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# USSR Ready for Possible LAYOFFS ENDED Break; Rebels Gain

Declares Self Bound To Pact "Only As Much As Others". Spanish Government Shifts Office To Barcelona

A shift in the emphasis of the

Spanish civil war to Catalonia has

possibility exists that this second

ary due to the influence of the

Despite these preparations for

the future, no effort is being spared

in the preparations for the defense

of Madrid. Today, the fascist

forces are within a radius of 12

miles of the capital, altho the rail-

road to Valencia remains uncut,

and fierce fighting at Aranjuez has

evoked heroic defense on the part

non-partisan progressive

slate made a clean sweep in the

elections in the Bookkeepers Sten-

ty, the Communist Party (Opposi-

pendent progressives, received

The vote for president of the

Union was 716 for Merrill against

vote for the Executive Board was

received by Harry Fox, Progres-

sive, who received 773 as against

548 obtained by the highest can-

didate on the Socialist slate.

Among other candidates elected were Peter Hawley, Rose Fisher. Art Krubel, Albert Epstein. Ann

Robbin, Ida Snyder, Bertha Gerst,

The election results of the

& AU are a defeat for those ele-

ments who fought against progres

sive unity and collaboration with-

in the union, and who sought to

establish and perpetuate a small

factional, clique leadership, based

upon a program of red-baiting.

The newly elected leadership will

have the task of overcoming the

disunity in the ranks of the Union

of broadening the leadership and

mobilizing the entire membership

for an organization drive among

white collar workers thruout the

city, and of establishing genuine

collective leadership and inner Union democracy. The Progress

sives will also guard against any

attempt on the part of a section

of the new administration to intro-

duce the theory and practice of

"peoples front" into the union, as

such a theory means reconciliation

with the democratic sections of

the bourgeoisie, and therefore

reactionary" bosses.

over 60% of the total vote.

proletarian junta in Catalonia.

of public statements, the relation- Soviets. ship of Soviet Russia to the London Committee for Non-Intervention in Spain seems to have become strained, with the outcome yet in already given its first indications, doubt. Russia's policy has been to even before the fall of Madrid. The move France to concerted action; government has been shifting its it was this thought that brought offices to Barcelona, and it is exher into the neutrality pact. Once pected that from there the strugthe great and obvious dangers ot gle will enter its second stage. The holding this position crystallized in France's capitulation to the stage will be far more revolution-outrageous actions of the Italian ary due to the influence of the German-English block, Russia threatened independent action. That the tremendous mass pressure at home is causing Blum to constantly waver (altho with a tendency to be a little too constant to Anthony Eden), is adequately revealed by the new line of attack assumed by England.

The latter has attempted to quash the Spanish indictment of the workers forces. against Italy and Germany, and to drown Russia's proposals in a sea of diplomatic red-tape. However, public sympathy for Spain OFFICE WORKERS has caused a new wrinkle. Now England accuses Russia of violating the neutrality agreement by sending arms to Spain-and of being guilty three times as much as Italy, thus lifting the burden from the fascists!

It is doubtful whether the Soviet Union will be impressed with ographers and Accountants Union, these "charges". At present, the Local 12646, A. F. of L. on Mon-USSR has declared herself "not day, October 19th, in a record turnbound more than the other powers out of 1200 voters. The united by the agreement"-which means slate, headed by Louis Merrill and not at all, altho still remaining in supported by the Communist Parthe committee. Portugal's break with Madrid (which means the in- tion), and large sections of indedirect diplomatic break of England) has raised the question of the defection of Italy and Germany from the committee. In such a case France would be left with 464 for Sam Baron. The highest

## UNION HITS AT D. A.'S BIAS

Knitgoods Council Sees M. Yanoff, and others as well as "Red-Herring" As Cover | several unopposed Socialists. For Open Shoppism

The following letter was sent this week to the foreman and members of the additional Grand Jury. New York County, 32 Franklin Street. New York City by Louis Nelson Manager of the Joint Council Knitgoods Workers Union:

"Publicity given recently in the columns of the New York press seems to indicate that Mr. Sullivan, Assistant District Attorney, has openly arrayed himself on the side of the open shop manufacturers in their fight against organized labor.

We most respectfully suggest to your body that while you are investigating union activities, you may be rendering a public service if you will investigate some of the conditions prevailing in the knitgoods industry, for we notice that Mr. Sullivan is quoted in the press as having said that non-union em- class collaboration with the "less

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# BY AUTO UNION

Force Dodge Company To Rehire Thousands; CIO Aids Settlement

Detroit, Mich.-With the agreement of the Chrysler Corporation In a week clouded by the absence Russia, which is the hope of the to rehire thousands of employees they had permanently laid off, to adjust the cases of three union members discharged for union activities, and to enforce strict seniority regulations, workers in ber of other unions in the industhe Dodge Local, United Automobile Workers of America, have gained the most significant victory in the history of the automibile union in Detroit.

The controversy between the union and management began several weeks ago during the layoff season when the Dodge Company mailed letters to a large number of their employees telling them that because of technological changes their services would not be needed on the 1937 models. Claiming that in a large number of instances, seniority regulations agreed to by Chrysler under the Automobile Labor Board were being violated, the union took up the cases and insisted on adjustment. The three cases of discrimination against union membership were pressed at the same time. Richard T. Frankensteen, Detroit Organizational Director, was chairman of the negotiations committee.

Although negotiations and mass meetings had been held for several weeks, the week immediately preceding settlement of the controversy was one of feverish activity by the local. Committees met nightly, and handbills were distributed daily at the Dodge plant at every change of shift. Seven of the departmental units of the Local had already taken strike votes with only eleven votes cast against. The other four units were preparing to vote.

Both for Krzycki and for Allan S. Haywood, United Rubber Workers of America, the audience jumped to its feet in a rising vote of thanks for their support and the support of the CIO. Haywood and Adolph Germer, United Mine Workers of America, represented the CIO during the negotiations with the management.

# A. L. P. YOUTH

Three hundred delegates from 63 lahor, educational, social, and fraternal organizations met at the Hotel Claridge, in New York City on October 9 and set up a Youth Division of the American Labor

The delegates adopted resolutions endorsing President Roosevelt and Governor Lehman for reelection, endorsing the program of the party, and setting up the Youth Division as a permanent organization.

The Central Trades and Labor Council of Elmira, New York, voted unanimously to affiliate with the American Labor Party. Other city-wide labor bodies which have similarly affiliated with the new ton. Utica, and Jamestown.

### Shoe Workers Back TALY, CIO in Unity Drive

Salem, Mass.—The Committee for Industrial Organization was endorsed at the convention of the United Shoe & Leather Workers Union, attended by 60 delegates, representing some 30,000 workers.

The C.I.O. was asked to cooperate in a movement to unite the various unions in the shoe industry into one industrial organization.

Besides the Shoe and Leather Workers and the American Federation of Labor union, the Boot & Shoe Workers, there are a num try, including the Brotherhood of Shoe & Allied Craftsmen, which has voted through its executive board to endorse the C.I.O., the Shoe Workers Protective Union and the American Shoe Workers

The strike of the Newspaper Guild being conducted against the Hearst-owned Seattle Post-Intelligencer, found itself weakened by the action of William Green of the chances in allying herself with Executive Council of the A. F. of L. The strike, which has the support of almost every union on the West Coast, was, by implication, pronounced unjustified when Green stated that the men should go back to work and then discuss terms. The two Guild men who were discharged for union activity (the cause of the strike) need not, said Brother Green, go back. Thus the Executive Council would throw Great Britain will have to away the carefully the careful the careful the careful the careful the careful the careful the away the carefully built up strength of the Seattle Guild, and hand it over to the tender mercies of Hearst.

When Green was asked whether this "solution" had to be accepted by the Seattle Central Trades and Labor Council, which started the investigation, he stated that: "Well, we have the right to lift to carry out this suggestion."

