

# WAR!

The Enemy Is  
In Our Own  
Country

NO MATTER how highly developed the armed strength of a nation may be, the coming war, like the last one, will be fought by the masses who are compelled to employ the weapons of warfare.

But before the workers of all nations can be driven to the trenches, their minds must first be poisoned with chauvinist gases, the bayonet of lies and misrepresentation must first rip out the bowels of their class solidarity.

In the last war, the masses were led to fight for Pan-Slavic czarist expansion in the name of the struggle against Japanese autocracy and German Kaiserism; the enemy of the Russian workers was in . . . Tokyo and Berlin. The German worker was called on to defend the Junker's fatherland from Russian barbarism and French "revenge"; his enemy was in . . . Moscow and Paris.

In most countries, the official Socialist parties turned recruiting sergeant in behalf of the imperialists. It required the immortal Karl Liebknecht to exclaim: "The enemy is in our own country!" In 1917, the Russian masses learned the meaning of these words. They turned on their real enemy, they took power, they brought the war to an end in their way.

The working masses are now being mobilized for imperialist war in the same way. Only, today it is not the Kaiser who is "forcing a war upon us"; his place has been taken by Hitler.

Does Fascism mean war? Yes, but only because Fascism means the rule of capitalism organized in the nakedest, most dictatorial and murderous way. It is imperialist capitalism that produces war, be it organized as an autocracy, a constitutional monarchy, a Fascist state, or a "democratic republic."

The social democrats are merely repeating their old role when they shout about the need of the workers defending the "democratic" countries against the "Fascist aggressor."

The Stalinists are merely lending a helping hand by creating illusions about the League of Nations, about "disarmament" as a cure for war, about the "capitalist powers that do not want war" and the "capitalist powers that do want war."

Does this mean that it is a matter of indifference to the workers whether or not they are ruled by Fascism? Not at all! Just because we are ready to fight tooth and nail for the right to organize, to speak, to meet, to publish our press, to strike, to picket, to fight for improved conditions and for freedom from capitalism—we stand intransigently opposed to the imperialist war. These are precisely the rights that are curtailed or abolished by even the most "democratic" countries the minute war is declared.

Many battles were fought in the class war to win these rights; battles are fought every day to preserve them. We will not surrender them lightly. We will fight to retain them, in the only way the working class can support—the class war—because we need them to defend ourselves better against the daily attacks of capitalism, because we need them for the speediest and most effective overthrow of capitalism!

It is Hitler who crushes the German proletariat. It is and will be American capitalism that exploits the American working class and reduces it to gagged and fettered serfs.

The enemy is in our own country!

Ever greater numbers of workers will realize this profound truth.

It will immunize them against the poison of chauvinism.

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## Labor Rallies to Aid of Akron Strike

### Juror Hits Verdict in California

### Goldman Appeals for New Trial as Deal Is Uncovered

SACRAMENTO, April 4.—Sentence was not passed today upon the eight workers convicted of criminal syndicalism Monday. Judge Dal M. Lemmon's schedule was upset when, on the motion for a new trial, Albert Goldman, attorney for the Non-Partisan Labor Defense, instead of limiting himself to dry technical arguments, exploded a bombshell which forever destroys the validity of the guilty verdict in the minds of all but the frame-up prosecution and the court.

Opening the defense argument for a new trial, Goldman denounced the verdict as an illegal horse-trade. The crowded court was electrified when he read an affidavit by a juror affirming this view. The judge immediately discounted Goldman's argument, but broke off proceedings to seek legal authority not to grant a new trial. Court will reassemble April 10 for further argument, Goldman having left Sacramento today for his home in Chicago. In the meantime, the judge has refused to set bail.

The affidavit impeaching the guilty verdict especially in the cases of Norman Mini of the Workers Party and Caroline Decker of the Communist Party, is signed by Howard S. McIntire. An accountant, he worked 27 years in the State Adjutant-General's office and is a Past Master of the local Masons, who last week presented him with a diamond-studded watch-chain. McIntire held out for 118 ballots before agreeing to a horse-trade on Mini and Decker in order to get a verdict.

#### Jurors Threatened

McIntire, who is indebted to one of the local banks back of the prosecution, finally gave in because of threats by other jurors. During the deliberations, Foreman Rackliffe and Mrs. Mary A. Perry, instruments of the prosecution, denounced as Reds those jurors who opposed convicting everybody on two counts. They threatened not only McIntire, but Juror Mrs. Clara F. Keith, whose son is a traffic cop, and Juror W. W. Jackson, former railroad worker who lives off a Southern Pacific pension. Fully conscious of the State's failure to make a case, McIntire nevertheless surrendered after a fight lasting 66 hours, and a horse-trade was arranged.

McIntire's affidavit was given voluntarily to the defense in order, as he stated, to get a new trial for innocent people. Immediately after the verdict he sought out Attorney Goldman in the lobby of the latter's hotel to tell him about the horse-trade. He shed tears of shame and regret. Next day he encountered on the street Jack Warnick, acquitted defendant, Norman Mini's father, and Herbert Solow of the N. P.L.D. to whom he told the same story. On the second day after the verdict, he sought out Solow and Warnick in the former's hotel room, and there expressed a desire to try to undo his action. As a result he composed a statement, which he then swore to before a notary and

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### ROLL, TIRE, ROLL!



