modernization and democratization"

ments with the resolutions of the Seventh World Congress of the C.I. immediately reveals serious deviations from the decisions of he Seventh Congress.

Permit us to recall to you the content of the resolution on war dopted at the World Congress:

"The Communist parties must wage a struggle against military credits in all capitalist countries. They must fight for the recall of troops stationed in colonies and mandated territory; they must fight against the militarization methods of capitalist governments, particularly, against the militarization of youth, women, the unemployed. etc." (Our emphasis).

In case of war, the resolution lays down the following general

"If, however, despite all efimperialist world war does break out, it will be the task of the Communists to lead the orof imperialist war into civil

throwing capitalism." (Empha- ties but also those workers still ploying the methods of class strug-We have repeatedly pointed out ists, and further, those petty bour- support the Soviet Union. tire international proletariat tains many weak points and cer- bourgeois democratic parties and principle, they assume the role of

that this resolution on war con- geois sections that still follow against fascism depends upon war waged by a capitalist country In recent resolutions and public against other capitalist countries. Despite these omissions and erpossibility that the practical realproceed on the basis of Commu-

Principles Abandoned

Today, however, these gaps are filled and vague points are cleared up so that there is no longer any loubt as to the rank opportunism of the C.I., and to the fact that Communist principles have been abandoned.

The most important tenet of Marxism-Leninism is the theory of the class struggle. Applied to the war question, this means that in pose. times of war the revolutionary ciple of the Socialist and Commulist countries must support the ing class still under the influence nist Parties to which the minutest detail of their activities is entirely subordinated, and, furthermore, that in an imperialist war the revolutionary class struggle must be orientated towards the overthrow the revolutionary movement, aimof capitalist rule thru civil war.

The C.I., however, abandons this fundamental of Marxism-Leninism when it instructs the Communist not within the scope or ability of in the strengthening of the forces when it instructs the Communist defend the bourgeois republic in soviet diplomacy to wage the class of peace and the defense of the case of an attack by a fascist state struggle inside the capitalist coun- Soviet Union because it coincides and to form "People's Front governments" where there is an immediate danger of war. A "Peo- ces determine the political fate of country. ple's Front government" entails the closest collaboration of the Communist Party with Socia Democratic and bourgeois parties in time of war. The People's Front policy is worse than the policy of class peace as pursued by labor during the world war, because then labor merely pledged not to fight against the bourgeois gov- Dear Comrade Mooney: forts of the working class, an ernment. The People's Front, however, means the closest collaboration with the bourgeois class army with the red army of work-AT NEW WORKERS SCHOOL weapon - the bourgeois army;

Workers School full term will in- in France". This will not only panies national defense.

ies by Jay Lovestone. The course also the foreign policy, especially sents itself: what has caused the to us here. has become one of the well known as related to the Spanish situa- C.I. to make such a fundamental We not only send our greet- front and will hardly raise serious features of the school curriculum. tion and to the Soviet Union. The turn?

ever given in the history of the affects upon the world markets mum array of forces, in the face we believe, is the best message we makes propaganda for peace with school. The world shaking events that have occurred and are occur
The second lecture will the Soviet Union particularly from the Soviet Union particularly ring in the world make ready ma- be delivered on the 23rd of October Hitler Germany and Japanese imterial for the brilliant and pro- and will deal with "The Balance perialism, in order to delay the found Marxist analysis of Jay Sheet of the Foreign Policy of the outbreak of war as long as possi-Soviet Union". The fee is 25 cents ble and to support the Soviet Union in case of war. Every delay means current trends, the probable out- Lewis Corey's second lecture on a period of growth of the milicome of the world conflict between "Our American Proletariat" will tary, economic and political prow-

the forces of labor and the forces take place the same evening at ess of the Soviet Union. of reaction, and the part that the 7 P. M. The fee is \$2.00. Single | The aim is a correct one, the American working class shall play admission 35 cents. Register for methods applied toward its realiz- \$1.50 per year. in the international arena, as well both courses and make sure of ation, however, are impermissible hearing two outstanding Commu- from a Communist viewpoint; far under the act of March 3, 1879. The first lecture of Lovestone's nists on the same night. Registra- from fulfilling their purpose, they

series will open on Friday, Oct. tions for all courses are still open run counter to it. 16th at 8:30 P. M. The subject for the New Workers School at The idea underlying the change Vol. 5, No. 42. of policy is that in order to rea-