# IN JOINT PACT

Nazi's Recognize Italy's Rule In Ethiopia; Secret Agreement On Austria

Signs of at least a temporary agreement between the two regimes that have bluffed Europe the most in the past few months were manifested in the recent conferences of Ciano, representing Italy and Neurath of Germany. The text of the agreement has not been made public, and it is un-derstood that no formal pact will be drawn up as yet.

The agreement includes immediate recognition of the fascist government should it capture Madrid (a point England is known to accept also); mutual economic concessions; Italy's guaranteeing a Franco-German pact etc. It is in this latter point that the "antibolshevist front" arises. Hitler of course has anti-Sovietism as the guiding line of his foreign policy, which means specifically that he is out to break the Franco-Soviet pact.

Neither country could afford to enter any permanent agreement at present. Italy is not taking any Germany against England and France-not while she can shout "boo" at England and grab slices of land here and there. Germany hopes to break England away from France, and cannot be too friendly with Italy for that reason.

Nevertheless, Germany has detall explaining.

However, England will probably be satisfied with the promise to "recognize the necessity of maintaining the territorial integrity of Spain, both colonial and on the mainland." This is supposed to assure her that no islands have been promised to Italy by Franco. If believed by Downing Street, it guarthe charter of a body that refuses antees England's support to the Spanish rebels.

### GERMAN WORKERS STRIKE TO FORCE MAINTENANCE OF WAGES

resisting the attempt of German hourly wages in a special technicapitalists to reduce its low wages cal department employing only 44 to still lower starvation levels. An- men would be cut 25%. nouncements by factory managers the threats of Nazi officials, all to this effect have been answered workers struck in solidarity with in a number of cases by "sitting down" strikes, and in two instances have been successfully defeated by the strikers.

At the D. K. W. Motor Works ers struck when they were inmanagement was forced to reestablish the old wages.

The strike was the answer of the and the workers returned to work.

Berlin-German labor is actively workers to the announcement that their 44 comrades with the result that the wage cut was not put into effect.

A third instance is the strike of the Auto Union near Berlin, where at Spandau near Berlin, the work- wage cuts averaging about 20% were announced. The workers asformed of a pending wage cut sembled in the factory yards and from 1.02 marks to 0.94 marks per started noisy demonstrations. hour. Despite the appeal of the Speakers of the German Labor company, the police, the sending of Front were violently assaulted. emergency squads and the arrest The spokesmen for the strikers deof a number of workers, the strik- clared that under no circumstances ers remained firm. Even attempts would they permit a reduction of by officials of the German Labor wages and that if the management Front to mediate the differences insisted on putting the cuts into efwere unsuccessful and finally the fect, the workers would prefer to give up their jobs altogether. Police and Nazi Storm Troops who At the Motor Works of Bauer had been called "to keep order" and Schauberte in the Rhineland, remained passive. After three party include the Central Trades a similar strike took place in which hours the management decided to and Labor Councils of Bingham- more than 1,500 men participated. give in to the workers' demands No supervisor can do a job when

to cover all case loads. No super-

there are not enough investigators

## **RELIEF WORKERS GET "HINT"** TO SLASH ROLLS - OR ELSE visors or investigators can do a job when they are shifted from office to office constantly. One of-

On Thursday, October 15th, the supervisory staff of the Emergency Relief Bureau was "invited" to a figures on increasing employment?" meeting to be held at the Washing-to Irving High School at 7:30 P.M. This meeting was called to discuss due to the fact that W.P.A. had ab certain problems and to "give the sorbed practically all the employstaff the opportunity to meet the ables upstate? Take Troy for ex-

Though meetings after working newspapers.' hours are not any too popular with a staff to which overtime is the rule rather than the exception. there was a general feeling that categorical closings like in New thorough investigation but what is this was far from a social gather-

The Workers Alliance had also heard about the meeting and had no doubts as to its purpose. As the part in upstate employment?" supervisors approached the enther reducing the caseload. You ty in the state.) POSED OF HUMAN BEINGS? ... WE APPEAL TO YOU AS problem. SOCIALLY MINDED PEOPLE!"

By 7:45 the floor of the auditorium was filled to capacity and the platform bore the august Board, the Director of the Bureau, four division heads and Mr. Jack-

Miss Carr briefly introduced Mr. Jackson. Mr. Jackson, possibly "bosom of the family", we would hence. But no one believes it will to show some initiative one of sensing trouble started out by telling a funny joke on himself. It wrong and would surely be willing wasn't very funny, so no one to help Mr. Jackson by telling him laughed except the ever polite plat- what we would do about it. form sitters. So Mr. Jackson promptly told another story to il- and solidarity was more solid than laughter. And that being that, Mr. Jackson broached the subject.

Upstate New York had closed 46% of the relief cases between January and July of this year. Employment up-state had increased 75%. New York City's case load had gone up 6 points.

Now when a man is out to save really want and then sticking to it. minded people. money for big taxpayers a slight ment in New York City had gone Dear up only 1 point (not 6) and that I'm very sorry I didn't write be- quite a few of them came, and we expert of the C.P.F., Peri, now

BRONX OPEN FORUM Opens its Winter Season this vear on SUNDAY, NOV. 1st, 8 p.m. WILL HERBERG "SPAIN AND THE PEOPLE'S FRONT" WILKINS HALL 1330 Wilkins Avenue Each lecture will be followed by

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Mr. Jackson couldn't say. "Where did Mr. Jackson get his

"Wasn't a large part of the drop ample. This fact was in all the thirty cases in the peace and quiet

Jersev?"

Jackson didn't say.

And then Charlotte Carr, ever tral Office, as a result. out the reasons for our large case floor would be dangerous, closed France. very same things to the Board and that meetings like this be held at nevertheless admit something was come off.

The second bomb had exploded, lustrate why he didn't have a fun-ever. Even the conservatives rose ny story to tell.—Very mild, forced to the occasion and speakers jumphad increased 6% during the same ple at Central Office should be a or's Committee to improve relief period the employment in the city little clearer in their interpreta-conditions."

Mr. Jackson didn't say.

Only a few. But how few, Mr. "Didn't agriculture play a large

ready in a crucial moment, arose smiling benignly. She was "so wise politician, probably deciding same time weakening the Little republican government of Giral glad" the supervisors had pointed that any more discussion from the Entente and its alliance with yielded to Caballero. After the load. She, herself, had said the the meeting with the suggestion to T.E.R.A. But, now, in the intervals—another one two months

ed to their feet. It all boiled down to this—The E.R.B. expects the relief rolls increase." staff to undo in three months all done in almost five years. The in the appropriations." umount of "red tape" keeps anytion of policy by deciding what they "We appeal to you as socially-

fice had had three different administrators, four different Case Supervisors, and ten changes in Assistant Supervisors in 3 months It was all very well for Mr. Kenneth Dayton to send in a special

group of investigators to reinvestigate cases, but any investigator on the staff, working with only and special service accorded his Mr. Jackson said you must not group could do the same. The subelieve all you read in the papers pervisors are willing to "help" is "How many places had made they can honestly close cases on the E.R.B. Board going to do to "help" the supervisors do an ade quate job?

Tho Mr. Dayton, now Assistant Director of the Budget was given Mr. Jackson denied this. There the opportunity, which he took, to trance to the school, they were are big cities upstate, too. Hamil- make a speech, the supervisors handed a yellow flyer with a bold ton county closed all but 20 cases were more disgusted. He hadn't back heading: "To E.R.B. Super of its 130 cases due to agriculture made his survey to discredit the visors from your Clients You are But this is a mere drop in the up- districts, he said, but what he had meeting tonight doubtless to con- state bucket. (Mr. Jackson took, done any supervisor or investigator sider plans and methods for fur- for his example, the smallest coun- could do even now. There was no truth in the statement that his tically solved their unemployment marks about emergencies coming up or the cases being uncovered So things looked pretty uncom- during this period with all the cri fortable and so did Mr. Jackson. ticism that would arise from Cen-

And then Miss Carr, the ever

And outside the Worker's Al liance had a picket line and a speaker-and policemen in case of mergency.