## Toledo Auto Strike Looms

### Continue Fight for the Scottsboro Boys

In handing down its unanimous decision to set aside the verdict in the Scottsboro trial, giving a new trial to Clarence Norris and Heywood Patterson, the United States Supreme Court performed a political act of the highest significance. The Supreme Court gave nothing from the goodness of its heart or from the mere formal excellence of its juridical brains. Seething unrest among the Negro masses, and, to a degree, its organized expression in the Scottsboro campaign has bumped square into the oppressive exploiters and discriminators against the Negro population. The decision of the Court is a political reverberation of that collision.

The victory is only a partial one. The scene shifts back to Alabama where, in a new trial, the ruling class will try another maneuver in their attempt to railroad the Scottsboro boys.

As a result of the Supreme Court decision Governor Bibb Graves has ordered a revision of jury boxes in Alabama. The prosecutor—now Lieutenant-Governor Knight—has promised a new and ironclad case. It is obvious the state will now try to avoid all technicalities without giving the boys any better chance.

Some Negroes may be allowed on the jury. They will be drawn from the thin middleclass stratum of the

### Death and Destruction 'Peace' Record of 1934

During 1934 throughout the world 2,400,000 men and women died of starvation and 1,200,000 men and women committed suicide because they had no further means of existence.

At the same time the social order which permitted and condoned this state of affairs evolved as a remedy to alleviate this misery the peculiar device of destroying 1,000,000 wagon loads of wheat, 207,000 train loads of coffee, 516,000,000 pounds of sugar, 50,000,000 pounds of rice, 50,000,000 pounds of meat.

—Steel, in The N. Y. Post.

Negro people and, lest any of these go astray, intimidation—open and concealed lynch threats—will be used against them.

Now, if ever, real victory is not far off. The I.L.D. has always been the cat in the boot: yet so near and yet so far.

Only a mass movement can save the Scottsboro boys!

The Supreme Court will not and cannot save the boys!

The I.L.D. alone cannot save the boys! Only by building a mass defense, with all working class elements represented with rights of criticism, can the Scottsboro boys be finally freed.

The Scottsboro boys shall not die!

### Men Flocking into Chevrolet Union

#### BULLETIN

(By Wire to the New Militant)  
TOLEDO, O., April 9.—Despite instructions from the A. F. of L. to the workers not to participate in the election at the Chevrolet plant in Toledo arranged by the Auto Labor Board, 1,326 men voted for the A. F. of L. and only 508 voted for no affiliation. Only a handful failed to vote at all. Organization sentiment is running high, and the workers are flocking into the Federal union. Action talk is heard everywhere and a strike appears likely in the immediate future.

#### By ART PREIS

TOLEDO, O., April 9.—Organization of the production and skilled and office workers in the large Toledo plant of the Chevrolet Motor Corp. is proceeding rapidly following two jammed and enthusiastic mass meetings conducted by the Toledo local of the United Automobile Workers Federal Labor Union.

Over 900 workers have attended the meetings and it is expected that all will be signed up in the union by this Saturday. This is one of the most successful attempts which has been made to unionize a plant

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## Solidarity Pledged by Cleveland & Detroit

### Intervention of Perkin Threatens to Continue the 'National Run Around'

#### LATEST STRIKE ASPECTS AT A GLANCE

The Cleveland Federation of Labor and the Metal Trades Council have formally pledged their support to the Akron rubber workers' union.

F. J. Dillon, A. F. of L. auto head in Detroit, announces that "In the event of a strike in the Akron rubber factories we are prepared to give support."

"Impartial observers," say press reports, "are practically unanimous that the walkout (in Akron) will be under way before the present week is ended."

Secretary of Labor Perkins has stepped into the Akron situation, conferring with company officials, in hope of averting the strike of rubber workers.

#### By JACK WILSON

AKRON, April 9.—Akron's 30,000 rubber workers stand poised and ready to strike against the provocative attacks of the Goodyear, Goodrich and Firestone companies and establish union recognition. Certain

outstanding facts this week indicate that the rubber struggle is the most important political event for the working class since the New Deal.

The strike is purely defensive in character. Insolent rejection of all A. F. of L. compromises, lay-offs, wage cuts and every other means of antagonizing labor have been used by the rubber barons to provoke a strike.

The National Manufacturers' Association, pushed by Dillon, Read and Company, the Wall St. bankers, is directing this offensive. The 3,000 armed guards, the barbed wire fences, the sand-bank entrenchments—these are the forces of repression which the capitalists are bringing to play.

#### Major Battle of 1935

The purpose of the industrialists is plain. They want to smash the union completely and show the working class that the dreaded open shop is here to stay. A defeat for the workers in rubber would have nationwide effects. It would mean that the capitalist offensive against the workers was succeeding and the American proletariat was being defeated in its first major combat with capital in 1935.

The issue of the Akron situation is the right to organize. The capitalists want to drown this fundamental right in workers' blood.

Furthermore, the whole future of the American Federation of Labor is involved. Green, having definitely committed himself to a strike, is playing his last card, being pushed by circumstances to such a position. All the A. F. of L. class-collaboration has failed. The capitalists have insisted on class struggle, feeling sure of themselves. Either outright capitulation and ruin in rubber and elsewhere or a fight faces the A. F. of L. and it seems to have chosen to fight. Of course, one or two more maneuvers can be expected. Probably Green will appeal to Roosevelt directly, but it doesn't seem possible that he can control the rank and file, who want to strike.