war against the fascist war- lize its two-fold aim, the C.I. must each country. The Communist Parmongers, against the bour- mobilize not only the immediate ties of capitalist countries can acgeoisie, with the aim of over- following of the Communist Par- complish their purpose only by emunder the influence of the reform- gle and only thus can they really

consists of being the organizer, tain errors. Its worst shortcom- finally those bourgeois nations reformist and bourgeois parties the main support and leading ing was that it failed to give clear that are momentarily interested in and greatly harm the Soviet and adequate directives to the sec- the maintenance of peace and Union, the international working "The success of the struggle tions of the C.I. in the case of a whose interests are diametrically class, themselves and the workopposed to those of the chief war- ers in their respective countries as allied with the Soviet Union mongers—Hitler Germany and well. Japan. It is perfectly correct for the Soviet Union to take all these facts into consideration and to utilize the League of Nations and other bourgeois organizations for its own purposes. The Communist Parties of capitalist countries must also take these factors into ac-

Once they deviate from this

Class Peace Aids War

peace or even the struggle to de-

lay the war. The strongest de-

terrent to war that the bourgeois

classes and governments face ever

since the existence of a revolution-

ary labor movement is their fear

The C.P., by pursuing a policy of

class collaboration in time of peace

and by calling for "People's Front

governments" in time of war, is re-

moving this fear and is making it

very much easier for the bour-

geoisie to engage in war. Thus,

instead of maintaining peace as

originally intended, the C.P. is aid-

ing the cause of war. The line

Take the question of war. Let

us choose France as an illustra-

tion, and glance at the situation

there. The big bourgeoisie of

France is divided. One section is

in favor of an alliance with the

Soviet Union realizing that the de-

fense of French imperialism as a

first-rate European power demands

such an alliance. Another section

is opposed to this because it fears

the revolutionary effects of such

an alliance-nationally and inter-

nationally. In case of war this

if a war with Hitler Germany is

threatened, it will confine itself

to the defense of France and sabo-

The great mass of peasants and

urban petty bourgeoisie fears and

hates war. They realize that they

have nothing to gain in an imper-

ialist war and everything to lose.

No matter what patriotic and na-

may fling about, the French peas-

defense operations on the Eastern

objections if the anti-Soviet sec-

tionalist phrases the C.P. of France

iet Union as much as possible.

of a workers revolution.

Let us take the struggle for

However, to transfer mechanically the means, methods and forms which are correctly applied by the Soviet Union in its foreign policy and by the C.P. of the S.U., as the party controlling the soviet state, to the Communist Parties in capitalist countries means the ruin of the latter and the destruction of the original pur-

We are completely agreed that of the C.I. should be one of winthe Communist parties of capital- ning over that section of the workforeign policy and the domestic of reformism, and bringing it clospolicy of the Soviet Union. That er to communism and its aims thru is not the point. It is quite a dif- a genuine proletarian united front; ferent matter to demand that the the C.I. should wage a bitter war Communist Parties—the leaders of on the bourgeois democratic parties ing at the seizure of soviet power the petty bourgeois masses under -cease class warfare and support their influence and of allying them their respective bourgeois govern- with the working class and its ments in peace and war. It is aims. Such a policy would result tries. Soviet foreign policy at- with the strengthening of the revotempts to influence whatever for- lutionary forces in each capitalist

In the course of the past month nine districts of the underground organization of the Communist in power. And it follows logically Party Opposition of Germany and that the C.P. confines itself ex- three prison fractions discussed section will sabotage the pact or struggle for the transformation clusively to demands for demother the history of your case. Our oldcratic reform of the bourgeois er comrades related the essential army and drops its revolutionary facts of your arrest and imprisondemand for replacing the bourgeois ment to the younger ones. We tage military support of the Sovwere instructed by all of them to ers and peasants. Anxious to de- transmit their warmest fraternal fend the bourgeois republic, the greetings to you in profound ad-C.P. cannot touch its mightiest miration of your unbroken courage. These comrades, as you know, moreover, defense of the republic are waging a most difficult strugin war leads to the acceptance of gle against the bloody Hitler rethe patriotic jingoism that accom- gime.

mination which you have dis-The question immediately preis a source of constant inspiration
plays a very essential role in the pents itself: what has caused the long here

ings to you but pledge to continue The series, this year, promises to recent devaluation of the franc be one of the most interesting will be discussed in reference to its viously that of mustering a maximum that you are waging yours. This, Soviet Union in the lurch and or your imprisonment.