"10,000 more are to be cut off relief in the next three months despite the fact that always at this time of the year the numbers on

"You must close cases regardless the mistakes and rush jobs it has of justification in order to fit with- is the Spanish civil war in which licans with a revolutionary pro-

one from doing anything. The peothe recommendations of the Mayworkers at any cost. The facts However, it was an error on the

# inaccuracy docsn't matter. The fact that the Bureau of Labor Statistics showed that between LETTER FROM A STEEL WORKER is quite evident that French foreign policy under the People's

there was a general drop between fore, but I've been working very were a little successful in over- admits; in effect, it is even worse April and July could well be hard and I am doggoned tired, so coming this antagonism. ignored. But Mr. Jackson reckoned I don't write much. It's been kind ignored. But Mr. Jackson reckoned without his New York audience. For onge, supervisory solidarity held sway and when Miss Carr, the Director, asked for questions from the floor, they came aplenty. "What part of the 46% decrease upstate was due to employment?"

New Workers School

RONX OPEN FORUM

I don't write much. It's been kind of dead here until lately. We've been having a tough time here. When I started to move here it was summer time and it was hell itself (terrific heat) will you worked, with flaming molten steel flying around. I've seen men stretched out, gasping a general offensive which the Caballeton for air, I was one of them myself now. I've heen having a tough time here. When I started to offensive. There is no trace of the general offensive which the Caballeton for actions are restricted to a defense of Madrid.

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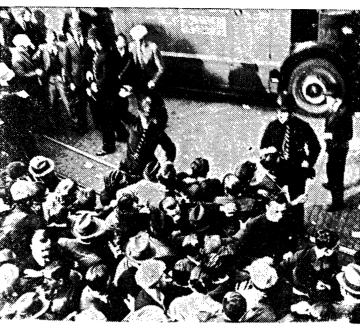
RONX OPEN FORUM all joined up with the union except 4 rats. The other section is called the rolling mill, and the workers in this section are older and better paid workers. They have an old local of the Amalgamated Association, which they keep up chiefly because of the insurance benefits connected with it; these only amount to a few workers and the rest, altho they don't belong to the union, are under the influence of these older men there, and are antagonized to a new local appearing

all joined up with the union except 4 rats. The other section is called a couple of times. It's a terrible feeling, your face is red as a beet, the eyes blood shot, your stomach turning handsprings and you can't have the full possibility of victory despite poor equipment if they will carry out a genuine and firm revolutionary policy. That is the decisive question. In man power the workers and peasants of Spain have the full possibility of victory despite poor equipment if they will carry out a genuine and firm revolutionary policy. That is the decisive question. In man power the workers and peasants of Spain have the full possibility of victory despite poor equipment if they will carry out a genuine and firm revolutionary policy. That is the decisive question. In man power the workers and peasants of Spain have the full possibility of victory despite poor equipment if they will carry out a genuine and firm revolutionary policy. That is the decisive question. In man power the Rebels. Arms will be workers and peasants of Spain have the full possibility of victory despite poor equipment if they will carry out a genuine and firm revolutionary policy. That is the decisive question. In man power the workers and peasants of Spain have the full possibility of victory despite poor equipment if they will carry out a genuine and firm revolutionary policy. The Radical Socialists in the Chamber voted against the slid-ing vours at the present low level. Community the workers and peasants of Spain have the full possibility of victory despite poor equipment if tagonized to a new local appearing

it. We had an open meeting and to Lavalism," as the foreign policy

Comradely yours,

LONDON POLICE SOCK ANTI-FASCISTS!



### **EUROPE TODAY**

have already closed thousands of cases on the basis of 'SUSPICION'. You are being taught a new 'technique'—'the burden of proof is on the client.' 'WHAT ELSE WILL VOLUME TO BE TOUR DEPOSITION TO THE STATE OF THE S YOU BE TOLD TONIGHT? DO big cities with agricultural sur- involved and could do the same job. Union, was but an episode. England and France continue to YOU EVER STOP TO THINK roundings had supplied workers THAT A CASE-LOAD IS COM- for the farms and this had practice groundings and this had practice groundings and the groundings had supplied workers the groundings had supplied workers and the groundings had supplied workers the groundings had supplied workers and the groundings had supplied workers the groundings had supplied workers and the groundings had supplied workers the groundings had supplied workers and the groundings had supplied workers the groundings had supplied workers and the groundings had supplied workers the groundings had supplied workers and the groundings had supplied workers the groundings had supplied workers and the groundings had supplied workers the groundings had supplied workers and the groundings had supplied workers the groundings had supplied workers and the groundings had supplied workers the groundings had supplied workers and the groundings had supplied workers the groundings had supplied workers and the groundings had supplied workers and the groundings had supplied workers the groundings had supplied workers and the groundi interested in a Western Pact. It is ready to drop the "collective

security" of the League of Nations. Thru these maneuvers Great Britain is aiming at a compromise with Hitler Germany, and the capable of pursuing a revolutionbreak up of the Franco-Soviet ary policy. pact. These maneuvers are at the After the fall of Irun the left

French foreign policy is marking time, not daring to counter- The syndicalists are demanding to show some initiative, one of the reasons being the French tee for the entire country" modeled British-American currency entente.

Another projection of the Militia in Barcelona in whose Another manifestation of these

maneuvers is the disregard of the Spanish republic. The appeal of the Spanish representative to lift of big estates, of large-scale inthe ban on munition shipments dustry, etc. In Barcelona, the CNT

There are two factors primarily tered the government which has 3 responsible for this situation. One representatives of the Left Repubthe French and the British bour- gram. We are not fully acquaint-"Forgotten and shelved are all geoisie are trying to defeat the ed with the details of this move. show that the alleged solidarity part of the Syndicalists and the of the "democratic states" against POUM to abandon their demand fascism is nothing but a fairy tale that power be wielded exclusively to confuse and paralyze the work- by the organizations of the working class. The second factor is the ers and peasants. Front government is a "reversion than Laval's policy was.

fall of Toledo the revolutionary workers are advancing further. more urgently than before the formation of a "defense commithands are concentrated military, (Syndicalists) and the POUM en-

THE DEVALUATION of the

franc is a serious blow to the People's Front in France, a significant victory for the big bourgeoisie, and a clearing of the road for Fascism. The People's Front is on the

tarian revolution. The Caballero a measure. Instead the government government being a People's Front was given full authority to wage N. government was and remains in- a war on high prices, a practically meaningless concession. The Radical Socialists of the senate voted against this clause and in general against all concessions (Continued on Page 6)

THE SECOND INTER-NATIONAL DISPLAYS ITS "SOLIDARITY"

INTERNATIONALISM is supposed to be the very life-blood of the socialist movement. And indeed the program of every socialist party contains fine-sounding for long cast its shadow over the pronouncements proclaiming its American labor movement. Many ity equal to that of our most class mountaineers, the building of railpronouncements proclaiming its attempts have been made to deof every socialist party contains stroy the shadow, but with each class.

blockade at the very beginning-|south.

many. But setback has followed the weaker unions maintain a vasetback, each graver than the cillating position or one of open other. Of these, surely the worst is Belgium's decision to break its French alliance and to remain "neutral"! And who is the champion of this policy of fraudulent Who but J. Spaak, the socialist land government!

What a noble, what an edifying strangled by the noose thrown

affiliated to the L.S.I. which casts an important role in its history of a mantle of absolution impartially long struggle against serfdom. As over Caballero, Blum and Spaak a result this particular group of alike! And the Trotskvites who act workers has accepted violence on as if socialist internationalism the economic field as the natural were their own private and outgrowth of every controversy peculiar possession—what of them? between labor and capital. The They are now in the Socialist Par- NRA brought the West Virginia ty and thus in the L.S.I. They are miner, for the first time, within ever ready to heap slander and the confines of mediation and the abuse upon the Soviet Union for intricacies of the conference table. its alleged "nationalism"; but Yet with this new legality, he has what patient tolerance for the very real, very shameless national- of its mistakes and errors; but ims of the L.S.I.! They are ever what magnanimous forbearance ready to pounce upon the Com- for the bottomless sins of their munist International for every one own international organization!