#### Sentiment Militant

The rubber workers are rapidly seeing the entire political aspect of the situation. "This will be a minor revolution," is the sentiment of many rank and filers.

Coleman C. Chaherty, A. F. of L. organizer in rubber, has himself declared that the key to the entire labor situation is in Akron. If the rubber workers win, it spells the doom of the open shop in steel, auto and other industries. He says the A. F. of L. is concentrating its entire strength behind the Akron workers.

The working class is showing amazing militancy. Flying squadrons, military squads, outlining of strategic spots in the companies' fortresses—for such the factories are—these and other strike weapons are being utilized and will play a prominent role in the battle. While newspapers and preachers—in particular preachers—cry against the workers, the workers calmly continue to get ready for a stiff battle which can only be described as impending civil war. The workers' ranks continue to grow. The strike vote proves that. Scabbing will be done only by few misguided workers, if they can get in. It doesn't seem likely that they will.

Of course, the A. F. of L. has promised nation-wide support. This promise must be made a reality. Otherwise the struggle of the Akron workers against the entire capitalist structure will be made more difficult.

## Nation-wide Strike Against War Stirs Students

On April 12, at 11 A.M., thousands of students throughout the country will go out on strike against war and fascism. The response on Friday will be an indication of the strong anti-war sentiment on the part of the student youth. As a militant anti-war manifestation the strike should receive the support of every student and worker and their organizations. It will be an indication of the disillusionment with capitalism's fake peace promises and the determination not to be cannon fodder for the next imperialist war.

It is unfortunate that such a strong expression of student opinion should be misguided and diverted into channels which will mar the

success and effectiveness of the demonstration. No small measure of the responsibility for this can be laid at the door of the Young Peoples Socialist League and the Young Communist League. Proper guidance and leadership can be given only by the working class through its organizations. The Spartacus Youth League, realizing this necessity, appealed to the Y.P.S.L. and the Y.C.L. for a national united front of political working class youth organizations to give leadership and support to the strike. To date no answer has been received. The strike committee is in the hands of the Socialist S.L.L.D., the Stalinist N.S.L. and the Methodist Youth Council.

In every school where it has any foothold the S.Y.L., while affirming its support of the strike, has attempted to correct false slogans advanced, has analyzed for the students the nature of imperialist war and has pointed out the only method of ending it—revolutionary struggle against capitalist war. In many instances the slogans raised are purely pacifist and entirely distort the role of the students in the anti-war fight, helping to spread the illusion that the students can conduct their struggle entirely independently of the working class. Where the slogan "Against War" was raised, S.Y.L.ers succeeded in some cases in making "Against Imperialist War" the central issue of

the strike.

In Franklin Lane High School, Brooklyn, where the administration attempted to avert a strike by persuading the students to call it after school hours, we were active in getting the students to agree to walking out at 11. In N.Y.U. members of the S.Y.L. in conjunction with the Student League for Industrial Democracy called an anti-war rally at which they demanded that Prof. Sidney Hook be allowed to speak at the strike mass meeting. This was in protest against the National Student League policy of allowing only people who agreed with their line to speak. In City College of New York members of the S.Y.L. fraction issued leaflets exposing

the pacifist channels into which the local strike committee was leading the strike and calling on the students to avert the danger. In Penn State College the local S. Y. L. branch issued militant leaflets calling for support of the strike. Lincoln High School S.Y.L.ers have issued the first bulletin which analyzes the war question and calls for support of the strike.

Throughout, though criticizing wrong policies and slogans and attacking all attempts by the organizations in the official united front mechanically to control and dominate the local united front committees, the S.Y.L. has asserted its support of the strike and assisted in the preparation for it.



# Juror's Affidavit Flays Sacramento Verdict

## Horse-Trade Uncovered; Goldman Calls for New Trial

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gave to Goldman.  
The local population is still divided into those for and those against the verdict, but there are few people left who regard it as anything but a political horse-trade having nothing to do with law or evidence. Infuriated reactionaries, partly deprived of the benefit of judicial covering in the anti-union drive which culminated in the criminal syndicalism indictment, are renewing vigilante activities. They have threatened the lives of several acquitted defendants and have ordered all of them out of town.

**Stalinist Prisoners Reconsider**  
McIntire is being subjected to sharp pressure from his bank and other forces to get him to say he gave his statement out of fear of Red terrorism! Prosecutor McAlister, who is filling the local press with stories that he and several jurors have been threatened with death since the verdict, has sent agents to all jurors demanding statements against McIntire.

The 8 convicted defendants are back in the County Jail, where 40 prisoners are sick from poisonous food. All eight express the hope that there will be a united appeal struggle. The Stalinists among them look sheepish at any mention of their endorsement of the C. P.'s attacks on Norman Mini who is once again in jail with them. All said a friendly good-by to Goldman and to Solow, who has served as California representative of the N.P. L.D. since December, when they left today for the East. Caroline Decker has asked that it and when bail is set pending appeal, the N.P. L.D. use its bail funds for her again.

