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### CIO TO PRESENT **COUNTER PLAN**

Nov. 7 Meeting To Make Full Reply To A. F. L. Peace Plan

With the A. F. of L. convention set for November 16, the Committee for Industrial Organization advanced its session from November 9th to the 7th in order to make possible the presence of all international unions affiliated with

The CIO has not declared what it intends to do about the appointment of a committee to meet with the A. F. of L. sub-committee but the matter will most likely be acted upon at the session. Matthew Woll, a member of the A. F. of L. sub-committee, expressed his belief that insufficient time remains for getting together, even if the CIO appoints a committee, since the members of the council will be involved, he said, in various preconvention activities.

It has also become known that the question of sending full delegations to the Tampa convention will come up at the CIO sessions. It is known that a number of Internationals affiliated with the CIO intend to send delegations to the A. F. of L. convention. These organizations — I.L.G.W.U., Typos, Milliners and others—will seek to induce all the unions to be present at the convention in order to present a unified front in the fight for reinstatement of the suspended unions and to further the campaign for industrial unionism which will undoubtedly-regardless of the decision on the CIOplay a significant role at the convention in Tampa.

#### **ALP LEADER STATES** PARTY IS PERMANENT

Asserting that the newly launched American Labor Party will remain permanently after election day "as a functioning, unafraid party of labor and progressive Americans," Elinore M. Herrick, state campaign director, in a radio address on October 21, emphasized that the party "has no commitments of any character to any other political party.'

"The American Labor Party" she declared, "owes allegiance only to the trade unions, to the progressive organizations, and to individits ranks. It has its own program of immediate demands and longterm objectives. It has no commitments of any character to any other existing political party. It has received no financial aid from any other political party."

She gibed certain Republican papers and leaders for their alleged "revelations" about the permanence of the party and its fast growing strength-"facts which we have been shouting from the housetops.'

"These make-believe 'revelations', I suppose, are intended to frighten Tammany Hall and the Democratic Party in New York State," Mrs. Herrick said. "This sudden tender solicitude for the interests of the Democratic Party on the part of its Republican ene-

# E COMMUNIST

ON TUESDAY, November 3, you will go to the polls to vote for president. You will vote for the candidate who, in your opinion, stands for a program and policy that are best calculated to advance the fundamental interests of the working people of this country. You will vote for the candidate of the party which, in your opinion, really points the way to economic and social salvation for the great masses of the American people.

No worker who has the slightest idea of what it is all about will cast his vote for Lemke, the Union Party stooge of the unspeakable Coughlin, the figure-head of a crumbling coalition of fascist and semi-fascist crack-pot sects. Nor will any wide-awake worker vote for Landon, who brazenly champions a program of outright reaction, of the open shop and company unionism, whose platform is no more than a carbon copy of the political instructions of the United States Chamber of Commerce and the American Liberty League.

But how about Roosevelt? Ask yourselves: What does Roosevelt offer to labor? Look at the New Deal record and look at the New Deal program—listen to the President's speeches—what do you find? That there is indeed a big difference between Roosevelt and Landon—but not in their fundamental aims and objectives. Both are out to bolster up, strengthen and perpetuate the present capitalistic system, the system of the private ownership of the means of production and life, the system of production for profit, the system that is responsible for so many of our troubles, the system that breeds poverty, war, mass unemployment and ever-increasing misery. Every thing that Roosevelt has done, every word that he has spoken, has been directed towards saving this murderous system from wellmerited destruction, towards patching it up and trying to keep it going as long as possible.

Yes, there are important difference between Roosevelt and Landon, but these differences are differences in ways and means of accomplishing the same thing. Landon proposes to save and perpetuate capitalism by old-line reactionary methods; Roosevelt proposes to achieve the same end by the more effective methods of New Deal liberalism. Decades of bitter experience in other parts of the world, in England, in Germany, in Austria, in France, have shown that labor has nothing to gain and everything to lose by dragging behind either the liberals or the conservatives, by ual members who are enrolled in placing its hopes in one or another section of the ruling class. Labor has accomplished something only where it has organized itself into an independent force politically, with its own ideals and striving with its own program, with its own candidates-all fundamentally hostile to the capitalist system which, for the workers, is hardly better than a hell on earth. If you are really opposed to capitalism, if you really feel that the only hope for the masses of the people lies in a new socialist order, then you have no business voting for Roosevelt!

In these elections, the aims and aspirations of the workers are represented by the two workers parties, the socialists and the communists. Having rejected all proposals for united action, they now face each other as rivals in the campaign. Unfortunately, both of these parties are in a state of desperate confusion. The Communist Party is now giving unofficial support to Roosevelt, while Norman mies provides one of the big laughs | Thomas, the socialist candidate, seems to be of the big campaign, and surely a following a policy of palliating Landon's little laughter can do no harm." political sins in order to make a better case



against the Democratic ban-ner-better. The election propaganda of the C. P. is hardly more than a jumble of crude, outworn and long discredited liberal phrases; not a vestige of genuine communism, of genuine class consciousness, can be found in it. The S.P., on the other hands, has insisted on making hostility to the American Labor Party, which, for all its grave shortcomings, nevertheless represents labor's first

hesitant steps towards greater political independence, a dominant note in its campaign. The platform of both parties are an unholy confusion of everything that the election platform of a workers party should not be-of petty reforms, utopian panaceas, high-sounding phrases meaning nothing, political coward-

ice and general nonsense!

Nevertheless, no matter how difficult the situation may be, there is but one course open to the class conscious worker-to VOTE COMMUNIST! For, whatever the C.P. election platform may promise or whatever Browder may say, the Communist Party remains at bottom a revolutionary party, despite the uncommunist policies it is momentarily fol lowing in so many fields. In its traditions, in its aims and aspirations, in the eyes of the more advanced sections of the working class it stands for communism, for the "Soviet way," for real socialism and the promise of a better future-while the Socialist Party remains the party of reform, of self-defeating gradualism of the way that led to disaster in Germany and Austria and to futility in Great Britain. For both parties are essentially international organizations and they can be judged finally only on the basis of the world movements of which they are a part. And between the two can any really class conscious worker fail to choose communism?

CLASS - CONSCIOUS WORKERS! In these elections, the cause of communism, of genuine socialism, is represented by the Communist Party alone, even tho its spokesmen are doing their best to confuse the issues and to stultify the revolutionary character of their appeal. But the cause and the party rise above the political confusion of the official leadership of the moment! Vote under the only banner that holds out real hope of the emancipation of labor! VOTE COMMUNIST

COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERS! Don't let yourselves be misled by the thinly dis- steel industry hope to satisfy the guised Roosevelt propaganda your leaders are demands of the steel workers for carrying on in this campaign. Surely you don't a national outfit, and, it is rumourtake seriously the fantastic idea that Landor is the spokesman of a "Fascist concentration" against whom Roosevelt represents—tho in a "hesitating," "vacillating" manner—the forces of "democracy" and "anti-fascism"? Then don't let yourselves be driven into the fatal trap of the "lesser evil"! In spite of all the confusion, hold close to fundamental principles!

CLASS CONSCIOUS WORKERS! COM-MUNIST PARTY MEMBERS! Let us learn the lesson of the tragic situation in which we find ourselves in this election campaign. The fundamentally false policy which the Communist Party leadership is following today has brought and can bring nothing but ruin and discredit to the communist movement. Let us unite to put a speedy end to this disastrous state of affairs. Let us unite in a common effort to save the communist movement, to bring the Communist Party back to the fundamental principles which Marx and Lenin taught us and which the whole experience of the labor movement has so thoroly confirmed, the principles of communism!