By EUGENE COEBURN
The "spectre" of black labor has test" psychology of pre-NRA days, early twentieth century. The tam-

of every socialist party contains passionate appeals to the internationalist faith. So much for words—but how about deeds?

The socialist, Largo Caballero, is the head of the embattled government of Spain which is fighting ernment of Spain which is fighting for either the spain of the embattled government of Spain which is fighting ernment spain ernment lands by newly formed to all ands purchased but also vast tracts of non-coal lands.

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The American Federation of Lo. for its very life against an armed The American Federation of La- in our industrial civilization, with- and the usual "vision" of up and facts behind the news and to interpret rebellion of fascist, aristocratic, bor has been bound by the craft out its use industrialization would coming corporations gave rise to them authoritative y from the propres clerical and military reaction, brazenly supported by the fascist Negro labor in its relationship to regimes in Germany, Italy and Portugal. The most desperate obrortugal. The most desperate on stride forward or a step backward. The bituminous coal in up of one long chain of "com- They help you un terstand thoroughly government has to contend is the ranks of organized labor, the Ne- dustry of West Virginia is rela- pany" towns, intersposed occasionvirtual blockade proclaimed by the gro as a racial group is sympathe- tively young when compared with ally with dependent and coal com-European powers against it, thus robbing it of vital supplies and Committee for Industrial Organimunitions while the fascist forces are being well provided for by their friends in Berlin, Rome and symbolizes lily-whiteism to the During the hey-day of the "go form of government. From the was The Nation more e-sen ial. Portugal. And who initiated and sponsored the murderous Spanish can Party in many parts of the sponsored the murderous Spanish can Party in many parts of the sponsored the murderous Spanish can Party in many parts of the sponsored the murderous Spanish can Party in many parts of the sponsored the murderous Spanish can be sponsored to the sponsored the murderous Spanish can be sponsored to the sponsored the murderous Spanish can be sponsored to the sponsored the sponsored the sponsored to t who is defending it now with such This shortsightedness has not rush to the frontier, leaving these miners, which at first was based Oswald Carrison Villard Heywood who is defending it now with such and is not confined to every union sections to a small group of sturdy on a belief of the common inferwhelming wave of resentment at of the AFL. A number of unions mountaineers. Growing America, iority of workers to owners. Of Ward? home and abroad? Who but Leon blum, the socialist premier of the French "People's Front" govern
The socialist premier of the blum, the social towers of labor strength as the mountainous regions less desirable all workers. UMWA, ILGWU and the ACWA. than the plains of Kansas or the

West Virginia Miners

#### West Virginia Labor History

hostility.

Labor history in West Virginia has travelled a course without a "neutrality"! so pleasing to Hitler? parallel in our modern trade union of about 1600 the largest C.P. movement. The white miner in foreign minister of the Van Zee- West Virginia, when confronted with the problem of Negro penetration of the coal industry, readspectacle! The socialist, Comrade ily saw the outcome if the Negro Caballero, lies prostrate, slowly remains outside the union. The Negro on the other hand, having around his neck by his socialist been brought in as a strike breakthe socialist, Comrade Blum, is and immediately joined the ranks Democracy."! reeling from the dagger thrust in of the white strikers. Thus at a his back by his socialist friend, very early stage of the develop-Comrade Spaak. Caballero-Blum- ment of the trade union movement Spaak-all distinguished members in West Virginia, Negroes and alism" of official social-democracy! | cooperation despite the surround-

Know No "Color Line", West virginia and coal had their day. As a result America witnessed the spectacle of a section of the country, very close to the costors scaled a section of the country. the eastern seaboard, going thru all the processes of frontier develwhich has created a group solidar- ing and extermination of the

completely isolated by the mad class consciousness among the analyses of the election campaign by (Cont.nucd Next Week)

sunkist valleys of California.

After the Civil War came the

cant, the wholesale buying, very

# The socialist, Leon Blum, is the head of a government that is striving for dear life to preserve and extend its European alliances against the menace of Hitler Geragainst the Mitler Geragainst the TO BALTIMORE; NEITHER STAY

By J. ARTHUR On Oct. 17th, Earl Browder spoke in Baltimore to an audience S. Roosevelt opposes Landon.)

years. Browder began by stating: "The practical issue confronting the American people in the 1936 elections is the choice between Demoine of the Communist Party is-

The major part of the speech was devoted to explaining that their hands to overthrow that Gov-"Landon represents Fascism." a of the Labor and Socialist International! Such is the "internation gree, found a common basis for gree, found a common basis for statement that was repeated statement tha "Landon's campaign is modeled Spanish President was communizalism" of official social-democracy! cooperation despite the surrounding Is in not plain that, in throttling his comrade Caballero, Leon Blum is merely carrying out the dictates in Month of the surrounding walls of racial prejudices and lynch consciousness. The many is merely carrying out the dictates in Month of the surrounding spanish President was communizated in the surrounding spanish President was communizated to the of the French bourgeoisie, so mine labor in West Virginia have faithfully represented by the found the Negro "marching up the Podicel ports"? And is it at the contradictory slogans." Browder polished up this point with the "They are exactly the same as produced and Radical party? And is it not just creek" and fighting side by side statement: "Landon even out-Hitas plain that, in stabbing his com- with his fellow white worker. Each ler's Hitler in his demagogic pro- against Roosevelt. . . . This whole stitution." rade Blum in the back, Spaak is slowly gained the wholesome re- mises." (Promises seem to be campaign is not directed against merely carrying out the dictates of spect of the other and both gained something new in American us, but against Roosevelt. They say tribution to communist thought

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But logic has other places to meeting to be held for several lead us, as Browder developed the theory: "There is a similarity be- IRRESISTIBLE!" tween Spanish and American politics. You find the army in Spain combined with the landlords, low! tions is the choice between Demo-cracy and Fascism. . . Today the lic Church, engaged in an insurfriend, Comrade Blum. In his turn, er, in many cases refused to work friend, Comrade Blum. In his turn, er, in many cases refused to work the militant defense of American Government of Spain, constitutionrectionist attempt to overthrow the THE NATION. ally elected last Feb.

"They have taken arms into ernment and set up in its place a Fascist dictatorship. They attempt

uneasy in America."

On the Negro Question there against those nations violating the was no mention of self-determina- provisions of the Kellogg Peace tion. Among other things, Browder revealed a remarkable knowledge For some reason, Browder slightof American history by saying the ed England. Do war-makers confollowing: "We're just as much ex- trol the British Government, and tremists on the Negro Question as not the American? It should be

By way of summarizing the elec-plauded, maybe from habit, or tion platform, Browder stated: maybe because communist audi-"To boil our platform down to a ences already take it for granted few words, we Communists say: that Imperialism no longer exists 'enforce the Constitution.' The only for "American Democracy," or no (!) Party of the Constitution in longer believe that under capital-America is the Communist Party. ism war is inevitable.

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Possibly the outstanding conspect of the other and both gained the Belgian bourgeoise, so faithfully represented by the Van Zeeland cabinet? Such is the "internationalism" of official social-democracy

It is curious how silent the American socialists are about all this—the very same Militants who are so ready to parade their "revolutionary intransigence" on all occasions! Let it be rememined unbroken to this day. Conciliation and other by-products of a mall occasions! Let it be rememined unbroken to this day. Conciliation and other by-products of a more and the American S.P. is affiliated to the L.S.I. which casts are more and the spect of the other and both gained the wholesome remove in American and a monopoly of "Fastists" like Landon.)