Comrades of the C.P.G.-O. government may replace the latter.

in Hitler Germany (Continued in the Next Issue)

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In The C.P.O. Pre-Convention Discussion

The C. P. O. Plenum; The Impressions of an Outsider In the Daily Worker of October 2, 1936, in an obscure corner on page 6, there is an item that de-

The writer of this article is a prominent journalist and political torial, which is to say, like an as- vastating light upon how the Peoobserver. Though a communist sympathizer, he is not affiliated with sistant professor of political econany communist organization. His impressionistic description of the omy at Bryn Mawr, which is to political trap for the working Communist Party Convention was printed in the Workers Age of say, like an undersized mule. At class. To the question by M.N.: July 11, 1936, under the title, "The Communist Party's Jamboree". We now submit his impressions of the recent conference of the Com-

Needless to say, the policies expressed in this article vary in many essentials from the position of the C.P.O. and the editorial policy of thoroughness that would make the the rake's progress of the People's Workers Age. We believe, however, that the revolutionary working class press must make possible a free discussion of the issues agitating Columbia University blush with the labor movement today. This we are attempting to do in our modest shame. Another member from the

By D. SWIFT

For long it has been a commonplace among honest people that as alabaster Jesuses. the best radical thinking is done not in the ranks of the official of the opposition parties. This it was heretofore. The thinkhead-

to the few remarks I wish to make the meetings of the conference the most brazen naivete. through the kind invitation of the secretariat, who promised me complete freedom of expression. Last June I attended the national convention of the Communist Party, ing Plaza sessions I was in a good position to make comparisons. As in my article on the convention of the official party, I am here making only an impressionistic report. I am an unaffiliated radical in politics, and associated with no party.

0 0 0 What first interested me about the conference was its real democratic character. The twenty-three members of the national committee actually exercised their right of discussion. A similar right is allegedly present among the official Communists, but only a liar would say that it is a reality. What Earl Browder says in his official capacity as general secretary CPO resolution gave it. The Soor even ex cathedra instantly assumes the character of immutable cialist Party's antagonistic stand law. The American Communist on the ALP can best be described Party is thus even more autocrat- as one of premature ignorance. It ic than the Catholic Church, for takes nine months for a baby to on some things, as students of be born, and certainly the Amer-Pope to go to hell. The Pope is in favor of child labor, yet many | The remarks on these resolutions n.eetings of the National Commit- of the two major parties and of tee, as I have said, there was real minor organizations. At all of freedom of dissent. Jay Lovestone them I heard barely a word from was openly rebuked for failing to the general membership. The chiefs consider in his general report the handed down the Word, to be ratisituation in China, and Will Her- fied, not to be analyzed or debated. insult. The chief party function- York Times or New Masses edi-

aries, in short, were regarded merely as party members and not

Even more important than the democratic atmosphere prevalent Communist Party but in the ranks at the conference was the genuine realism and sound information refact is even more obvious now than vealed in the discussions. The deedness behind the People's Front delivered by Messers. Lovestone formed, and flabbily written "lib- ter or more honorable than to beg termission in between. eral" periodical in the United Messrs. Lovestone and Herberg for copies of their remarks about the tional Committee of the Commu- dom brought forth anything so with high hopes, and I was not It is the vanguard of socio-econ-

The resolutions on the CIO, the

American Labor Party, and the stand on the ALP seemed to me to be especially sensible. The party openly recognizes the primitivebefuddlement of its present ideoleast the very ponderable merit of being a labor party with a labor base. That, unhappily, is a rare thing in American labor parties. Most of them have been no more than United Fronts of laborers farmers, tired millionaire liberals and middle class men and women plagued with bad consciences. The American Labor Party certainly deserves the encouragement of months to gestate.

Catholicism know, both the laity and the priesthood can tell the prominent American Catholics are and other matters from the floor fighting openly in behalf of the seemed very strange. I had attend-Child Labor Amendment. At the ed National Committee meetings berg was audibly hissed when he Ordinary members were allowed urged that the CPO endorse the only to tell stories or to apologize presidential candidacy of Earl for being late or drunk. When any Browder with enough reservations one of them did try to talk sense, to make of the endorsement a gross he generally talked like a New

entire political science faculty at Front: Middle West-from Detroit, I believe-contributed some extremely interesting thought about the difficulties radicalism is experiencing n his neighborhood. He pleaded for a greater American approach to revolutionary problems.