## REBELS BACK

Gain Ground On Toledo Road; "Neutrality" in Deadlock

In the last stand being made at Madrid by the workers' forces, new spirit and hope for victory has been revealed. Premier Largo Caballero has declared that: "We are already in possession of a considerable formidable mechanized armament. We have tanks and a powerful air force." The growth in that most important of offensive weapons, the airplane, was attri-buted to a rumored purchase from American sources of fifteen planes. It is reputed that the remainder of the new strength of the government armies results from shipments of ammunition and tanks from Soviet Russia.

The recapture of 5 towns, three on the Toledo highway, and 2 on the Aranjuez road, has been announced by the government. The first route reopens the railway to Illescas, the second makes possible the ending of Madrid's isolation from the rest of the country. With the fall of Aranjuez, the last open road to the eastern seaport of Valencia was closed. If the new spurt of the loyalist forces can be maintained, the railroad can be recaptured. It is apparent that some of the disillusionment and heartlessness has been eradicated, so that the troops are no longer evacuating post after post without a fight.

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#### STEEL BARONS BACK **NEW COMPANY UNION**

Despite the dangers inherent in any company union set-up that goes outside the individual mill, the steel tycoons have decided to set up a general "Central Committee," soon to become a Pittsburgh District General Council. This move will eliminate, the bossés hope, the "troublesome" elements in the Chicago area, who are almost completely pro-CIO and have put forward a definite set of demands.

A reflection of the steady gains of the steel drive is indicated by the "recognition" being extended to this multi-plant company union. In this way the employers in the the wage increase which has been promised for so long. It is obvious that some economic concessions will have to be granted by the steel barons; were they given thru the company-dominated "Central Committee," some sort of bolstering of the fast decaying company union structure would be achieved.

However, the Chicago steel workers are still pressing their demands to the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Co., and are fighting the proposed Pittsburgh Council. They have pointed out that the latter had the expenses of its recent meeting paid for by the employers —clear proof of its company character. In addition, they have carefully picked apart the socalled program of this outfit: the question of hiring and firing being completely in company hands, its lack of concrete demands on wages on hours, its thoroly undemocratic structure.

Aroused by the fact that mem- | political action, in principle, of the bers of the Communist Party are working class. We urge you, even at this late credited Farmer-Labor Party (See hour, to retreat from the reckless Workers Age, of September 26, and dangerous course you have 1936) the Michigan organization pursued, to unite with us behind of the Communist Party (Opposi- the policy outlined and prevent the tion) called on the Communist name of Communism from being Party to withdraw its members brought into ill repute in the from the ticket.

The demand was placed in the To allow either the name of the form of a letter which follows in Communist Party or any individual

The District Committee Communist Party of America. 5969 Fourteenth Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Comrades:

In looking over the list of can-Farmer-Labor Party we notice with apprehension and regret the names of several members and close friends of the Communist

slate of the so-called Farmerthe State Convention of this Farmer-Labor Party it split hopelessly into two groups, one, the Coughlin-Townsend-Farmers Union group supporting the potential fascist. Lemke; the second, the ers, and liberals.

these groups and has supported 528. the Non-Partisan Labor League. Though these figures indicate a until the family has reapplied and We believe that it is the duty of drop from May, they do not indiproven, thru investigation, that ments have moved steadily to the forts behind a policy of converting employment comparable to the rise Though dire poverty may be eviincreased. The entry of the CNT the only opposition to devaluation, party. In this our efforts are made business index has increased 15% from home when the investigator lonian government cannot be con- to dictate to the government. more easy by the resolution of the in the past year, employment in calls, or Tommy being regularly sidered, under the present circum-

vote for the Republican and De- al. The long term trend has re- lief. mocratic candidates on the slate mained practically unchanged. of the Non-Partisan Labor League. nor do we urge trade unionists to does not mean a comparative defollow this course either.

As there are no independen labor candidates in the field, our voting for the straight Communist ticket. Where there are no candidates on that ticket, we are voting for the candidates of the Socialist Party. We cannot, under ny circumstances, vote for communists running on the Farmer- and allowing the relief funds to Labor Party ticket as this would subsidize them, though, at the amount to recognition of a party same time, they are crying about which is in our opinion not only increased taxes. misnamed but a fraud and a fake But all the tears about taxes and tends to put the very name, and stories of relief "chiselers" Farmer-Labor Party in a bad light, and jobs for those who want to also giving the reactionaries a good work had an effect on the reducopportunity to score at our ex- tion of the relief load-more ef pense by giving them a plausible fect than employment. The E.R.B basis for opposition to independent has entered upon a drive to close

minds of the workers of Michigan. union local of this city to be associated, either directly or indirect-October 26, 1936 ly, with this menace is a serious blow both to Communism and the

> Fraternally yours, DETROIT DISTRICT, The Communist Party of America (Opposition)

#### HAIL DEMOCRACY!

EDERAL WORKERS, employed at Camp Elmford, a federal park project, were denied right to vote by the Supreme Court of New York State. There are thirty-nine of these men whose only residence is the camp where they are working under the National Park Service. To give them the right to vote would be, according to the eminent jurist presiding, "a flagrant violation of the Constitution of the State of New

This is in Herbert Lehman's New York and Franklin Roosevelt's America. Place the adjectives "progressive," "democratic," "freedom-loving" where you will. They form a design which symbolizes capitalist democracy, which beautifully reveals the whole fraud of the bourgeois election system of "universal (sic) suffrage."

### didates running for election on one of the two slates of the so-called ROLLS DESPITE INCREASED NEED

By STUART FORSYTHE

could save the city from an intotalled 200,000, having been pur-

Moreover, increased employment crease in the relief rolls. Many persons who obtain jobs in indus-

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In April 1935, the Mayor's Com- put on the district offices to in- defeat the Spanish revolution thru factories, even against strikes. mittee on Unemployment Relief crease the number of cases closed utilizing for its own purposes the Labor Party has neither the support of the bona fide trade union movement nor of the farmers of movement nor of the farmers of movement nor of the farmers of this county or state, we urge you at this time to withdraw these candidates from the ticket before it is too late. Let us remind you that at too late. Let us remind you that at substantial increase in employment category was that of all cases of ternational proletariat. men who had left their families creasing relief load. This predictive regardless of the reason of the social-democratic workers ginning of May this year, there were 416,683 families on home or law (Wicks Act), no matter how Parisian left socialists, now leans their party convention. The Blum work relief, 202,683 families and great the need, nor how impossigroup of individual trade unionists, a few isolated labor unions, the lief and 214,000 on W.P.A. At the Communist. Party its sympathic. Communist Party, its sympathiz- end of September, the W.P.A. lists coming. The labor movement of Michigan posely cut to this number, and the of any family in which there is simultaneously speculating about

try are part time workers or work less than before, only a forced dementary system. These new organs group, the Communist Party of at such low wages that even the crease in the number of cases car- of state power are dominated by America (Opposition), is therefore scanty relief budget is greater ried will make the carrying out of the representatives of the workers workers are becoming ever sharper ried will make the carrying out of the representatives of the workers workers are becoming ever sharper ried will make the carrying out of the representatives of the workers are becoming ever sharper and it is not sharper and than their earnings and it is nethis order possible. So they have organizations, not only at the top cessary for the Emergency Relief now been told they must close 5 but also in the lower bodies. The Bureau to supplement these wages cases per investigator per month, left bourgeoisie still participates from the relief funds. As Mayor and reject 40% of all the applibut it is in a minority and the Chautemps has already raised the La Guardia recently said, many cations at the intake desk monthly before any investigation. 0 0 0

on relief in New York City).