Browder continued his theme: The final seal of the Fascist can labor movement has been the continued his theme: The final seal of the Republican campaign is the Red Scare, which is also copied from Hitler." (Maybe also copied f all measures for collective security

recorded that the audience ap-

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# SOME SECOND THOUGHTS ON OUR FIRST PRINCIPLES

WORKERS AGE

By JAY LOVESTONE of the Communist International in 1929 have so many Communist sympathizers indicated as much

eral line of the Comintern. Why this new phenomenon? How come that such manifesta- of the "democratic fatherland" that it is impermissible to counter- the official Communist today, then. tions are possible after years of against Fascist assaults from pose "democracy against dictator- why did we split away from the untiring effort by the Executive abroad are paraded as efforts in ship" and that "capitalist democra- Bergers, Hillquits and Waldmans of the Comintern (ECCI) and the behalf of universal peace and pro- cy is not the enemy but the mo- and Thomases in 1919? synthetic leaderships it has im- gress. The latter is really an ex- ther of fascism, that it is not the Small wonder that Upton Sinposed on the parties, to extirpate tension of the former. The two destroyer but the creator of fas- clair could declare in the Sunday root and branch all critics and cri- are organically tied up. Both sets cism" and that while it is true Worker of September 20th: "I was

and as grave doubt about the gen-

One need but look at the present program and practice of the ings on the state and the revolu- falsehood that democracy will de- dropped upon my front porch a C.P. of the U.S., whose leadership tionary struggle against capitalist, stroy fascism". is carrying out the newest Com- against imperialist war. As "bril- But perhaps the official party was for all practical purposes intern line faithfully and blindly, liant tactical maneuvers", as leaderships will tell us that "con- EPIC . . . I have never been much to find the answer to these ques- strategy modelled on the theory ditions have changed" since Hit- concerned about labels, and if the tions. One need but examine the of "the Trojan Horse" (Dimitroff), ler won Germany. Perhaps they Communists want to boost for idiotic turn this line has taken in they are suicidal. As an even mo- will tell us that since Fascism EPIC under another name it is all that ideological sewer of the Com- mentary break with Communist conquered Germany a new situa- right with me". Not a word of intern—the Communist Party of principles, such moves are costly tion has arisen—a situation in disagreement with or criticism of Canada—and the tragic turn it is beyond calculation—regardless of which bourgeois democracy is no this article (which was so proudly taking in the banner party of the the nobility of the motives animat- longer a trick by means of which hailed) has yet appeared in the C.I., the French C.P., to under- ing the "tacticians". Here is not the victims are induced to pro- Daily Worker or any party organ. stand why it is that increasing a matter of being dogmatists. It nounce their own condemnation in On the basis of collecting all numbers of proletarians in and is not a question of parroting me-order to reduce to a minimum the sorts of species into one grand

Comintern? How is it translated of turning your back on some of ership of the Comintern today have ley Butler could win such an honinto life? What should members the most fundamental experiences us believe that their new attitude orable seat in the councils of this of the Communist Party do about and lessons of history. It is a towards the capitalist democracies motley "people's army" for freeit? What should workers do about question of testing theories and is predicated on the conclusion that dom and democracy. But we wonit, who are Communists but who policies in life. find themselves unable to join the official Communist Party? Is there a way out of the mess into which the Communist Parties have been amine some of the concrete acts |-have become or have started to to raise funds for the heroic fightbeing hastened?

#### Essence of Newest Line

nent collaboration (coalition) not Fascism and imperialist war.

More than that. This line is carried over into the realm of international policy. The programmatic declaration on the war question made a few months ago by Comrade Dimitroff provides for the various Comintern sections rallying to the defense of the democratic (capitalist) countries against the aggression of the fascist (capitalist) lands. This means that the Communist Parties are no longer to try to win over the

proach.

these days. Not since the big split in the American and other sections in the American and other sections are called democratic form of state— der himself pointed out how false in Canada. with a fascist state.

mocratic countries—have been bap- and defating fascism." On count- at his worst did no worse. Really, tised with the name of People's less occasions the party members if this Browder-Amter-Powers Front. These tactics of defense had it drummed into their heads stuff is the line and program of of tactics are a monstrous viola- that "fascism destroys democracy" interested to know that Browder's tion of the Marxist-Lepinist teach- it is criminal "to propagate the platform set forth in a leaflet around the Communist Parties are chanically and devoutly a phrase force to be applied in maintaining broad "people's front" to struggle either in revolt or in disgust. | or finding of Marx, Engels, Lenin the bourgeoisie in power? Or against fascism it is easy to un-What is this new policy of the —or even Stalin. It is a question would our comrades in the lead- derstand how Major General Smed-

#### Back To First Principles

led and the debacles which are of the Comintern and its sections become much more genuinely de- ers in Spain. "What in hell is it -since the Seventh Congress of mocratic in their relations to the our business what's going on in the Comintern in the summer of working classes and the oppressed Spain?" roared this retired strike-1935. We regret exceedingly that colonial masses in their empires? breaker of the U.S. Marine Corps The sum and substance of the we are compelled to recapitulate And turning to the field of in- at an American League Against newest line of the Comintern is and reaffirm a number of positions ternational politics, that is the War and Fascism meeting a few the following: The present world which we always thought were ax- field of the international class months ago. situation is everywhere character- iomatic for all Marxists, for all struggle, would our comrades in Replying to a query in the Frei ized by a struggle between democ- revolutionaries in the labor move- charge of the various sections of heit" of May 19th the editor le racy (bourgeois, capitalist) and ment. To this repetition of the obfascism. In some countries fasvious we must resort because the that in the event of a war between, if such a case should take place cism has already won. There the job of the Communist Parties is and crudeness, since the Seventh Fascist Poland on one side and ica and the Soviet Union and both to do everything possible to bring Congress, been acting in utter dis- Fascist Germany on the other side countries agree to help each other back this democracy (Germany). regard and even contempt of the the French and Polish workers in case of an attack by Japan. the In other countries, the menace of principles of Communism in regard would have to rally to their na- duty of the American Communists fascism is growing—in varying de- to bourgeois democracy and im- tional colors, become social-chauv- would naturally be to support grees, of course—(France, Eng- perialist war. Besides, it is neces- inists, and patrioteers of the most America in the war with Japan. land, U.S.) Here, the main task sary to recall attention to certain flaming sort in order to insure because this would help the Soviet of the Communists is to save capi- basic ideas and principles in or- a defeat on the fields of battle for Union against Japanese imperialtalist democracy from the onrush- der to see more clearly the sinister Fascist Germany? Would Com- ism." And thru applying the tacing hordes of Fascism. In both significance of the practical appli- rade Browder and Hathaway, for tics of the People's Front to the cases it is necessary for the Com- cation of the newest line of the instance, have Comrade X or Mr. campaign against imperialist war munist Parties to establish perma- Comintern in the struggle against Y, if he were elected to Congress the American League Against

nent collaboration (coalition) not only with organizations and political parties of the lower middle class but even with those of other of the lower middle class and the lower mid sections of the capitalist class so cy in the abstract. Then they al- cistic Japan"? And would Brow- American League Against War long as they are prepared to de- ways realized that there is no der and Hathaway say that if in and Fascism and thefend the democratic state (the form of government now prevailing in a society divided into classes. U.S.S.R. were lined up with the firm belief that the imminent danin the U.S., Great Britain, and France). This collaboration of seem to have forgotten—or at least Washington Wall Street govern- world can be warded off by tire-"all anti-Fascist forces" is to be act as if they have never learned— ment would be non-imperialist, less and united action on their resecured by the Communists even that history knows two kinds of would be progressive, in such a spective parts." if it means giving up the right to democracy: the capitalist democ- war against Nipponese imperialpropagandize the principles of racy of the type we have in the ism? Communism, even if it means giv- U.S., Great Britain, and France ing up independent working class and the proletarian democracy of action in defense of the most ele- the type we have in the Soviet Let us turn to the practical poli- Nations), the People's Council for mentary immediate interests of the Union. Furthermore, until recent cies of the various parties of the Democratic Peace and Freedom, proletariat. The fight against the months it has always been the con- Comintern for an answer to these which plagued us before America fascist savages is all and nothing tention of all Communists—those questions. else counts, according to this ap- in the Comintern as well as those In the present election campaign ly revolutionary! Keeping this you have the capitalist dictator- which made doubly clear that so- Communism, could recently declare ship, which it really is, in its open cialism is not an issue in this cam- editorially: "We Canadian workers