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Altogether I came away from the conference a better-informed man, with my regard for the CPC nunciations of the People's Front increased a hundredfold. But there were also some things that rubbed ideology has made it very easy and Herberg were truly masterful. me the wrong way or seemed imfor the confused and ignorant in It was a delight to see such ma- prudent. First, a few minor critithe official party to assume the ture grappling with the major is- cisms. Lovestone's speech lasted stature of Realpolitiker for where sues of the times. To the best of more than four hours. That is to there is no real political character my knowledge nowhere else in long. It is unreasonable to expect all manner of theoretical non- America today are these issues 200 people to sit in one place for sense appears impressive. Thus being dealt with so vigorously and four hours and continually page the Communist, the Daily Worker, with such obvious soundness as at close attention to a highly then and the New Masses are even more the conclaves of the CPO. The retical speech, even if it is interchildish now than they were two well-meaning and mainly untrust- spersed with witticisms and extrayears ago. The latter magazine, worthy liberals of the sort who ordinary flashes of humor. The huin fact, is well on the way to look upon Dr. Alvin S. Johnson man anatomy simply revolts at this. reaching the Nation in the race and Oswald Garrison Villard as in- The speech should have been brofor the most unreadable, poorly-in- telligent men could do nothing bet- ken up into two parts, with an in-But these, as I have said, are All this is by way of preface ravages of the People's Front in minor points. I have doubts of a

Spain and France. That female more serious nature. It was obvious about the conference of the Na- instrument known as logic has sel- to me from the aforementioned hissing and from remarks overnist Party (Opposition). I came monstrous as the People's Front. heard in the conference hall that the CPO membership had so low disappointed. I attended most of omic collapse and the badge of an opinion of Earl Browder and his current campaign tactics and election platform that it was ready, nay, eager to throw him overboard. The CPO leadership, I keeping with the current American general political situation today in incline to think, should have given ed and uncompromising. The CPO stand on the ALP seemed to me to whatever to the National Committee or urging the CPO membership campaign, I am told by lawyers. ness of the organization and the to write in the name of Tom Mooney, whom the CPO first sugogy, especially its endorsement of gested as the United Front can-Roosevelt and Lehman, but it also didate for all American labor in proud and memorable page in the nothing to the Kansas or Texas recognizes that the ALP has at the presidential elections of 1936.

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voting for the measure."

formula of the People's Front:

(1) We're opposed to this measure

this measure specifically as pro-

aet; (3) but we must support the

Such is the pattern according to

which the French C.P. voted for

the criminal "non intervention'

indignation at workers meetings.

People's Front Cabinet at all costs

In the Daily Worker of October serves our most thoughtful attention for it throws a brilliantly de- in general; (2) we're opposed to the conference of the National "What is the attitude of the and preserve the People's Front Committee of the CPO I heard one French Communist Party on de- no matter what may be the price; member, whose name I unfortu- valuation?", the editor replies in and so (4) we vote FOR this nately do not recall, analyze the a statement of four paragraphs, measure. Soviet policy in China with a each marking a further stage in

"The French Communist Par- swindle of the Blum government ty has consistently opposed all when it first came up some months devaluation schemes as primar- ago and will vote for it once more ily based on a lowering of liv- | should it come up before the Chaming standards of the masses of ber again-despite all of Thorez's the people thru increase in heroics and outbursts of virtuous prices. . . . "In respect to Premier Blum's Such is the pattern according to

recent devaluation of the franc, which both the socialists and comthe Communist Party took a po- munists are forced to gulp down sition of opposing this policy... without protest the worst filth that

"While opposing devaluation, the bourgeois liberals may deign the Communists also stated that to offer them! they would not take the res- The strategy of the People's ponsibility of the fall of the Front inevitably converts the Blum government on this issue workers parties into the political because they would only be auxiliaries of the liberals and thus playing into the hands of the virtually drives the masses into

"In the Chamber, the Com- gogues. The Daily Worker now munists voted for the govern- very obligingly lays bare the mement proposal, stating their chanism whereby this is accompposition and their reasons for lished.

ory game. It is a grappling with

A write-in campaign for Tom

Mooney would have been more in

situation and would have consti-

could easily be circumvented. A

Second, I was not wholly con-

inforce the belief that the trial

present realities.

history of our times.