The latest Western Worker, however, denounces Mini, class war prisoner now facing sentence of 1-14 years in San Quentin. It states that the jury recommended probation for him because he "conciliated" the prosecution. Obligated to explain how come the jury also recommended probation for Lorine

Norman, 100 percent Stalinist, this rag says that the jury (which it has repeatedly called a "Fascist jury") had consideration for her health!

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## Furrier Says CP's Dizzy Turn Threatens Existence of Union

Editor of New Militant:  
At the present the chief task of the "leaders" of both unions in the fur trade is to pass the blame for the situation facing the fur workers on to someone else. It is particularly difficult for Ben Gold and the other leaders of the Fur Workers Industrial Union to "explain" their new and sudden passion for unity. Leaflets are issued which explain nothing. Speeches are made by past masters in the art of speaking but instead of dealing with their own past zigzag course they attack those who for years had a correct position on the question of unity.  
I have been charged with advising the liquidation of the F.W.I.U. That this statement is untrue is known to all, including Gold and Winogradsky. That the sudden spin around which they were given by their party has made them dizzy, and they might be excused if it weren't for the fact that the very existence of a union in the fur market is endangered by their nonsense. Let us look over the record.

Is it necessary to quote material to show where Gold and the Communist Party stood? Every fur worker knows that for years they denounced not only the International Furriers Union but the whole A. F. of L. as "Fascist", "social Fascist", "scab agencies", "company unions", etc. Anyone who spoke against this view was a target for the famous "splitting squad". From this position, from "bloody criminal battle", from denunciation, the leadership of our union turned overnight into advocates of unity with our brothers in the A. F. of L. Did they really expect that anyone would take their sudden change seriously? It will take months of work, months of friendly collaboration with the furriers in the International, to break down the impression which years of Stalinist misleadership has given in the fur market. The fur workers within and outside the F.W.I.U. must be reeducated.

An editorial in the Militant, March 24, 1934, put forward the position of the Communist League

have sacrificed so much for the building of the Industrial Union, they must realize one thing—we must face the truth that maintaining the Industrial Union outside the American Federation of Labor can lead only to the elimination of the Left wing in the trade. There is only one way open to us therefore, to enter the A. F. of L. as an autonomous local, and thereby maintain our unity."

These two paragraphs represented my views then. They still do and they also point the correct course for the union to follow. The leadership of the F.W.I.U. has wasted years. They have put obstacles in the way of unity. Their methods of struggle have played into the hands of the reactionary leaders of the International. This must be clearly understood. The greatest obstacles to unity of the furriers today are, on the one hand, the bureaucratic clique in the International and, on the other, the zigzag Communist Party leaders of the F.W.I.U.

Who are the liquidators? The road I proposed was the road of unity, the road of merger. This road was denounced by the C. P. last year as "social fascist". Recently the Communist Party has announced to the world that they are for the merger of independent unions with the A. F. of L. unions wherever possible; failing that they are for joining the A. F. of L. as individuals. Their past policy made unity impossible. Their present policy leads to liquidation. I oppose both. I am for fraternal cooperation with the members of the International Union now and for continuing our campaign for unity. A little truth-telling and self-criticism by Gold would be his best contribution to that campaign. His failure makes it necessary for the rank and file to speak up all the louder. — **J. RABINOWITZ.**

### WHAT TO ATTEND

April 13, 8 P.M.—Spartacus Jam-boree at 2 W. 15th St. Dancing, en-

## N.U.L. Pickets White House



## Boston Conference Prepares Joint May Day Celebration

By L. SCHLOSBERG  
BOSTON, April 7.—A provisional First of May Committee was organized here composed of the Socialist Party, joint board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, joint board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, joint board of the Cloak Makers Union, joint board of the Cap Makers Union, and the Workmen's Circle.  
A conference was held Sunday, March 31, where the following organizations were represented: seven unions, seven S. P. branches, and six Workmen's Circle branches. The delegates of the Left Wing organizations who sent delegates to the conference, such as the Workers Party, the Spartacus Youth, Students of Harvard University and also a representative of the Communist Party, who came and acted as an angel for a united front of all labor organizations, were not seated. However, four members of the Workers Party were seated as delegates from the Workmen's Circle and the Ladies Garment Workers Union. Three of these comrades were in the leading committees of the conference.  
At the beginning of the conference 27 delegates supported the extreme reactionary attitude of the Right wingers of the Socialist Party and 15 were with the progressive elements, but after a demonstration of the practical attitude of the comrades of the Workers Party, an amendment was made by our comrades that the conference should confer with all radical organizations and organize a bona fide united front for a May 1 demonstration.  
(It should be mentioned that the leaders of the Right wing told us that if we did not fight to have the Communist Party recognized, our delegates would be seated. Our answer was: "We did not come to

get prestige for the Workers Party, but we want to have a bona fide united front May 1st demonstration representing all political views.")

The amendment was carried by a 21 to 18 vote. A committee of eight was elected, including three members of the Workers Party, comrades William Konikow, L. Schlosberg, and Chlipovitz.  
S. Blumfield, district organizer of the C. P. and Weber, secretary of the C. P. came to the first conference and displayed their typical attitude. After a three hours "conference" with them, the representatives of the Communist Party stated: "Speakers of the Workers Party and the Communist Party Opposition should be excluded."