COMMUNISM or REFORMISM WHICH SHALL IT BE? Hear

(This is the first of 3 articles

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## **EUROPE TODAY**

THE EFFECTS of the prolonged blockade against Spain's revolutionary forces and the threatened capture of Madrid by the fascists has aroused the international working class to bitter resentment and protest. The same spirit has also expressed itself among the Soviet proletariat and was undoubtedly the cause of the Soviet Union's well known declaration in the London Committee. This act strengthened the activity of the

international proletariat but simultaneously also stiffened the resistance of the international bour-That the proletariat has been

encouraged by the Soviet stand can be seen from the demand to reopen the non-intervention policy, at the Edinburgh Congress of the Labor Party, the stand of the Belgian Labor Party against the blockade, etc. But in France the proletarian parties and organizations have limited themselves to mass action of the workers is being systematically crippled by the organizations of the People's

On the part of the governments both England and France are cooperating to drown the initiative of the Soviet Union in a sea of red tape. In France the big bour- the bourgeois press admonishing cases. Constant pressure has been geoisie seeks by all means to help the workers against occupying the

The deep confusion in the ranks

for the separation. Thus, contrary may be judged by the fact that towards the anarchist position (the government, the CP, the SP, the policy) proposing continued sup- terests of devaluation, improveport of the Blum government re- ment of national economy and In the Family Division, the case gardless of what it may do, and greater production. as a whole has repudiated both Home Relief cases numbered 191,- the slightest suspicion of resources salvation by means of some genis to be closed and not reopened eral strike action.

ber. And since this allotment is the bourgeois-democratic parlia- ing class centers of Paris.

paratus is broken. The present People's Front and the calling of form of state power is naturally new elections. Ever more openly not the final one. In Madrid the Caballero Gov- showing itself to be the agency of ernment has agreed to the demand the big bourgeoisie in the governof the CNT for the formation of a ment and even in the People's "Defense Junta" which is to have Front. The aim of the drive is to political as well as military func- shift the cost of overcoming the tions. Thus have governmental developments gone far beyond the Every possible pressure is thereframework of the People's Front. | fore being brought to bear to stifle In Madrid it appears that the all resistance in the ranks of the bourgeois state apparatus has been workers organizations. The role of disrupted by the fascist traitors the workers parties and the trade and saboteurs within the govern- unions is to be the instrument for ment. It now becomes necessary to executing this policy. replace it completely and build a Dissatisfaction over these condinew structure based on the work- tions is rising in the working class. ers organizations. However, this But those forces which are begincan be done only in the face of the ning to perceive the catastrophic

By PETE ROSS

sion: no jobs, inadequate relief

starvation, sickness, death. The

East York workers however decid-

forced upon them by a government

discussed and acted upon.

politicians began to take notice.

They catered to the organization

and to its leadership, particularly

to the President of the E.Y.W.A.

Arthur Williams, who had been

smooth-tongued demagogy.

elected to this office because of his

The Role of Williams

forced thru constitutional changes

making him a virtual dictator in

the organization. He saw to it that

he was nominated for the Reeve-

The E.Y.W.A. was turned into a

election machine. Due to the ef-

ship (Mayoralty) of the township.

Williams saw his chance.

ance of the CP. SP. and the reformist unions has meant the costly loss of valuable time and great sacrifices are being made because of the policy of "defending bourgeois democracy."

Immediately after the police ousted the striking waiters in Paris, came the brutal attack upon the workers of the chocolate factory Gourmet. The police broke down the gates of the factory held declarations and demands—the by the workers for 17 days and wounded a number of workers, among them many women, a communist deputy who happened to be present and a trade union functionary. Nothing but empty protests resulted.

> The CGT and the CP, as well as the SP, came out in unison with Thereby they broke whatever debegun a vicious baiting campaign not only against occupation of factories and against strikes but also against demonstrations, meetings and all working class actions.

Along these lines the Radical

No wonder then, that, in the ranks of the workers, anarchist influence grows on the one handand this can lead only to impotent all communists to put all their efcate that there has been a rise in such resources are non-existent. left as the pressure upon Madrid hand fascism, now appearing as in business activity. Though the dent, Johnny's continuous absence and the POUM into the Cata- becomes more bold daily and tries

N-PLL to remain in existence after New York City increased only one the elections for the purpose of formulating labor's political polit formulating labor's political policy. August 1936. In fact, the only sub- factory to the investigator or su- a decree which strips the old gov- operation, Socialist Minister Salen-We realize that meanwhile it is stantial increases in employment pervisor), are sufficient cause for erning bodies of all functions and gro has prohibited all demonstraimpossible for us as communists to since June 1934, have been season- the immediate withdrawal of re- places governmental functions into tions in Paris and vicinity. Under the hands of the Local Committees this pressure 100 communist meet-The District Offices of the Re- which are constituted in the same ings in Alsace were reduced to 7. lief Bureau, have just been told manner as the Central Government Under the same pressure the govthat they must not overspend in Barcelona. This is not the soviet ernment permits de la Rocque and money allotted to them for Octo- form but it is decidedly no longer Doriot to hold meetings in work-

In the factories the relations between communist and socialist -resulting sometimes even in fist

The Radical Socialist Minister

resistance of the OP. and the results of the People's Front S.P. The initiative now comes policy, are led astray and retardfrom the POUM, from the syn-ed. Without leadership, these forces dicalists and anarchists and from are split and mislead by the parties the mass of the workers, peasants and the militia itself. The resist-

came discouraged and apathetic. \* Syndicalist unions. The membership dropped from \*\* Anarchist Federation of Iberia.

would embarrass him).

As a result the working class be-

1700 to an active membership of less than 200. The business meet-As in other parts of the capings turned into autobiographical italist world, the working class of lectures by Reeve Williams. The East York, particularly the unem-E.Y.W.A. seemed doomed to failployed, has been made to bear the burden of the world-wide depres-

The Role of the C.P.O.

ed to do something about their lot, of the working class. They met, and his small organized coterie. the Communist Party. discussed and organized into a It was necessary to force him to militant unemployed organization, give militant leadership or expose the East York Workers Associa- him as an adventurer and betrayer tion. Soon all of Canada was talk- of the interests of the workers. ing about the militant struggle

Association for adequate relief, in-The E.Y.W.A. became the only bright spot in a depressed Canadian working class. Strikes, mass seat of the local, provincial and York workers the highest rate of urging the formation of a Proemployed and partially employed gressive Group inside the E.Y.W.A. The C.P. forces, which but recent- East York. joined. Meetings were held freproblems of the unemployed were ization obtaining their common objectives. Even the professional

**CP** of Canada Endangers they now wanted "unity at all Gains of Unemployed they now wanted "unity at all costs," behind Williams. The Clarion, daily C.P. paper of Canada, eulogized Williams edi-Canada, eulogized Williams ed torially, pledged its support and attacked the Progressive Group which was formed, as saboteurs, thoughtful workers, have organized a Progressive Group and will ization of a progressive group in- pulsion, in spite of the use of sial questions arise in the mass profits than caring for the needs and approach of Arthur Williams of the support given Williams by mocratic ideology, e.g., the tax-workers.