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since Hitler came into power the der how the Party leadership feels so-called democratic states—es- and what the membership thinks pecially the biggest ones like those of the outburst of this "people's On this basis only will we ex- of England, France and the U.S. major-general" against the efforts

New Line At Work In U. S. (with apologies to the League of

in the International Communist Comrade Browder has made "de- non-revolutionary approach in Opposition—that, as the class fense of democracy" the central mind, it is not difficult to understruggle sharpens, the mask of issue. The Party convention last stand how the "Daily Clarion", bourgeois democracy falls off and June adopted an election platform central organ of Canadian official lugly, brutal form—Fascism. Un- paign. Yet, describing this purely love our unions and political par-

the opposite of capitalist democra- 10th A.D." in New York City: These tactics of class collabora- cy" and that "this democracy is, "For a Happy and Prosperous 10 tion at home—in the so-called de-therefore, the means of combating A.D. Vote Communist". Hillauit

couple of days before his meeting

In comparison with this rubbish about "tireless and united action between high contracting parties" entered the last war, was extreme-

til recently, the official Commu-nists went along with us in point- Worker (June 25th) could only annihilated as were those of our

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working class to a program of ing out the organic connection be- say: "They lay down the planks German and Italian comrades. THAS BEEN a long time since militant class struggle against im- tween the capitalist dictatorship over which 130,000 000 will march We reckon that ex-premier Benso many members of the Com- perialist ruling classes in cases known as "democracy" and the eventually to a "free, peaceful, nett and now premier King could munist Party have been in as where these capitalist classes in- capitalist dictatorship known as prosperous and happy America". well join a People's Front to save questioning a mood as they are sure their domination thru the so- "fascism." Time and again Brow- It is in this spirit that Comrades at least some of the political par-

#### The Tragedy In France

But if application of the ultraopportunist line of the Comintern n Canada and the U.S. appears ridiculous, the carrying into life of this line in a country like France, where the Communist Party is a serious factor, is assuming ever more tragic features. We herewith present but a few typical examples of how the Communist Party of France is applying the new strategy and deserting established Communist principles: In L'Humanite of June 27, 1936, Jacques Duclos, member of the

Political Buro tells us: "The Radicals are right when they declare that in adhereing to the People's Front they wanted to realize a national union capable of facing the menace which weighs on us from a neighboring country's war-loving leadership.

"This preoccupation is in fact identical with the one that pressed us communists to struggle for the union of the French people, for a France free, strong and happy, whose destiny will be worthy of her glorious past.

"The Radicals are right when they declare that they refuse to accept any threat against private property, and we communists do not hesitate to proclaim that this is equally our own anxiety, in adding that what threatens property today is the powerful economic domination of the 200 families against which we strengthen all our forces.

"In summing up, the Radicals are right in recalling that the reforms which the parties of the People's Front have agreed upon are on the whole only the reproduction of the old program of the Radical Socialist Party."

Comrade Rocamond an outstandng C.P. leader in the French trade mions, was not ashamed to say n L'Oeuvre:

"The entire capitalist press conlemns the CGT on the ground that it has provoked the strikes. This s the very opposite of truth." To mphasize his loyalty to the People's Front in the face of the rising strike wave, Comrade Racain November, vote for the estab- War and Fascism formulated, last the movement will develop to a plain that "there is danger that

From L'Humanite of August 23 we cull the following:

"The great idea of a 'French Front' as given out by Comrade Thorez in the name of our going well. In the meanwhile, all who would like to see our country divided into two camps for civil war, all who want the nation divided so that it may be overcome more easily by attacking foreign powers, these are the people who oppose the 'French Front.' But for all they do or say, they will not be able to prevent the actual realization of a concept that is unconquerable because it is rooted in the heart and mind of every French citizen who cares about the interests and future of his coun-

try. . . "The platform is short and clear: 1. Defense of national economy: 2. Security and independence of France; 3. Respect for the republican law.

"Who but the declared enemies of our people would refuse to accept these three points?" (Continued Next Column)

# Southern Tenancy Is Capitalism's Dead-End

(Concluded from last week)

to think that the more enlightened the AAA subsidies.) planters are not aware of a need for more intelligent consideration of the problems of cotton economy. Consider, for instance, the statement by Colonel Westbrook, director of the Dyess Colony that, within five years time, approximately five million people now dependent upon cotton for their livelihood would have to seek it elsewhere. One form of such "enlightened criticism" is the growing realization of the economic problem, brought astrous result of over-capitaliza- Valley, who were induced away (as it already has in certain section of the land in relation to its earning capacity.

The New Problems Faced, then, with this triple problem of clearing the much-maligned name of Arkansas, preparing for the possibility of enactment of federal tenancy legislation and the growing need for establishing Ark- and long time repayment plans." ansas' agrarian economy on a sounder paying basis (intending as a by-product of such mature intelectual deliberation to pull the fangs of the Union and forestall urally the basis of most discusfuture annoyance), the Honorary sion. There is undoubtedly much Commission considered the follow- in this Bill which sincerely aims ing proposals.

1. Government equalization of tually prevent acquirement and tariff benefits by export bounties to retention of land by tenants, yet American producers. Far from aid- the difficulties of realizing the deing the tenant such a policy would sired effect are beyond the power aggravate his position. By putting of the capitalist system to overa premium on the export of cot- come ton internal consumption would First, how would a Government necessarily suffer and money for Corporation acquire the necessary such bounties would probably be land? Government proponents of raised by a tax which would fall the Bill emphasize that no land

may know that the destruction of

shal Pilsudski the founder of

who named him his successor.

Time To Rebel

In the light of the above we is arousing increasing criticism can see the why and wherefore and opposition in the ranks of the of the Political Buro of the French C.P. and the Young Communist CP proposing that Hitler's "Mein League in the U.S.

The Bankhead Bill

to correct abuses which now vir-

Kampf" should be "explained and As long as such flagrant disschools, so that the French youth prevails, that long will it be im-France is the fundamental task of the ranks of the Comintern and Hitler's government." (L'Humanite the ranks of the International August 28th). It is in line with Communist Opposition. Today, the ez wrote in L'Humanite of Aug- is more than a return to party democracy and collective internation-"Long Live Poland! This al leadership in the C.I. Today, the morning there arrived in Paris first prerequisite for sound comthe General Rydz-Smigly, Gen-munist unity is a return to those eral Inspector of the Polish principles of Communism which Army and the most important the Comintern and its sundry secperson of his country. General tions have recently dropped or put

Rydz-Smigly was the disciple into cold storage. and fighting companion of Mar-And today we call all workers who are members of the Commuthe now independent Poland nist Party to speak up, to discontinue their silence, and to resist The inner regime of Poland and fight openly against the ultrais rather distant from a liberal democracy and General Rydzpied Kiev and defended War- many and elsewhere. We, of the disaster ahead. We are not afraid est rate. Comment on the above policies of being called names for soundis unnecessary. They are as in- ing the alarm. Nor should you. In-

Blum government. They are the nism. crassest manifestation of classical Social Democracy, of crudest re- comrades in and around the Com- peated demands by commission sible this meeting. Calling upon sue of the Socialist Call, that "'red formism on the job—for the capi- munist Party to join our ranks so members for better coordination of each member to continue his study baiting comes from the left camp." talist system as such, for capi- that we may together speed the state with federal authorities on cf the problem, a committee was Sam thereby shows that he learned talism as a whole. It is in revolt day of a reunified, sound Commu- this question indicate their desire appointed to receive suggestions too much from his former party against such non-revolutionary, nist movement in this country and to establish a decentralized admin- and work out further resolutions comrade Abe Cahan. Whenever anti-Communist, doctrine and do-thruout the world. Today, every istration which would insure a ings that Comrade Ferrat has been Communist who desires to fight high degree of state administrative courtern governors in November. "Jewish Daily Forward" would insure a conference of Communists who desires to fight high degree of state administrative courtern governors in November. able to lead several thousand effectively and consistently for autonomy. The extent to which Thus ended the contributions of variably insist that the Commu-French prolets in the French C.P. Communist principles and policies local political machinations can southern liberalism, of "enlighten- nists beat themselves up in order It is the utter disgust with such should enroll in the ranks of the counteract the best intentions of ed" capitalism, to the sharecropper to make a case against the Social-

will be taken from owners unwilling to sell. Futrell stressed the impossibility of condemning large acreages of land to be paid for by the government. "The question arises," he said, "is it not for the the planters would benefit from the eminent domain does not exist." come be necessary to consider the as possible out of it. breaking up of large landed estates