**Spartacus Starts National Tour**  
The Spartacus Youth League is initiating a national tour. The representative of its National Committee, comrade Nathan Gould, will cover every city where we have S.Y.L. and W.P. branches in a coast-to-coast tour across the country. Branches are urged to make immediate preparations for meetings, affairs, etc. as outlined in the circular letters sent out by the national office.  
The following is the route of the tour:  
APRIL:  
New York—13, 14 (Regional Conference)  
Newark, N. J.—15, 16  
Dickson City, Pa.—19  
Philadelphia—20, 21, 22  
State College—23  
Pittsburgh—24, 25  
Youngstown, Ohio—26, 27, 28, 29  
(Regional Conference 27, 28).  
Cleveland—30, May 1.  
MAY:  
Columbus—2, 3, 4.  
Toledo—6.  
Detroit, Mich.—7, 8.  
Chicago, Ill.—10, 11, 12, 13 (Regional Conference 11, 12).  
Gillespie—15, 16.  
St. Louis, Mo.—17.  
Kansas City—18, 19.  
Phoenix, Ariz.—22, 23  
Los Angeles, Calif.—24, 25, 26, 27 (Regional Conference 25, 26).  
Fresno, Cal.—28.  
San Francisco—29, 30, 31, June 1.  
JUNE:  
Salt Lake City, Utah—3.  
Minneapolis, Minn.—7, 8, 9.  
Chicago, Ill.—11, 12, 13.  
Detroit, Mich.—29, 30.  
JULY:  
Toronto, Canada—2, 3, 4.  
Buffalo, N. Y.—5.

## Parties Unite Against War

A border dispute between the Central American republics of Costa Rica and Panama, both completely dominated by American imperialism, is threatening to lead to an armed struggle in that region. The Talamanca zone is in dispute. With the exception of a strip one-mile wide bordering the coast, which according to Costa Rican law must remain national property, the disputed zone of Talamanca is totally in the hands of the United Fruit Company. The causes of the conflict therefore can be traced to imperialist interests which in Central America more than almost anywhere else will tolerate no restrictions on their domination. A patriotic hysteria is now being fanned by the professional scribblers and other "patriots" of both countries.

A united front manifesto has been issued by the working class organizations of the two countries, calling for a conference of all anti-imperialist organizations of Panama and Costa Rica. The appeal is signed by the Workers Party (Marxist-Leninist) of Panama (standing for the Fourth International), the Communist Party of Panama (Third International), the Communist Party of Costa Rica (Third International), the Marxian Socialist Party of Panama (Reformist), the U.G.T. of Costa Rica (trade union center), and the Tensas League of Panama. The appeal ends with the following "categorical declaration":  
"Whatever may be the outcome of the proposed border settlement, we workers of Costa Rica and Panama will not follow our respective capitalist classes if the conflict should lead to a war. In such a case, the proletariat of each country will regard it, its inescapable duty to fire not a single shot at the class brothers on the other side, but to turn its arms against its own ruling class which stays at home."  
"Against the imperialist war!"  
"For a Workers and Peasants Government!"  
"For the revolutionary way out of the present crisis!"

## An Appeal for Victor Serge

Our Spanish comrades have just called our attention to the case of Victor Serge, because of his decided Trotskyist leanings.  
Two years ago Victor Serge, author of "The Year One of the Rus-

deal, Richard Bloch and Andre Malraux, who were asked to intervene, failed to do so. They also were silenced. Why was Serge sent to Siberia? Now that the two years have passed are they intending to

Serge himself was taken to bed with a high fever.  
The Barbusse, the Glides and other such "Friends" of the Soviet Union, have not said a word. It is rather to the workers of the var-

## IN THE UNIONS

By KARL LORE

The old Wobblly spirit seems to be alive again in Cleveland these days. A string of strikes in small stove, metal barrel and machinery plants, of foundry workers and charwomen, has culminated in a really important walkout of 1,200 employees of the National Screw Company. The fight has been carried on with the usual aggressive I.W.W. tactics. There have been continuous arrests, a bomb scare was cooked up, more than a dozen of the organizers and active committeemen have been clapped in the jug, held for 48 hours or more and then released without any charge being made against them. The union charges that the company violated an agreement for a ten percent raise when the Associated Industries, an employers' organization, promised to help in breaking up the organization.

**COME-BACK?**  
Does it mean that the Industrial Workers of the World are due for a comeback? Will the traditions of Lawrence, McKees Rocks and Mesaba Range come to life again in a revived Wobblly offensive? The evidence is against it.  
Many of their best elements have gone elsewhere. The hard facts of the present day scene in the labor movement are against them. The fundamental confusion in regard to the function of political action which cracked up the old movement, works with even sharper emphasis today. Outside of the Cleveland situation, the I.W.W. has played a prominent part in only one other place. In the early stages of organization in the Detroit auto plants, they tied up the Murray Body Co. by an effective strike. But the I.W.W. is out of the Detroit picture today and its place has been taken by the Federal locals of the American Federation of Labor. In Cleveland itself, as a matter of fact, they form but a tiny part of the entire body of organized labor. It was estimated some six months ago that over 100,000 workers were organized into A. F. of L. unions in that city. The figure has no doubt fallen since, but not enough to affect the picture to any considerable extent.