C.P. Membership Rebels

The members of the local C.P.O., belling. Some have joined the way, without public censure. workers. With this objective in bring down Stewart Smith, Acting of any Communist fraction. mind, they approached all progressive elements, including the memination of the Canadian Party, in order to rally support for Wilrelief in the entire province of bers of the Communist Party, liams, the Progressive Group is class betrayal. By manifold articles there to an anti-Soviet Union position.

poined. Meetings were neid irequently, halls were jammed, the problems of the unemployed were E.Y.W.A., which had organized a pelling members wholesale. He has too, not the common ordinary dual organization, had fought the curbed whatever democratic proce- class of people with ten cents in E.Y.W.A. as a "fascist" and "so- dure remained in the organization. one hand and a bailiff's notice in The unemployed in other sections cial-fascist" clique—officially re- He is calling special business meet- the other."—and—"What do you C.P.S.U., the Soviet Union still of Canada took heart—began to the fused to enter into such a progressing of "loyal" members, admistation is for, to think of doing what the East Sive bloc. Privately, many of them sion by "invitation" only, where change bread and butter into of proletarian class-rule to the in-YORK WORKERS nad succeeded in do-ing—organizing and thru organ-agreed that the C.P.O. criticism he makes the following remarks: steaks for you unemployed?" Wiland analysis was correct—that to "If I were allowed to be myself, I liams threatens, blusters, inspires fight Williams was necessary, that would appeal to a better class of

payers "strike" the substitution of the "people" for the working class; and their apparent belief The healthy elements in the that parliamentary representatives Communist Party are openly re- should be free to go their own

made by the East York Workers who had loyally helped to build C.P.O.—a number are working A falling away from Commun. the E.Y.W.A., who had been its with the Progressive Group in ist Principles, as exemplified in most constructive workers, realized spite of the orders of the C.P. their refusal to criticize the social in the Communist movement, that now they must be its most leadership. The Williams has ex- reformist policies of the right wing namely the "Field Group' ardent defenders. They must pre- pelled all known C.P.O. members in the Unemployed Association. vent Williams from strangling the and many non-political progres- Criticism of Social Reformism, to Group" (C. P.O.). organized fight of the East York sives, tho the C.P. has had to my mind, is a fundamental duty

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## A POUM RESOLUTION

tion Bulletin" of Sept. 23, 1936. column "Europe Today" appearing in

this issuc-Editor.]

forts of the members of the asthe working class in East York, economy destroyed by the civil and Stalinists. that he was their chosen representative, responsible to them, subject to their decisions; that, as the president of their association he was to lead their daily struggle for adequate relief, protect what they had succeeded in wresting from the authorities. Williams to should immediately proceed to call a constituent Cortes, elected by the color of the was going to show the capitalist politicians to show the capitalist politicians on being one) administers relief. that he was their chosen represen- war) and of radically changing the

lutionary impulse of the working

[We reprint below a resolution of masses, the policy of the Popular radically from the Spanish left the Workers Party of Marxist Unity Front has not caused the same republican movement — and the (POUM), taken from the English edition of their "International Informa- of Spain where the Socialist and tions on which it is based are ers; this develops to a socialist Communist Parties have become moving definitely towards the economic order, which abolishes the The position of the I.C.O. on these appendages of the bourgeois re- revolution, influenced by the pro- basis of class rule. questions is briefly expressed in the publicans and endeavor to obstruct letarian parties and organizations. the advance of the proletarian rev- The important thing is the proolution. In Catalonia, thanks to gram, and the hegemony of the ing that no ruling class gives up the circumstances mentioned above, proletariat which must be guaraneven the petty bourgeoisie has teed. On one point there can be THE necessity of bringing the been carried away by the tempest- no doubt: the new government sociation, Williams was elected war to an end by the total uous, revolutionary current as far must make a declaration of un-Reeve of East York township. As extermination of the fascists, and as taking up positions which are questionable principles affirming soon as he was elected, he con- of guiding the economy of the more advanced, as regards the di- its intention of turning the imveniently forgot that his election country towards socialism (which was due primarily to the efforts of is alone capable of rebuilding the ment, than those of the socialists lutionary legality and directing it

how a socialist (he prides himself on being one) administers relief. He became "dignified," "efficient," practical," at the expense of the working class whose representative he was supposed to be. As a result, he succeeded in accomplishing the following:

1. Reduce relief rolls from 16,000 to 8,000.

2. Reduce relief grants from \$11.21 per person per month to \$8.21 per person per month and program as by its systematic sabotage of Catalonia, acts as a election machine.

4. Prevent consideration by the election machine.

4. Prevent consideration by the Association of the problems facing the unemployed.

5. Prevent the E.Y.W.A. from taking militant action against reduction of relief grants. (Such actions methods accomplished ideology and tactical errors, represent a powerful revolution and therefore of the war against fascism.

Thanks to our party, which has always remained true to revolution and therefore of the war against fascism.

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Thanks to our party, which has always remained true to revolution organizations. Therefore as elucidated above, the manufacture of the workers' parties and trades union organizations. But if this point of view is not shared by the other workers' organizations we are willing to leave objection to this measure. Whether of the revolution and therefore of the war against fascism.

Committee believes now, as alclass, and particularly the F.A.I.

Therefore as elucidated above, the medium of this letter, and the stations in detail that I may make.

Therefore as elucidated above, the manufacture of the workers' organizations we are willing to leave objection to this measure. Whether objection is not objection to this measure. Whether objection is not objection to this measure. Whether objection is not objection to this measure. Therefore as elucidated above, the workers' organizations we are willing to leave of the workers' organizations we are willing to leave of the workers' organizations we are willing to leave of the workers' organizations we are willing to leave of the workers' organizations and trades union organizations.

Therefore as elucidated above, the medium of this letter, and the workers' organization organizations and trades union organizations.

The p rors, represent a powerful revo-the question open, the more es- er called government, junta or E. Y. Section: and I await the pecially as the left republican council, the essential is the imme- pleasure of the membership in this

in the sense of the socialist revolution. As for the proletarian The basis of organization in both

movement is of a profoundly popu- diate formation of this body which regard. lar nature—which distinguishes it circumstances so urgently demand.

## only the organization of such a progressive bloc could save the E.Y.W.A. However, in contrast to their recent sectarian position, **CPO for Communist Line**

A few days ago, I withdrew | viously deserted to what Lenin membership in the Communist called, bourgeois reformism; to splitters, enemies of the working Party (Official) E. Y. Section; the modifications in the capitalist class, "Lovestoneite renegades," East York Unit of the Y.C.L., and structure, that objectively benefit etc., etc. The C.P.O. members, to- the District Buro, Y.C.L. (S. On- the capitalist class at, of course, gether with many sincere and tario); for the following reasons: the expense of the workers. Where-A succumbing to Right Oppor- as Lenin laid down that class tunism on the part of the Party, deserters be "hung, drawn, and carry on the necessary fight i.e., inasmuch as they hide the face quartered," that they be ruthless-Necessity called for the organ- against Williams in spite of ex- of the Party whenever controver- ly censured and exposed, the Party clandestinely supports the Reeve, side the organization in order to physical force, in spite of the use organizations. Accompanying this to the now apparent detriment of more concerned with preserving fight against the ruinous policies of parliamentary trickery, in spite was a capitulation to social determinent of the organized and unorganized

These actions I find incompatible with my principles as a Communist. Naturally, now I am searching for some kindred grouping to associate with, for I still consider myself Communist. In the main, I find there are two other tendencies (L.R.W.P.) and the "Lovestone

Should I associate with the L.R.W.P., I should be orientated to bound to win, bound to gain the support of the working class in called, "Labor Reeve" has most obsition from a proletarian to a capitalist dictatorship."

> This I could not do, for my remains as "the shining example" ernational proletariat. The alternative seems to be the

communist Party (Opposition). Jpon close perusal of much of your terature, I find there are some pasic principles on which you tand-Proletarian dictatorship by

loviets.