The adopted resolution endorsing mer chief of the Red Army and Browder solely because he repre- his stooges. sents the only traditionally revolu- Third, I am of the opinion that tionary party in the campaign, the CPO leadership is not paying

the arms of the fascist dema-

there is no more sense in tying up other radical parties, seems to be with it now than there is in mar- top heavy with New Yorkers, who rying a prostitute simply because are inclined to look at everyhing years ago she used to be a respect- from the vantage point of Fourable woman. Politics is not a mem- teenth Street, which is very different from the rest of the United States. This country of ours is an almost incredible amalgam of century-old prejudices and the most up-to-date aberrations in all fields of human thought and endeavor. America will never go Communist until the Middle and Far West go Communist, and they have to be legal obstacles implied in such a taught Communism in American terms, not in European, which is to say, Fourteenth Street, terms. 50,000 or even a 5,000 write-in vote The big names of the European for Tom Mooney would form a revolutionary movement mean prolets or farmers, and their phraseology means even less to vinced by Lovestone's report and them. The whole body of Marxism analysis of the Kamenev-Zinovieff must be translated into the Amertrial. His opinion that the execu- ican language, and it must be iltion of these two former leaders of lustrated with examples from our Bolshevism was unnecessary and own national history. All the radwould in the long run hurt the ical parties have been grossly degood name of world Communism ficient in this regard. The CPO is was sound enough, but I could not perhaps most blameworthy in this follow him in his judgment that the respect, for it was the first to two men were undoubtedly guilty. espouse the very excellent prin-The confessions seemed phoney, ciple of exceptionalism. It must

was, to say the least, not on the These criticisms of mine may be level. It seems incredible that the naive, for I am not a Marxist exquiet and unobtrusive Kameneff pert. I am only an intellectual, was the center of a terroristic plot, working in a special field, with only and Zinovieff protested his degra- an intelligent man's interest in the dation too much to make me think drift of revolutionary history in that he was in his right mind. the making. I believe that my Lovestone's attempt to prove the doubts express the doubts of thoutwo men's guilt by quoting a stray sands of other well-disposed and and indifferent remark of Trot- fairly informed American citizens. sky's at the time of the Kiroff mur- I have gone to all this trouble of der seemed to me almost Jesuitical. putting my impressions on paper, The Trotsky remark justified ter- because the CPO ideology seems to rorism and was linked to the Ka- me to be full of rare realism and meneff-Zinovieff confessions only to be most nearly in keeping with by the wildest stretch of interpre- the spirit of Marx and Lenin. If tation. The CPO, in so far as I my present article and the one I have followed its line, occasionally wrote in July on the Communist seems to fall into the very same Party national convention have error that it denounces in the CP, contributed one iota to the clarifinamely, blaiming all the troubles cation of all the issues involved I of world radicalism upon the for- shall be more than satisfied.

smacked to me of sophistry. The enough attention to the complaints Communist Party used to be revo- of its Middle and Far Western lutionary, but it is not so now, and functionaries. The party, like all and the recent investigations of now begin to put that principle the Manchester Guardian only re- into practice on a large scale.

WALL ST. FINDS F. D. R. "SAFE"

(Continued from Page 1) enough foresight to find it necessary to utilize the present moment for strengthening the position of the right-wing of the Democratic Party, headed by such people as Owen D. Young, S. Parker Gilbert and John W. Davis. The latter, along with Giannini, President of the Bank of America, are amongst the ultra-conservative magnates who have not yet jumped on the Landon band-wagon and who are still close to Roosevelt and even support him vigorously. The leaders of the bankers in Wall St. propose to utilize these people as the peace-makers with Roosevelt and thus strengthen their position inside the Democratic Party in preparation for the fights which are bound to break out in the Democratic Party right after the election—fights which have only been delayed because of the bitterness of the election conflict with the Republican Party.

It is obvious that this entire strategy is based on a recognition of the hopelessness of Landon's propsects in November. It is likewise based on a growing recognition by the big bankers that, all said and done, Roosevelt is very far from being unreliable in so far as their fundamentals are concerned. After all, he has done them one very good turn in the depths of the crisis in '33 and has pledged to try to modernize and "improve" the profit system.