**RAT AGENCY**  
A. A. Ahner is coming up in the world. At one time he had a hard job keeping his head above water. Labor had exposed him in Milwaukee, in Dubuque, Iowa and in other cities where he had carried on his rotten trade as head of an industrial spy agency which furnished thugs and stool pigeons for union breaking purposes. The union organization campaign hit St. Louis and the Ahner Detective Engineering-Detective Engineering Agency began to lap up the gravy. When the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the International Ladies Garment Workers Union struck the

clothing industry of the city he supplied strong-arm men to handle the girls who walked out. His agency has been in the thick of every important labor struggle since. His latest employer is the Laclede Gas Company which has hired him to smash the strike of gas workers.

Such scab-herding agencies are common enough. There is an angle to the case of A. A. Ahner, however, which lifts it out of the ordinary run. Late in 1933 it was whispered in the inner circles of the trade union movement of St. Louis that a prominent union official, czar of one of the most powerful building trades organization in the city, owned a one-third interest in Ahner's little business venture. It is a line of inquiry which it might be well worth while to follow up.

**NECKTIES MERGE**  
Since 1906 the organized neckwear makers have been organized into a Federal Local of the A. F. of L. At present there are about 3,000 organized, all of them in the New York market. Efforts to spread the union to Chicago, Philadelphia and other centers have not been successful. The Federal local form cramped their style. No sizeable war chest could be accumulated with which to do the job. In recent years the industry has shown an ever increasing tendency to leave New York and it is now estimated that about 7,000 more workers are unorganized, chiefly in these outside centers.

Last year the local applied to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers for affiliation. In February the executive council of the American Federation of Labor approved the transference of the charter to the A.C.W. and by the end of April it is expected that the local will be a functioning branch of the Amalgamated.

A strong progressive group has been functioning for some time in the local union. In the Amalgamated Clothing Workers the fight for union democracy and militancy must be kept up. The Progressive Unionists of America, to which the neckwear workers' progressive group is affiliated, has a real job to do.

**BRIEFS**  
Okey O'dell, leader of last summer's militant union strike at McGuffey, Ohio has kept up the work. He now reports widespread organization of agricultural workers in Northwest Ohio, Southern Michigan and Eastern Indiana. Headquarters have been established at McGuffey.

April 20, Saturday—Party and Social. Bronx Branch, W. P.

## PIONEER BOOK NOTES

We have just unearthed 100 copies of THE PERMANENT REVOLUTION (75c) and THE STRATEGY OF WORLD REVOLUTION (25c). Both have been out of print for quite some time. If your library doesn't contain a copy of these books—now is the time to get it.

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We have recently imported a number of books from England that have not been available on this side of the Atlantic for many a year. Every student of Marxism and the movement should have a copy. They are:

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## Comments On Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness

By BILL REICH

"My doctors say I react favorably to the excitement of roulette," says Charles Schwab as he sails for the French Riviera. There he meets in secret session with representatives of Krupp, Vickers, Schneider-Crusot, Skoda and other munition makers. "We have renewed the agreement of the International Railmakers' Association," they tell curious reporters. . . . Two days later Hitler scraps the Versailles Treaty, increases the German Army, orders huge supplies of munitions and starts the nations of the world on an armament race. . . .

**MERRY ENGLAND:** One half the people jailed in England are incarcerated for non-payment of debts reports Home Secretary, Sir John Gilmour. . . . A restaurant exclusively for dogs has been opened in London by Lady Herbert Scott who already has a dogs' beauty parlor nearby. Soup, fish, meat and cereals is served to dogs in the restaurant or food may be sent out to them. . . . "We want bread," is the cry of 70,000 unemployed as they tramp to Glasgow from from all parts of the British Isles. . . . All first class sleeping passengers on London-Glasgow trains receive hot water bottles to keep their feet warm. . . .

**ECONOMICS:** Since 1932 the RFC has spent \$9,000,000,000. Of this \$7,300,000,000 went to the Bankers, Railroads and Industrialists; \$1,300,000,000 for relief. . . . "I left my Pullman drawing room and spent three hours talking with the day coach passengers. People are fast losing faith in capitalism," sighs Robert Babson, big business prophet. . . . In a 68 page report the Research and Planning division of the NIRA reaches this conclusion: "Although payrolls in December 1934 were only 60% of the total of 1926, dividends and interest were 150% of the total for that year. In short, the income enjoyed by those who received dividends and interest was 50% higher than in 1926, even though the national income has declined nearly 40% since that date and the volume of production has declined by one third." . . . "The depression will end in two months and the nation will realize it not later than July," predicts Charles (Hell and Maria) Dawes (former Vice President, in case you've forgotten) . . .

**LABOR:** Thirty-six of the last thirty-seven decisions of the Wolman Auto Board have gone against the workers. . . . Discussing collective bargaining, Frances Perkins says, "We must continue to have faith in our basic conceptions." . . . Bill Green spent seven weeks trying to get an interview with Fanny. . . .

Since 1920 dictatorships have been set up in 15 major nations involving over 250,000,000 people. . . . "Contrary to many views," says Pat Hurley, former Secretary of War, "the World War actually made the world safe for Democracy." . . . Hitler has taken 500,000 men from the relief rolls and placed them in the army. . . .