Substitution of a planned society based on social ownership of means of production by the work-

The destruction of the capitalist state machine (by violence) knowwithout a vicious struggle.

Defense of the Soviet Union as a proletarian dictatorship, by al

The need for a Communist Party n each nation to lead the workers of that country: the need for a Communist International to lead the world struggle of the workers.

R. C. M.

would merely indicate a willing-

ness to relinquish the unconstitutional powers which the

council usurped by disfranchis-

ing the C.I.O. unions-to allow

the issue to be fought out

through such democratic chan-

nels as the A. F. of L. constitu-

In other words the CIO will be

happy to reestablish the status

quo as it existed before the sus-

not pledge silence or surrender on

the issues which gave rise to these

suspensions-organization of the

mass production industries along

ACCORDING to press announce-

ments this week the Wagner

Labor Relations Act is due for a

couple of rounds with the Con-

stitution in the presence of that

august body known as the Supreme

Court of the United States No.

other information has been re-

leased but it is rumoured that the

vultures are already circling over

Washington. And there is good

reason for it if the record of pre-

Altho not one of the first batch

of New Deal measures it was rush-

ed forward to fill that gaping hole

We think that the Wagner Act is

even "Labor's Magna Charta," but

it does make a pretense at outlaw-

self is enough to damn it a

Let us, as President Roosevelt

From the above it becomes clear

valid 5-4

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thousand times in the eyes of the

said in a recent speech, examine

vious New Deal legislation means

tion provides.

industrial lines.

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Supreme Court.

Municipal Bancruptcy

lation:

## People's Front Is Rebirth of Social Democratic Coalitionism

By JAY LOVESTONE

being pursued by the Comgether with the Communist and increasingly ineffective as an instrument of class domination over much of a sacrifice if we urged kle. Professor Macmurray succeeds around the revolutionary labor source of enlightenment to even the workers, especially at that them to try to look into the relamovement are subjected to the the veriest of politically purblind. historical moment when bourgeois tionship between declining capitalweirdest notions about the so-called That's how the People's Front pre- parliamentarism has outlived all ist economy, the declining efficacy blending the two, for at the end of People's Front. At this time when serves the workers rights and historical usefulness, just at a mo- of bourgeois democracy as a form his book the cross remains just as the People's Front strategy is swings the middle class masses to ment when the faith of the masses of capitalist dictatorship, and the much the cross, and hammer and Spain and France, it is especially appropriate to clear up some misconceptions spread and some illu- 2. The theory of the People's objective situation for pitting clining capitalist economy, declinsions fostered in regard to this Front is that today humanity, so- against capitalist parliamentary ing efficacy of capitalist democra- ray, "in the discovery that a relicourse by the various sections of ciety, civilization, every country, democracy genuine working class cy and increasingly favorable soil, gion which had lost its faith in

An Old Disease—A New Name strategy appears as something like Blum—and fascism. Blum puts ing over all power and putting an is not working class democracy? new, as a policy just discovered or it plainly as a struggle in behalf end to the very conditions in which Sometimes the leaders of the ofinvented by the Comintern to suit of the principles of 1789, that is, fascism is rooted. the new situation growing out of the mainth the Hitler victory in Germany. The description of the mainth tenance and preservation of the ment when bourgeois parliament way. How about a little more light, This is a fabrication pure and sim- principles of the French bourgeois ary democracy has become so clarity, and conviction, dear comple. The People's Front policies, revolution of 1789. This is utop-feeble and discredited that the rades? And what choice are you now being pursued by the Comin- ianism and therefore dangerously capitalists themselves are turning really offering the proletariat in tern and sections of the Second reactionary. Lots of things have to counter-revolutionary anti-par- these critical hours? Aren't you really new. They are old. They France and its premier Blum, the tatorship (fascism) do the official are the moth-eaten policies of the latter may not be fully aware working class coalition with the of the changes or may choose to name. It is the pre-war "cabinet | 1789 did not drop down on France | socialism" re-baptized; it is the old from heaven or the clouds; they game of coalition with the bour- did not arise from or flourish in geoisie dressed up in a new uni- a vacuum. These "ideas and

there is something new to this certain social relations, had a cer-People's Front. In the past when tain type of class foundation, coalition or collaboration with flourished in a certain kind of macapitalist parties was applied by terial soil. All of these are no the Social Democracy, as in Gerfought it. Today, the official Comfought it. Today, the official Communists not only don't fight it, but they independ it. They not only in the sees as some powners and the sees as some powners and the sees as some powners. It is a legitimate they independ it. They not only in the sees as some powners and the sees as some powners. It is a legitimate the sees as some powners and the sees as some powners. It is a legitimate the sees as some powners and the sees as some powners. It is a legitimate the sees as some powners and the sees as some powners and the sees as some powners. It is a legitimate the sees as some powners and the sees as some powners. It is a legitimate the sees as some powners and the sees as some powners are seed as some powners and the sees as some powners are seed as some powners and the sees as some powners and the sees as some powners are seed as some powners and the sees as some powner they indorse it. They not only in- offspring of the very democracy dorse it, they even boast of having which Blum and Thorez now ask porations, the bloody hands of initiated it; they support it and the workers to defend by collabortake full responsibility for it beation with such a capitalist party
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feller and the subtle fingers of
is one which has gained wide noNow we should work vaguely for take full responsibility for it be- ation with such a capitalist party fore the masses. In the past the as the Radical Party even when Mellon. These coal company towns to riety throughout the coal industrictly for its "quantitative extension" and have been very crude and brutal to riety throughout the coal industrictly for its "quantitative extension" and conservative Social Democratic the latter sets as a condition for leaders were somewhat slowed down in their pace of giving up down in their pace of giving up ing of the stay-in-strikes, balanc- ing of the stay

(Continued from Page 3) opposition to him is growing. If law, his giving up the sliding wage the Progressive Group continues scale in the face of inflation, the Shanghaiing Negro Labor worked hand in hand with the coal

tempt to ruin and break up the organization, as he sees the opposition growing. The C.P. will be largely responsible if such eventually takes place.

price of collaboration—after about of capitalist dictatorship known as for the achievement of working THANKS to the course now a year of "People's Fronting" to- bourgeois democracy is becoming class democracy? Would we be

Deliberate Distortion of Issue

the C.I. as well as by such self- is confronted with one big strug- democracy (proletarian dictotor- for the idea of working class de- God must be overwhelmed by a styled Left organizations as the gle and one decisive choice. Ac-ship), do the Communist Parties mocracy on the other hand? Or faith (Communism—T.T.) which cording to the "People's Fronteers" and revolutionary socialists and shall we conclude that Browder had rejected religion." . . "Only the grand issue today is between Social Democratic Parties deny and Thorez now agree with Blum by a profession of atheism can he An Old Disease—A New Name

1. To many, the People's Front

| An Old Disease—A New Name | bourgeois democracy—or just democracy to the social reformists | themselves the right to propagate | and Thomas that the proletarian | dictatorship is no democracy at all, | faith." . . . "I am equally convinced | ideals" grew out of certain econ-Yet, it must be admitted that omic conditions, were rooted in

mand or under pressure of the bourgeoisie, because they feared the effects of Communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the ranks of the communist criticism and opposition in the communist criticism and communist criticism and opposition in the communist criticism and community criticism and communist criticism and community crit How better could the ground for lizes an arbitrary force in his The system worked something like masses. Today, on the basis of Fascism be prepared by the lead-the People's Front policy, the reship of the French Socialist and litical, social and cultural. Under send groups of Negro agents, "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents, "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents, "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular, English Parliamentary of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular of the send groups of Negro agents," "In particular of the sen formists have a full and free hand Communist Parties than thru their pressure he has been forced to send groups of Negro agents, "In particular, English Parliamenneglect and disregard of working class interests, because the Communist Parties have been drawn munist Parties have been drawn effective strike weapon, shift the company index attended by a community company index attended acceptance of these demands of the buy at the company store, live usually ministers, into the agriculfranc on to the backs of the prole- pany doctor in a company hospit- glowing picture of the industrial the vehicle of a dialectic process." One need but examine the events tarians, and help insure the vic- al (which he pays for whether original when a number character process."