There is every reason to conclude that Roosevelt will welcome any olive branch extended to him by the uppermost layer of the banking world. While his election is rather certain, yet, due to the fact that the biggest interests are pouring so many millions of dollars into the campaign for Landon the campaign is assuming an intense bitterness and is threaten ing to weaken considerably Roose velt's strength in the coming Congress. For this strategic reason Roosevelt would be more than glad to come to terms with the bankers The latter feel so confident nowadays that they reckon they have practically nothing at all to lose and very much to gain thru such an arrangement. Roosevelt very probably feels that he also can only gain in his campaign in holding conservative force because, in general, the liberal forces of the country are definitely lined up with him anyhow.

It is unlikely that this arrange ment will have any repercussions in the ranks of labor immediately. It is certain, however, that such an arrangement would have a profound effect on Roosevelt's socalled social program and that this

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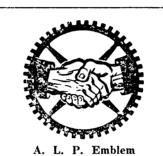
WORKERS ENDORSE LABOR PARTY DESPITE SOCIALISTS

The Doll & Toy Workers Union at its regular membership meeting held at Beethoven Hall, October 3rd enthusiastically voted to accept the Executive Board's resolution favoring affiliation to the American Labor Party.

Out of about six hundred people present, only 8 voted against the resolution. These eight, members of the YPSL, disgusted the union membership with their sectarianism. The YPSL made intense preparations for the meeting. Prior to the meeting they held a street meeting in front of the hall to plead with and urge the doll and toy workers not to vote for affiliation to the "ALP" because it was a "fake" labor party, a party organized by the Democrats to elect Roosevelt. The results of the vote was foreshadowed by the "tremendous" attendance at their meeting. The leaflet distributed by them was an additional piece of nonsense. To disguise themselves it was issued under the name of the "Doll & Toy Workers League for Thomas and Nelson" which has a mass following in the Union of eight Yip-

The resolution adopted points to the A.L.P. as a step forward away from the two capitalist parties and effect would be only at the expense points out that despite its endorseof labor, even more than in the ments of the "standard-bearers of the Democratic Party' the All has historic potentialities which if successfully harnessed by the progressives and class conscious elements can result in a labor party completely free from the capitalist parties, and a powerful weapon in the hands of labor.

In the election for the vacancies to the Executive Board and the Vice-Presidency, the membership of the union elected the candidates of the Progressive Group. The Rank & File Group did not nominate anyone for vice-president but they did nominate one for the Executive Board. Despite the intense campaign of the Rank & File prior to the meeting and at the meeting, the Profressive Group candidate sive Group did very little in the Group has successfully run the af- to be on the priest's payroll.



fairs of the Union. The election of the two Progressives keeps the whole administration 100% Progressive and is a vote of confidence

for the Progressive administration. Despite the rise of little oppositions every now and then, the Progressive Group has been able to keep its influence intact because of its success in advancing the interests of the Doll & Toy Workers. Workers, no matter how backward, judge accomplishments by deeds and not by words.

Coughlin made a hastily covered retreat in his attacks on Roosevelt when the Papal Nuncio arrived this week. In New York the whole Union Party ticket was withdrawn, and Coughlin cancelled a few of his meetings. He suddenly decided that "some things that Roosevelt has done I approve of". This change is significant of the hard work the Democratic boys are doing to protect their votes, and also shows how hard the good father works for his money. This is not the first time the administration has dealt with the radio priest, whose hobby runs to metal

Just to make sure that this halfstep back to the camp of the adwas elected even the the Progres- ministration wins the votes, Secretary Ickes disclosed connections way of campaigning, leaving it to between Hard, member of the Rethe judgment of the membership publican National Committee, and to decide whether the Progressive Coughlin. The former was shown

DRESSTRUCKMEN

A strike that will tie up the rucking of finished and unfinished 'resses, thus affecting New Yorks largest industry, became a possibilty following the breakup of a con ference today (Oct. 4) between the Joint Board of the Dressmak ers' Union and representatives of 'he merchant truckmen's associaions at the Hotel Astor, Julius Hochman, Joint Board general nanager announced.