2. State-induced efforts to develop industry in the South along by processes of law." the line recently laid down in Misin the Piedmont and Tennessee profit, and when the time comes from their poverty-stricken farms tions) that it no longer pays the equally poverty-stricken mill inference is either that the land is villages indicates the future of a exhausted, that mechanization of agriculture demands large scale similar experiment in the Delta. production on a day-labor basis. cr 3. A federal program to encourage ownership of small farms that the cotton market is insufficient to repay the effort of pro-"by lending money to capable tenants at reasonable interest rates duction. In each of these cases, the condition of a small land-holder, such as the bill provides for, would planter and he would be forced to Such a program, as embodied in give up his "40 acres and a mule" the Bankhead-Jones Bill, was nator continue at the barest subsistence level.

#### Unproductive Lands and

over timber tracts, where the ex- a mess of pottage." pense of clearing would be greater government and thence to the small ery."

When Knox said the above things checking any attempt of the government for subsistence farming. When Knox said the above things checking any attempt of the government to infringe upon its full ductive lands, the value of the bal- pared for him. Hutcheson himself ance would be enhanced, at the made an almost verbatim statesame time disposing of the tenants ment on the occasion of the Sucommented on in all French carding of Communist principles in a manner which would put them preme Court declaring the Guffey at a competitive disadvantage to Bill unconstitutional. possible to attain unity between the big planter. Indication that such a possibility would be wel- THE CARE which Knox, Lan- of working class political parties come to certain interests in the don and the rest of their campaign and arrests of its leaders—liquidastate of Arkansas was demonstra- speakers, show for labor's interests tion of unions and other workers this approach that Maurice Thorperequisite for Communist of August 2 by Futrell's references to the speakers, snow for labor's interests of an approach that Maurice Thorperequisite for Communist unity state of Arkansas was demonstrated by Futrell's references to the speakers, snow for labor's interests of an approach that Maurice Thorperequisite for Communist unity state of Arkansas was demonstrated by Futrell's references to the speakers, snow for labor's interests of a proposition. insurance and mortgage companies warning about being "on the road is born. And in the recent bulletin whom he knew to be willing to sell. to its own slavery" might even of the Second International the

The second possibility, evidently placing itself foursquare behind of the NRA. If that were all the envisioned by the hill, that land-William Green and craft unionism. authorizing state-subsidies to new owners will be willing to sell to It is a very thinly veiled attempt Republican warning meant it might the government tracts of land now to create the impression that the well go for the liberal veneer with doubtedly one which will be in- operated by tenants for resale by Green-Lewis line-up on the trade which the Republican Party tries creasingly realized in the imme- the government to these tenants. union field represents on the polit- to cover itself. In reality it isn't diate future, the standard of liv- is contrary to the present trend ical field the division between Lan- even this. It is no more and no ing which can be expected from in- toward increasingly large planta- don and Roosevelt. The fact that less than an expression of the bitdustries which have run away from tiens wherever land is still productive Council came out with an ena more expensive labor market of- tive. In addition, it is obviously ab- dorsement of Roosevelt hurt this servatives show for every form of fers no hope of economic gains surd to expect a planter to part particular phase of the scheme but social legislation on a federal scale mental to the soil. Another phase to the southern tenant. The exam- voluntarily with his land as long the general validity of the attempt ple afforded by the textile workers as the tenant system pays him to seek craft unionist votes for

#### Tenantry

charged: if fertile land can be acquired at such a rate how would such as the Resettlement Admin-8-10% legal Arkansas rate? Con- would permit. sidering the personnel of the Commission, it is impossible to conceive of the endorsement of any plan by right course which will lead to which the present usurious profit lavish in their praise of this bill, disaster—as surely as the ultra- would be endangered. Again, the the more honest realists cautioned Unity League. Smigly has at one time occuleft line led to a debacle in Gerpied Kiev and defended War- many and elsewhere. We of the only land which would be availsaw against the Red Army. Communist Opposition, do not hesiNeverthe'ess, we are not uneasy in addressing our greetwould be at least as much below.

Inany and eisewhere, we, of the daily and eisewhere, we, of the daily and eisewhere, we, of the daily and eisewhere. We, of the daily and eisewhere was to save frankly to you that the earning capacity would be at least as much below.

SOC easy in addressing our greet unless you fight and fight hard would be at least as much below of the majority was probably best inform that Democratic Governor ings to France's eminent guest." and without loss of any more time, the state average as the difference expressed by a millionaire planter Earle of Penna. ordered state you will share in the guilt for the between a 10% and a 3½% inter- from Hughes, Ark., when he adtroopers into Reading to smash a

Iones Bill which obviously con- present sharecropper. sulting as they are injurious to finitely greater sacrifices will be cerned the Commission greatly: the policies are the policies of the ideas and ideals of world commu- eral "Farmers' Home Corporation" thorobred reformist policies that Communist Party (Opposition). a relatively liberal federal body problem.

remains. The inspiration for this particular maneuver undoubtedly came legislation. from the Chairman of the Labor Committee of the Republican cently resigned member of the Ex- refers to Sam Gompers when he

tions one can easily discern much He is referring here to what has more than the deft touch of Hut- very aptly been called the "conbe far worse than that of the cheson—the "labor man." Some-servative syndicalism" of Gompwhere, during his speech in Phila- ers; an attitude which made Sam delphia on October 7, Colonel oppose bitterly even the demand Frank Knox declared:

and resources, abandons the prin- was too proud to accept. ciples which its great leadership The only logical alternative for developed in the past and turns to grown this "conservative syndicalhe acquisition of land, is the un- a temporary and irresponsible Fed- ism" just as it is also beginning to loading of exhausted cotton land eral administration to fight its bat- outgrow its Hutchesons and Greens no longer productive. or of cut- tles, it is selling its birthright for who fail to keep step with prog-

than the return to the landholder "When any class comes to depend publican or Democratic Party. It which could be derived from con- on the shelter of government fa- is virile and aggressive enough toverting it into cotton fields, on the vor, it is on the road to its slav- day to make its demands heard

This would serve two purposes. By he was merely repeating what ernment to infringe upon its full taking off the market such unpro- Hutcheson's ghost writer had pre-

As to the government's assur- be called a radical idea. In fact only way out suggested is a new ance that an equitable rate of interest—say 3½%—would be it is precisely this objection that election in Danzig. Have they real-terest—say 3½%—would be was raised by the labor opponents by learned nothing?

private investors and mortgage istration point to the perversion of gruesome details, has been uncompanies be able to collect the the Bill's intentions which this earthed by the Progressive Miner

The Failure of "Enlightenment" Thus while liberals have been One more point in the Bankhead- anything could be done with the waiting for Comrade Thomas to

the workers of France and the made by all of us in the interest appointment of the administrative resolutions committee turned in its in suppressing the strike. workers of other countries. Such of preserving and extending the body. While the bill calls for a fed-report, thanking the Governor, thanking Publisher Palmer, thankunder the direction of a board to irg the city of Hot Springs and the feated Socialist administration of And today we call upon you be appointed by the President, re- Arlington Hotel, for making pos- the B.S.&A U., says in a recent is-

### TRADE UNION NOTES

By George F. Miles

use and benefit of a certain class of individuals, rather than for a involved the trade union movement more than ever before public use? If the use is not for the but has itself got involved in the issues which agitate the whole primarily on tenants, while only public generally, the power of labor movement. This is done, of course, not without any idea Furthermore, it would be naive subsidy. (Compare the effects of Again. "it will not for years to

The Republican Party issued, as part of its campaign literature, a pamphlet attacking John L. Lewis and the CIO while

ter hatred which the die-hard conislation can be effective. This Landon by attacking Lewis still means opposition to every form of social security legislation which labor has written down as "must"

Note how cleverly Hutchesonfor it is undoubtedly his hand be-Party-/William Hutcheson, the re- hind this phase of the campaignecutive Council of the A. F. of L. has Knox say that labor "abandons the principles which its great lead-ALSO in the field of labor rela- ership developed in the past . . . for old age pension, and later "When labor in America ceases made Green oppose unemployment to rely on its own great strength insurance, as a dole which labor

The labor movement has outress. Nor does labor need any self-And again, in the same speech: appointed guardians from the Refreedom of action.