And lest some benighted proleta-One need but examine the events in Spain and France for a pain- tory of fascism in Spain, a victory he is treated or not), and if he tory of fascism in Spain, a victory he is treated or not), and if he their willingness to leave, the difference of the religion, he says quite openly, ful confirmation of our estimate. The swing to the right at the last Congress of the French Radical Party, the more severe demands of the Germany of Scheidente, and Party, the more severe demands of the Germany of Scheidente, and Party of tascism in Spain, a victory in spain, a victory in lie is treated of not), and in the swing to the right at the last encourage tremendously Colonel dies he is buried by a company and their willingness to leave, the difficult part of the job began, that the company all the forces of restation, without awakening the suspicions of the plantation owner. The miner sees in the company all the forces of restation, without awakening the suspicions of the plantation owner. CANADIAN CP PERILS
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Unicometric pression and exploitation that compose our modern industrial society.

Upon this social and economic background of the miner lies the comparative success of the United Mine Workers of America. The lings in Alsace (from more than unicometric pression and exploitation that composed with those of the plantation owner. If the agent was caught, it results the great amount of goodwill and kindness that is to be found in its relations with those human beings or horrible mutilation. The agent, on the other hand, if successful, on the (Continued from Page 3) ings in Alsace (from more than union represents his only outlet and received so much per head shipped, and rolled in comparative wealth free of company domination. opposition to him is growing. If law, his giving up the sliding wage

the Progressive Group continues its effective fight Williams is effective fight Williams is dropping of the proposed capital levy by the Blum-Daladier-Thorez government, and a myriad of lesser People's Front" tactic of "unity at all costs"—even with the enemies of the working class, and allies itself with the progressive choosing here. A bed of thorns allies itself with the progressive working class forces in the Association—the Progressive Group.

Of course, there remains the Officers, there remains the Officers and their own leaders and their suicid—the remains the Officers are not discovered to enter the industry. The growing importance of coal then necessitated an increase in the labor supply. Thus we find the coal fields. On being employed in the mines, exorbitant transportation charges would be deducted from their pay envelopes.

Communist and Socialist Parties completely turn their backs upon revolutionary anti-parliamentarism of the working class as a way out. Would the Blums and the Browders, the Thorezes and the Thom- CREATIVE SOCIETY-A Study ases have us believe that when and capitalist democracy gets strongit is making on the workers as a ticularly at a time when that form time for us to propagate and work er it will then be a more favorable ebbing rapidly and when the com- form in the eyes of the owning author than in the beginning. munists have the most favorable class on the one hand, and de-

(Socialist) International are not happened since 1789—even to liamentarism as a new type of dic-helping the reformist leaders to working class coalition with the of the changes or may choose to bourgeoisie at the expense of the give the world the impression that proletariat. The People's Front nothing has happened. These is class-collaboration under a new "great and glorious principles" of Know No "Color Line"

By EUGENE COEBURN

unconsciously sees in these cor-

"cheap" labor reservoirs of cen- History makes man but man also tral and Southern Europe. After The West Virginia miner, like the normal supply of European many other workers in basic indus- labor had become exhausted, the more, due to more than a century tries, has no personal contact with West Virginia coal industry turned many for instance, the Communist of socio-economic, class, develop- the real employers. To him the its eyes southward towards the torical forces and which must be employer is the inanimate "com- vast agricultural regions and its

The early process through which a hindrance to further social dethe Negro was transplanted from velopment although it still has mafor a short period. The railroads

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BOOKS of the AGE

of the Relation of Christianity to Communism, by John Macmurray. New York. Association Press. \$1.50. 168 pages.

The cover design of this book symbolically portrays a cross suno better than the illustration in in parliamentary institutions is rising factor of fascism as a state sickle more misunderstood by the

"There would be nothing parathat a Christianity which remained true to the revelation of God contained in its own Gospel could achieve the purpose which Communism seeks to achieve through its rejection of religion more easily, more certainly and with a fuller understanding of the real issues which are involved."

The misunderstanding that Marxism is a faith or that Marxists believe in a power that works through history is not a new one. But any competent student of Marxism knows that there is no fatalism in the class struggle or any set track which it automatically takes. He does know that there are historical forces at work which the working class must understand. but above all, consciously direct. makes history. Nor is Communism synonymous with atheism. Communists understand religion as somedestroyed by still other historical forces. Marxism opposes religion on the ground that religion is now

essays on dialectics and uses the

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Federation of Labor, for instance, opposition. will not start a campaign to or-

the miners? It has already been reported that the Progressive A. F. of L. in the mining industry. Lewis will retaliate by building another union among the carpenters and splits will take place not only nationally but also in local unions affiliating their separate parts to two central labor bodies. For instance, take the last radio strike conducted by organizers groes into the coalfields of the (Mingo, Logan, McDowell, Kana-

was a healthy one. Both the C.P.O. and the G.E.B. of the I.L.G.W.U. ports of the last plenum of the repeated this position numerous times publicly. Overnight this entire position was changed. Responquestions and problems were discussed, among which was the question of the possibility of a split with splits, should not make such role that the C.I.O. is playing. estimations. We are being swept Certainly they know that if the along by the stream; instead of C.I.O. would persistently continue

#### Giving the Workers to

seven years did find a solution to lesson. I.W.W. and the T.U.U.L. which many problems and the labor I am surprised at Comrade Hermovement eventually had to adopt berg, who is usually clear and the position of the C.P.O., but the precise on other issues,—but on sophy and formed new unions on C.P.O. today finds itself as a ship this issue his position is confused without a rudder. Every wind and he permits himself to be swept turns her around, rudderless and along by the stream on this ques-

Many statements are made. The

Did the plenum and Comrade Herwere dualist in character but they reactionaries. It was very hard for movement. repeatedly stated that they would organize only the unorganized in into the A. F. of L., to gain inthe industries where the A. F. of fluence among millions of workers tion. According to Comrade Her-L. refused to organize or were un- in the A. F. of L. and help build sult of these dual movements and happen again. The progressive and necessarily also of the C.I.O., is advanced workers grouped around present negotiations for unity are to come in conflict with the A. F. the C.I.O. will be taken out to a a step backward. of L. unions and instead of organ- new "kosher" "progressive" trade izing the unorgazined such tactics union center. The Hutchinsons, brought into the trade union

C.I.O. did not leave the A. F. of tionary movement must realize ficient thought to this problem. movals.

#### **ATTENTION**

In answer to a number of innuiries we must state once more that the opinions expressed in articles printed in the discussion section do not necessarily represent the editorial policy of WORKERS AGE or the position of the leadership of the C.P.O.

This must be especially em phasized since some of the contributors are not affiliated with the C.P.O.

the majority in the A. F. of L. unions against craft unionism and would collapse.

#### Against the Stream

The present position of the plainly and openly does not want to be in the A. F. of L.