**CRIME:** Al Capone, by dickering with the Government, has succeeded in reducing his income tax \$101,862; from \$322,842 to \$220,980. . . . The national anti-crime drive of the Department of Justice, up to March 15, had netted 2,389 smugglers, dope peddlers, bootleggers and counterfeiters. . . . Statistics show that 90% of the banks that closed since 1929 did so not because of the depression but because of criminal acts on the part of the bankers. . . . So far less than 2% of bank presidents indicted for crime have been convicted. . . .

**SOCIETY NOTES:** At least 500 families live in coke ovens near Connellsville, Pa. . . . Andy Mellon recently passed \$68,000,000 in gifts to his son and daughter to avoid income and inheritance taxes. . . . Mrs. Irene Davis, of Greenville, Ala., a widow with three children, was awarded a silver loving cup as one of Alabama's greatest women. She borrowed a mule from a neighbor and for every day the mule worked she hoed corn for the mule's owner, thus enabling her to keep off the rolls. . . . Before going deep sea fishing on Vincent Astor's yacht, Nourmahal, President Roosevelt took time off to visit with the honeymooning Duke and Duchess of Kent. . . . In spite of repeated requests, the President has never seen fit to grant an audience to a representative of the 22,000,000 on relief. . . . Mr. and Mrs. O'Piper, on relief in East St. Louis, welcomed triplets, increasing their family to nine. "If the Lord sees fit to give them, we'll see fit to provide," say the parents. . . . Margaret Sanger's birth control bill was defeated in the House Judiciary Committee by a vote of 15 to 8. The 15 voting against have 8 children between them. . . .

## Trojanovsky Poses as Doctor for Capitalism

By A. J. MUSTE

It was pointed out in a recent issue of the *New Militant* that the Communist Party in following out its new "labor party" line was flirting with left liberal congressmen. In California Utopians and legislators who stand for Upton Sinclair's Epic plan for the abolition of poverty within the borders of one state (deduction from the "theory of Socialism in one country" and leading eventually to the abolition of poverty in the tenth ward perhaps) seem to be regarded as "comrades to be" in the new labor party.

This is, however, mild stuff compared to the line which Ambassador Trojanovsky gave the Bond Club of New York in his speech on March 22.

The ambassador of the Workers' State was addressing the gentlemen of the Bond Club on the peace policy of the Soviet Union. He suggested that the United States might agree to refrain from helping an "aggressor" in the next war. This would exercise a restraining effect upon "hot-headed adventurers" (Marxian analysis of the war mongers). He went on to give the Soviet diplomat's definition of "aggression".

He expressed encouragement over the prospect of "general acceptance" of this definition "among countries interested in the observance of peace" (and which imperialist nations may they be?)

### Physician for Capitalism

But "this would be merely a first step on the road to maintaining peace". At last we are to get the Bolshevik doctrine, one opines, especially as the ambassador goes on to assert: "We have to dig to the bottom of contemporary troubles." Breathless the workers hang on his words. What is the true road to peace, according to the oracles of Moscow? Here it goes: "It is necessary to work out practical plans for the economic rehabilitation of the world and especially for Europe." Can it be that Trojanovsky actually means that not workers' revolution but the economic rehabilitation of capitalist countries is the road to peace? In order to dispel all doubt he went on to say: "Probably the advice of broad-minded business men would be available and useful in this connection."

When British or German Social Democrats collaborated with "broad-minded business men" for the economic rehabilitation of capitalism in one country instead of using the crisis for the overthrow of capitalism, what did the C. I. say that was? And when the ambassador of the Soviet Union offers collaboration with "broad-minded business men" for the rehabilitation of world capitalism as the road to world peace, what shall we call this policy?

### Don't Rock the Boat!

Socialism can be built in one country, the Soviet Union, according to Stalinist theory, even though the rest of the world remains capitalist. From this nationalist standpoint it appears quite logical that the Soviet Union should help rehabilitate capitalist countries in order, let us say, that it may obtain credits from them. Since the Communist parties presumably cannot follow a line in contradiction to that of the present rulers of the Soviet Union but rather exist primarily or well nigh exclusively for "the defense of the Soviet Union," the Communist parties also must not "rock the boat" in capitalist countries, must maintain the status-quo of the Flaminio government in France, must actively or passively, openly or tacitly, help in the economic rehabilitation of these countries.

Thus the Soviet Union through the present leadership of the Communist (Stalinist) International is used not for the overthrow but for the rehabilitation of capitalism, not to build but to emasculate the revolutionary movements in capitalist countries. These nations get a chance to organize their forces for the eventual attack upon the Soviet Union. The one real defense of the Soviet Union, the revolutionary movements in capitalist countries, is destroyed. The destruction of the workers' state is prepared.

### Pacifism with a Red Color

The policy of the Soviet Union is not a proletarian peace policy—the only true peace policy is that of working class revolution—but a

"One way out of the depression is for the American people to eat a lot," says Henry A. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture. . . . The average American family is compelled to spend \$3.31 more a week for food than it spent two years ago. . . . "Fish and potatoes are cheap," comforts Secretary Wallace as he announces that meat prices are scheduled to rise 22% and dairy products 8% in the next six months. . . . Almost a million pounds of relief meat were allowed to spoil in warehouses in Toledo and Columbus. "No attempt was made to distribute the spoiled meat to the unemployed," declares the relief director.

pacifist policy. Pacifism has ever proved and will again prove the road to war, to the ruin of the masses. The Stalinist policy is not internationalist, but nationalist. It is not progressive, it is reactionary.