> DANZIG transport workers are appealing against the dissolution of their union by the Nazi authorities. Thus does the pattern repeat itself: Nazi majority-dissolution

A RED conspiracy, full of very Communists are out to capture the A. F. of L. and the agency for committing this heinous crime is none other than the Trade Union

We weary of these people. Will

mitted that he couldn't see that hosiery strike. We are anxiously tell us whether he was more, or After two days deliberation, the less brutal than Governor Landon

SAM BARON, head of the de-

### "RANK AND FILE" IN TEACHERS UNION REVIVE GOMPERS LINE

By D. BENJAMIN

and File tendency in the labor movement on the question of the Peoples Front has landed it into the discredited position of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. of filiated with the trade union move-"reward your friends and defeat your enemies". This was made clear at the last meeting of the Executive Board of the Teachers Union where the Rank and File Group Majority adopted the policy of "Defeat McNaboe", a reactionary, Democratic candidate for State Senate, thus giving objective aid to the candidacy of the Republican candidate, Mr. Burke, co-partner of Landon, Hamilton Fish, and

Senator McNaboe, initiator of the vicious legislative investigation and inquisition into "radicalism" in the New York schools that is about to take place, undoubtedly should be defeated in the coming election. But to carry on propaganda—the motion was to have street-corner meetings loudspeakers, house to house canvassing, etc.—for the defeat of McNaboe, without putting forth a constructive proposal as for whom the workers, teachers, etc. should vote, would mean that his major rival candidate, Mr. Burke of the Republican Party, would get greater support than he ordinarily could expect. What other interpretation could be placed by the average worker in that election district, who was not yet ready to vote the

The Circuit Court of Appeals for the Southern District of New York has sustained a decision of the District Court which last March dismissed a writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Dominick Sallitto an Italian anti-fascist who has been ordered deported to Italy by the Labor Department or charges of a purely political na

Attorneys for the defense have appealed to the courts on the basis that no direct evidence has ever been introduced to sustain the charge preferred against Sallittoa fact which was admitted by the Washington Board of Review in its Review in its report of November 6, 1935—and that the order o deportation was obtained thru biased and prejudiced influence and without due process of law In affirming the decision of the lower court the Court of Appeal has rendered no written opinio and this fact is considered symp tomatic of the attitude the courts nature.

Communist or Socialist ticket, than The opportunist line of the Rank that he should support the Republican ticket?

The solution to the problem is quite obvious-a Labor Party candidate. The Teachers Union, af ment and with the American Labor Party, would then be able to speak clearly and effectively on this question. In the absence of such an alternative, with the Teachers Union being either unwilling or unable to corral votes for the Socialist or Communist tickets, the policy adopted would mean in the case of the most voters influenced by its propaganda, support for the Republican candidate running under the Republican emblem.

Generally speaking, the Rank and File tendency considers the Republican party the party of reacion and near-fascism, with the Democratic Party one of the soalled parties of progress or very close to that (granted the exertion of more pressure against it from the left). In this case, due to his ricious, black record against labor and teachers, it was necessary o consider McNaboe as the near-Fascist: so automatically Burke the Republican, had to be considered the candidate of near-progress!

Thus does the Rank and File policy of considering one of the two capitalist parties as near-and potential-Fascist and the other therefore, for the sake of achieving a "broad peoples front", the party of near-and potential-progress, lead to the support of Democrats and Republicans, as the situation happens to be in each individual case.

Does not the Rank and File realize that electing this man or defeating this candidate of the two major capitalist parties will get he working class exactly nowhere? Has not the progressive rade union movement fought this raditional policy of Gompers as one that keeps the workers enhained continuously to the two parties of Big Business? There s only one solution, even though t may take time to achieve it; hat is, the development of a real abor Party movement.

Does it mean that nothing can be done against McNaboe and the 'Investigation Into Radicalism in he Schools?" Not at all! Just is a campaign is being developed igainst Hearst and what he repreents, so can a local campaign be arried on exposing the investigaion and the forces behind it. electing another McNaboe in place of the present one does not make he labor movement forward even ne inch.

The Rank and File should drop he Peoples Front policy and one of its already obvious sub-fruitstake in deportation cases of this the policy of "defeating your enemies" by electing your enemies.

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### UNION HITS AT D. A.'S BIAS

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ployees were "forced" to join the Union and go on strike. He has made no independent investigation of these charges. He has taken the word of these anti-union manfacturers. Had he made an investigation, he would have found, for instance, that in the shop of Mr. Aaron Donoian, of the Egin Braid Co., one of the star witnesses for the employers, young girls workers are compelled to labor 70 hours a week for as low as \$5.00. For example, Helen Keenan, a floor girl receives \$5.00 for a 70 hour week; Rose Scham a winder rereives \$14.00 for a 70 hour week; Sigmund Fuchs, a spooler, recives \$12.00 for a 70 hour week. Had Mr. Sullivan made that investigation, he would have ascerained that the workers of the Elgin Braid Co. refused to tolerate uch slavery and went out on strike spontaneously and of their own free will to put a stop to this weat shop method of operation.

It seems to us that instead of nvestigating facts impartially, the old "red herring" of Communism is repeatedly trotted out by Assistant District Attorney Sullivan This shop-worn charge is certainly no compliment to him. The position of our Union has been made clear to everybody who wishes to have clarity on the question. Our Union is an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor ever since its existence.

#### EUROPE TODAY

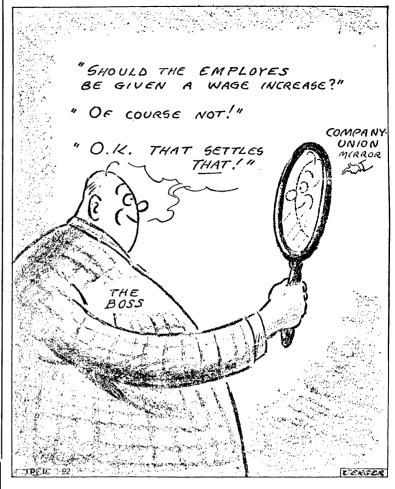
(Continued from Page 2) made to the working class.

The C.P. fraction in the Chamber protested against devaluation in words, but actually voted for it. It is loudly calling for taxation of the rich—in words.

In order to assure the passage of the devaluation bill, Leon Blum made a speech in the Chamber calling for "law and order" and threatening to use force in cases of sit-down strikes. Compulsory arbitration of labor disputes is being initiated. The fascist organizations are arming systematically



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The People's Front government and the People's Front have committed suicide, because they dared not wage a serious struggle against big capital and were thus driven to accept devaluation. The bourgeoisie will soon dismiss the People's Front government after having discredited it even further amongst the working class and the petty bourgeoisie.

The whole thing is nothing but a repetition of the history of the coalition policy of the German Social Democracy except that the various stages are much shorter and the development as a whole much accelerated. What took years in Germany, is accomplished in so many months in France.

The new factor in the situation is the participation of the C.P. The only solution lies in the initiative

and preparing provocative actions of the proletarian masses themselves—betrayed as they have been by the S.P., the C.P. and the trade unions.

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