There are personal elements in the A. F. of L. these elements can the present struggle Lewis and the A. F. of L. these elements can the present to make the present struggle. Lewis and be swung to industrial unionism unions should be present to make Hillman have old accounts to set-tle with the A. F. of L. leadership

The set of L. these unions will travel

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The set of L. these unions of the Council. Besides, a federation would not be dualist and in addition also political action the road with the old leadership. counts. But the C.P.O. for the last Past experience has taught us this

> tion of a split in the A. F. of L. Political leaders in the revolu-

L., they were suspended. But this that things are not as they would is an old one and the C.P.O. an- like them to be but as they are. swered many times that—we must It is not too late for the C.P.O. great importance. Significant is I don't know whether Comrade fight for reinstatement, in the face to correct its present position on I don't know whether Comrade fight for reinstatement, in the face to correct its present position on the face to be selected it would not the answer to the poor work-Another important question in confusion and help avoid a split in quest for reinstatement of all susberg realize that the position of the discussion, that is when the the A. F. of L. It is true that it is pended unions as the first condition the C.I.O. must lead to dualism, "industrial unions" were formed hard to do pioneer work and spread for peace. that the C.I.O. must lead to the by the C.P., the class conscious ideas not acceptable at present. But the C.P.O. in the past has arunions already existing in an in- A. F. of L. with the "industrial rived at correct estimations and to hard realities those who think union" forces while millions of in spite of hardships fought for that reinstatement solves all ills. The I.W.W. and the T.U.U.L. backward workers remained under its position that in many cases was An editorial in the CIO news seralso refused to state that they the ideological leadership of the eventually adopted by the labor vice (October 26) places the mat-

I believe it is necessary for broader discussion on this quesberg who says the formation of the able to organize. But the final re- a progressive movement. It will C.I.O. and a split would be a step forward, we must assume that the Clarity, not confusion, must b

result in the disorganization of the Wolls, Greens, etc. will again be movement. If the present position able to proceed undisturbed, misof the C.P.O. continues and the dies of the American trade union that the betting is rather heavy Is it possible that the American leading millions and meeting no present confusion on the C.I.O. question continues, workers will The present leadership of the A. pay dearly for this step of split-

## KNOW NO "COLOR LINE" of the West Virginia Miners Union. This union lasted for a few answer is to be found in the opinion

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from the C.I.O. The radio local Kentucky Cumberlands, they were affiliated to the A. F. of L. made left at the mercy of the clannish the Negro population dominates or left at the mercy of the clannish the Negro population dominates or left at the mercy of the clannish the Negro population dominates or left at the mercy of the clannish the Negro population dominates or left at the mercy of the clannish the Negro population dominates or left at the mercy of the Negro population dominates or left at the mercy of the Negro population dominates or left at the mercy of the Negro population dominates or left at the mercy of the Negro population dominates or left at the mercy of the Negro population dominates or left at the mercy of the left at the mercy of the Negro population dominates or left at the mercy of the le was also the estimation of the General Executive Board of the I.L.G.W.U. and such an estimation of the state of private o

## TRADE UNION NOTES

By George F. Miles

DESPITE the most desperate attempts of a certain reporter of the "New York Times" to cause panic and hysteria in the ranks of the CIO by creating divisions and frictions, it appears that matters are in a fair way of being settled rather well. The sessions of the CIO have been advanced to accommodate the ILGWU and it therefore becomes also certain that the guestion of sending delegates to the A. F. of L. convention will come up for serious discussion. Undoubtedly this session will

also reply to the so-called friendly gestures of the Executive Coun-

It is to be hoped that the meet

ing will decide to send a full delegation from the unions to the A. to work in the A. F. of L., shortly F. of L. convention in Tampa. For one thing a number of organizawould decide in favor of industrial tions have already decided to send full delegations and it would seem John L. Lewis made his position the positions of these reactionaries poor strategy to have some unions present while others are absent. But it is not merely a matter of strategy or expediency. The ab- pensions but it cannot and must sence of the CIO unions will lend he was afraid of winning. Lewis C.I.O. leaves the vacillating interare innumerable organizations which will be won over at the convention, which will be encouraged in the fight for industrial unionism. It seems to us that the CIO unions have everything to gain from attending the convention.

> WHETHER or not the CIO will finally select a committee to meet with the A. F. of L. committee is not yet known nor is it of the fact that even were such a comfirst to bring clarity instead of merely become the bearer of a re-

It is extremely gratifying that ing company unions and that in itter exceptionally well. It says:

"To restore unity by lifting the illegal suspension would not settle the life-and-death issue Gold Clauses valid 5-4 raised by the C.I.O., namely the Railroad Pensions necessity for organizing the Farm Mortgages basic industries. It would not N.R.A. absolve the council of the crimi- A.A.A. nal neglect of labor's interests T.V.A. with which it is charged. It Guffey Act

is perhaps one of the major tragemovement. During the negotia- on the Supreme Court and the tions and final agreement the fight- Constitution. ing Southern West Virginia min-ers were completely forsaken by the shocking conclusion that the the U.M.W.A. and left at the mer- Constitution of the United States cy of the open shoppers, thus guarantees the right to pay women breaking their morale and spirit and children starvation wages?". for a short period until the advent asks a pamphlet on the "Supreme Union. This union lasted for a few answer is to be found in the opinion years and then went the way of all of Mr. Justice Stone: dual unions.

"It is difficult to imagine any grounds, other than our own The Future in West Virginia personal economic predilec-Today we find the West Virginia tions, for saying that the conminer, along with the entire latract of employment is any the less an appropriate subject of legislation than are scores of others in dealing with which this Court has held that legislatures may curtail individual

freedom in the public interest." And so with this in mind we can nly suggest that the Wagner Act brush up on that famous tombtone inscription: "At the age of two I was already done for.

"I wonder why I was ever begun for?"

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possibility that Williams may at- al policies. Worse than that, par- American industries tapping the

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Reading the resolutions and re-

C.P.O. that was held over Labor

in the American Federation of

The resolutions and discussions

on the question of War and Fas-

cism I fully agree with. However,

I take exception to the report of

Comrade Herberg and the resolu-

tion dealing with the estimation of

country. Comrade Herberg, in his

report, said "The transformation

of the C.I.O. into a new federation

of labor in this country will be

moreover a progressive step in the

development of the American

labor movement, a step which the

new conditions imperatively de-

mand." He further says that such

because its aim of industrial union-

ism is quite different from the

were motivated by a political philo-

ration of Labor was a capitalist

organization. Secondly, the C.I.O.

is composed of bona fide unions

and not split-offs of existing

Conflicts in Industries

The C. I. O. Is a Dual **Union Movement** By LOUIS NELSON

leading, we are being lead.

#### Reactionaries

clear. When he was asked whether the trade union movement in this he would go to the courts of law to fight against the Executive Council's suspension he replied, no,

gazine an opposition union among F. of L. is more than glad with the ting the labor movement.

## Miners Union is negotiating to become the recognized union of the THE WEST VIRGINIA MINERS

(It is the experience of this The Negro penetration of the

all attempts to break this strike. hostile mountaineers, which result-Similarly should an A. F. of L. ed in a number of massacres and get the desired results the coal of the miners. And the West Vir-Similarly should an A. F. of L. ed in a number of massacres and union lead a strike a C.I.O. union inght riding episodes by the mounnight riding episodes by the moun workers will have the same fight against dualism over again.

The previous estimation of the puties at high salaries, that so-C.P.O. was the correct one, that is, called law and order was restored. sympathy and in hope of being insome fate in the future that their cluded in the national agreement. Today the private paid deputy refor our program within the A. F. of L. This fight unionization. District 30 of

### PEOPLE'S FRONT IS REBIRTH OF **SOCIALIST COALITIONISM**

no choice at all, which does not remove the source and soil of fasthe way for a fascist victory in one form or another?