Mr. Hochman quoted the merchant truckmen as saying that thev could not grant the demands of he union because their own contracts with the dress jobbers were eing violated. He pointed out that the union had had no part in the making of the agreements between the truckers and dress jobbers and that any effort to unduly prolong negotiations over the union demands would cause the union to tie up the dress trucking industry.

In addition to demands concerning hours, wages and working conditions, the program of the union is designed to curb a small group of boss truckmen engaging in activitics outside their sphere, Mr. Hochman said. He pointed out that certain truckmen had recently begun to act as go-betweens in an effort to stimulate non-union dress production in rural areas. The union demands, he said, would stop these leaks and extend the union program of stabilization to cover dress trucking.

First move toward the events that led up to today's conference were taken recently when Local No. 102 of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, to which all dress truckmen in the New York area belong, affiliated with the Dress Joint Board, bringing the number of Joint Board locals to five. The four other locals in the Dress Joint Board are concerned with the actual manufacture of dresses.

STRIKE DEATH **INVOLVES COPS**

On Thursday, September 24th, Otto Krueger, a relative of a striker of the Acme Braid Company located in Closter, New Jersey, was fatally shot by Abe Kelchefsky, foreman of the company.

So involved were the police authorities in this murder that Chief of Police Henry Parcells and patrolman John Barnett, both of Closter, were suspended from office on the order of the Bergen County grand jury and the public prosecutor in the case was forced to say that "this case is an outstanding negligence."

The workers of Closter, New Jersey, indignant at this cold-blooded murder of one of their residents and wishing to voice a protest organized a memorial meeting for Monday, October 5th, to be held in the Nemo Theatre in Closter, New Jersey. The police of Closter, acting arbitrarily and without legal right, threw a cordon of police around the theatre and refused to permit the meeting to be held.

One of the residents of Norwood. a nearby county, offered a vacant work-preferably silver in disc lot which he owned in Norwood for the meeting. The meeting decided to move to Norwood. No sooner had the meeting started on the private property of a Mr. Golden, then the Norwood police arrived and broke up the meeting, dragging Milton Rosenberg, organizer of the United Textile Workers of America, from the platform and violently pushing

BOOKS of the AGE

TWO WORLDS. By Lester Cohen. N. Y., Covici, Friede. 1936. 412 pages. \$3.50.

This book sets down the author's trip around the world. He spent brief days in Paris, London, Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev, Kharkov, and Yalta, Instabul, Athens, Jerusalem, Colombo, Madras, Hong Kong, Peiping, Japan and then home again.

Mr. Cohen is a careful observer of the way men live but he was handicapped by the too brief stay in each place. Two or three cities however, come to life: I as is- with all its wizardry, all its magic and its pain He must have felt deeply its extraordinary beauty to make us relive Paris so vividly; but how about the rest of France? It just isn't there.

London? Yes, several chapters on London-specches in Parliament, debates on Fascism-in the Commons-and that's all. How about the rest of England? How about Workers' England? Here the title of the book is altogether misleading.

The Soviet Union-from north to south, but mostly really tourist sight-seeing and space out of all proportion to a small group of declassed Jews.

All the cities of the Levant and India pile up kaleidoscopic scenes of filth, dirt, hunger and vast miserv of those who slave to live. The chapter on Palestine is good and sound, but one wishes Mr. Cohen had stayed longer in India and given us a more detailed description of the workings of British imperialism in that section of the globe.

China comes to life again-overwhelming misery of hundreds of millions of beings who no longer appear human under the burden of their brutalizing labor; the chicanery of the military bandits, the ever-shifting role of Chiang Kaishek, the machinations of the few Trotskyites, the difficulties of the Communists in trying to wipe clean this gigantic cancerous decayand what a feeling of hopelessness!

The book is full of interesting material that just fails to come to life. There are numerous deficiencies in style; one is too often conscious of straining for effect; the scene in the Hong Kong cafe is a piece out of a Hemingway notebook. There is too much cashing of travellers checks and the wife's constant fatigue begins to bore after a time. But one would say the book is interesting in spots.

-Ellen Ward.

and shoving him off the lot.

The Joint Council Knitgoods Workers Union sent protests to the mayors of Norwood and Closter and to Governor Hoffman of New Jersey, demanding that this arbitrary police ban on meetings of example of police stupidity and citizens of the counties be removed and pledging support to the strikers of the Acme Braid to carry on the fight until the murderer of Otto Krueger is brought to justice.

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