#### People's Front Is Not United Labor Front

3. In the desperate effort to get and hold working class support for the People's Front course, the Socialist and Communist leaderships have deliberately and systematically confused it with the strategy of the united front of labor. They would have us believe that united action, joint struggle of working class organizations for Is that the way the Bolsheviks of the achievement of some specific concrete immediate interest or objective (regardless of differences over certain principles amongst these labor organizations) is synonymous with working class organizations collaborating with capitalist organizations on the basis of a capitalist program for the purpose of maintaining the capitalist status quo. This is the driest of rot. To confuse the united front of labor against the employing common enemy—monopoly capital class interests or the capitalist government with the People's Front under whose very eyes, nose and ears, the Spanish fascists prepared their armed insurrection, or with the People's Front as just tal. Besides, when we say that the decreed by the Radical Party Congress in France, is the sheerest of with lower middle class organizapolitical idiocy. It is like putting tions in the struggle against big on one plane the great French general strike of February 12, 1934, the gigantic united front demonstrations of labor which broke the ty of France which is dominated fascist onslaught and the pleas of by the big bourgeoisie which sys-Salengro, Blum, Duclos, Thorez, tematically sabotages the struggle Daladier and Herriot to the French workers at the height of the strike wave last June "to know when to stop strikes", to stop them, to discontinue occupying factories and to accept compulsory arbitration.

#### How Not To Win Middle Class Aid

4. And with these tactics of the People's Front its proponents and own does not elevate the class conchampions would have us believe sciousness of the proletariat and, that the working class will win the therefore, does not promote the aid of the middle classes in the struggle against fascism or any struggle against capitalism! Such other form of capitalist reaction claims are unfounded. We assume In other words, in attempting to that the middle classes would be sell communism to the middle moving left, if and when they ren-der aid to the proletariat. Well, not sell themselves. For decades the People's Front strategy and the Social Democracy has tried to stratagems have been applied for sell Socialism in this fashion. Page about a year in France. The Germany and Austria for the re-Radical Party of Herriot and Dala- sults. dier is supposed to be the great party of the French middle class. It is the party without which there Radical Congress (Wagram) in cialism, fascism and capitalism-

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(Continued from Page 4) offensive and not giving it up to create artificially a choice which is the bourgeoisie) with the decisions it has just made at the Biarritz Congress. At the latter sessions cism, a choice which only paves the Radicals who admit that they would have lost still more in the elections had they not gone into the People's Front with the Socialist and Communist Parties were really arrogant in their demands upon the workers.

> Is this aiding the working class? Is this the way to win over the middle class in the struggle against big capital? Can the working class defend its economic and social positions against the attacks of big capital when it has the "assistance" of such allies? Russia won over the great mass of the Russian middle class to its side in the struggle against Czarism and capitalism?

Of course, the working class should form alliances with the lower strata of the middle class. But these alliances should be under the leadership of the working class and not at the expense of the working class; such alliances should be for a common struggle against the -and not for the purpose of systematically retreating before big capital as the People's Front has been making the French proletariat do before French big capiproletariat should make alliances capital it does not mean that such alliances should be made with bourgeois parties like the Radical Paragainst big capital. Merely calling an alliance a People's Front doesn't change its suicidal character.

And for the working class in general and the Communist Party in particular to yield to the prejudices and ignorance of the lower bourgeoisie and adopt and defend these prejudices as their

#### Studied Confusion No Road To Victory

5. Too many Socialists and Comcould be no so-called People's munists have joined the chorus of Front in France today. Compare capitalist confusionists in speakthe decisions it made at its last ing of democracy, communism, so-1935 (when the People's Front all in one breath, as if they were had not matured so much, when the categories of the same type. This working class was preparing its is confusion worse confounded-

#### THE NEXT ISSUE

of theWORKERS AGE will mark the Seventh Anniversary of its publication and will commemorate the Nineteenth Anniversary of the Russian Revolution. JAY LOVESTONE will contribute an article on Soviet foreign policy.

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### **WORKERS DRIVE REBELS BACK**

(Continued from Page 1) In addition to the new offensive being launched by Madrid, for the first time word has come that plans are being made to harry the rear of the fascist troops now converging on the capital. Altho reports of much sniping and guerilla warfare have come thru, this signifies that the efforts to defeat the fascists by additional rear attacks is now being put on an or-

#### NEUTRALITY COMMITTEE WHITEWASHES ITALY

ganized basis.

The international situation in regards to Spain seems to have cleared itself only by implication rather than overt statement. The Soviet Union has reiterated its statement that it will not be bound any more than are the other signatories to the "non-intervention" pact, apparently meaning that she in now in process of giving armed aid to Spain. France and Britain have been holding conferences, in which the "mother of democracy" has been attempting to persuade France to recognize Franco.

The practically open participation of Italy on the side of Franco's fascists was further proven by the discovery of hundreds of Italian 'whippet tanks" being used by the rebels, plus the open appearance of Italian officers in rebel lines.

And yet the London Committee has the audacity to whitewash Italy and accuse Soviet Russia of fomenting war!

and it is primarily at the expense of the workers.

When we speak of Communism or Socialism on the one hand and speak of it in the abstract. It is working class democracy. When we speak of democracy in this sense, therefore, and compare it with fascism we are not comparing social systems but types of dictatorships, Forms of State, utilized by ruling classes to maintain their have the identical social system U. S. Germany and Italy (capitalFACE THE ISSUES!



## **NEW STRIKES**

Racine, Wis.-More than 1,500 members of the United Automobile Workers of America began picketing the J. I. Case plant here Tuesday morning after the management had locked them out. The plant was employing about 1,600 workers.

Action of the union in picketing the plant came after a series of events that began several weeks ago when an A. F. of L. Federal local and an independent union merged to become a part of the United Automobile Workers. The management responded to this move by discharging eighty active union men. Further discharges followed the union's protest until about 500 men had been fired.

#### DODGE LOCAL GROWS

In the Dodge Local applications for membership were being accapitalism on the other we are cepted by the hundreds during the speaking of and comparing or con- past week as the result of the comtrasting Social Systems. When we pany's agreement with the union to speak of democracy we do not observe seniority rules and rehire speak of it in the abstract. It is more than 3,000 workers whom either capitalist democracy or they had discharged without regard for seniority.

Several settlements in smaller plants in Columbus, Ohio, Port diana, and Oakland, California, were announced by the union.

## UNION IN | PROTEST DAVIS DISMISSAL

On October 20th, without any warning, Angell, president of Yale University announced that Dr. Jerome Davis would not be reappointed to the Yale Divinity School after June 30th, 1937. Dr. Davis is the president of the American Federation of Teachers, affiliated with the A. F. of L. He recently published "Capitalism and Its Culture" a work which, the Dean of the Divinity School announced, had nothing to do with his dismissal. However nobody had asked the dean, and his statement was a complete giveway. Dr. Davis has taught for 12 years at Yale, and it is only recently, when he became president of the Teachers Union and declared his support of Norman Thomas' presidential candidacy, that the University found "deficiencies" in his pedagogy. This rank frame-up, by one of "our leading universities," fought vigorously by the union, aided by many liberals. His dismissal has also been protested by the Yale Student Council.

Teachers at Columbia University, New York University, Long Island University, Sarah Lawrence College, and at the three colleges of the College of the City of New Huron, Michigan, Alexandria, In- York joined in protesting the attempt of the Yale Corporation to dismiss Professor Jerome Davis.