If the workers of the Soviet Union, those who made the revolution, knew what was happening they would overthrow this regime. But they do not know. They cannot know. The arguments Stalin uses against party opponents is exile or a bullet in the head. Those who do understand what is happening are well nigh powerless to do anything about it. Well may we reiterate, therefore, the statement of the Declaration of Principles of the Workers' Party: "The effective defense of the Soviet Union today and the support of those revolutionists in the S. U. who fight for the reform of the Soviet State and the revival of the Bolshevik Party of Lenin's time

## The "Gods" Clash in Harlem

By SIMON WILLIAMSON

For some time, Father Divine, who is believed by many to be "God," has been meeting up with stiff competition in Harlem. In fact, a three-cornered battle has been going on between him, Mother Horn and the well known Elder Michaux. Just as to which of these gods will be victorious, we are unable to predict at this stage of the game.

### Mother Horn and the Elder

Divine has the advantage of his two competitors in that it is believed by many that he is "God" and is the creator of both Horn and Michaux. He can remove them from the carnal world whenever he sees fit. However, Father Divine is said to be a generous, or should I say, a "God," man, and resorts to revenge as little as possible.

Mother Horn, the goddess of Black Harlem and Melody Queen of Radio City, once offended Divine. Her popularity affected the growth of his Kingdoms. He thereupon swore vengeance, Hell Fire and the like against her. Mother Horn was to be struck dead and made an example of; but the magic curse had no effect upon the Goddess. She still lives and her followers still shout and dance at West 135th St. Occasionally they make their appearance in Radio City. She seems to have as much power as Father Divine.

### The Elder is Popular

The second competitor of Divine is Elder Michaux. Michaux got his start in Canada, but ended up in New York City. His sermons

based on the principles of revolutionary internationalism and workers' democracy depend therefore upon the building of new revolutionary parties in the capitalist countries and a new revolutionary international.

Upon this depends also the liberation of the masses in capitalist countries from unemployment, poverty, Fascism and war. To this task the Workers Party dedicates itself.

It is no wonder to us that the C. P. daily subjects the Workers Party to bitter and slanderous attack. That does not disturb us. It furnishes daily confirmation of the fact that the C. P. has no real answer to the issues that we raise, that it is well aware that the W. P. and the other parties throughout the world, striving for the Fourth International, are its real and destined to be victorious, foes.

By that same token we are the heralds to the workers of the world of the new revolutionary movement. In place of the party and the international which have organized defeats we shall organize victories. For the Workers Party! For the Fourth International!

and religious theatrical performances have attracted quite a following in Black Harlem. He is somewhat handsome and very popular among the women. Father Divine, who is void of personality, cannot stand for this. But what can he do about it? The Elder has Jesus on his side and Divine dare not put him out of commission. And what makes it worse, Michaux is not in the Kingdom, and cannot be cast out.

### Father Divine in a Jam

Why should Father Divine worry about his competitors? He is "God" and can remove any obstacle that gets in his way by the "mere waving of his hand". He, no doubt, looks upon the whole affair as a farce, because he finds time to descend from his luxurious Kingdoms among the beautiful daughters of men. He looks them over—and is alleged to have had an affair. The earthly Husband came in and inspected the scene, and laid four inches of steel between Father's "godly" ribs. He was bewildered at the behavior of the "God" and did not strike his wife.

Father Divine loves his children, and, to avoid a celestial scandal, and to have a little personal comedy, he wandered into the Hospital to stop the flow of his "holy blood".

Father is somewhat a better business man than Michaux. Besides being in the Kingdom business, he owns grocery stores and meat markets. No wonder none of his faithful servants have ever known hunger or cold.

Divine, moreover, believes in so-

## Confusion Reigns in Ranks As C.P. Veers to Lab Party

By AL DASCH

The Labor Party announcement of Earl Browder's at the Washington Congress for Unemployment Insurance, followed two weeks later by the resolution of the central committee which was merely a re-echoing of Browder's speech, caused some surprise. Particularly so, since for at least five years it had been regarded as the height of renegade and social-fascism to advocate such a policy. Nevertheless, from the topmost strata of the Stalinist regime down to the ordinary rank and file, the phenomenal monolithism of the Communist Party is manifesting itself by the unanimous acquiescence of the party membership in this new policy. This despite the fact that no discussion was held within the C.P. itself previous to Browder's proclamation before the non-party gathering at Washington. What was unprincipled, incorrect and

class-collaborationist has become overnight the quintessence of "revolutionary" strategy.

### Perversion of Theory

The theoretical backwardness of the members of the Communist Party is well known. Outside of some general knowledge of Marxian fundamentals and Leninist teachings (which for the greater part have been either diluted or perverted in accordance with the need of the Stalinist bureaucracy) their political knowledge is confined to parroting each and every official ukase and pronouncement that is issued. It is safe to say that for years the bulk of the membership of the C.P. hardly thought of any arguments in favor of a Labor Party. Yet, after Browder's speech appeared in the Daily Worker everybody was for it, even if no one could advance more than a few feeble arguments for it. This stultification of the membership has taken place under the aegis of the Stalinist bureaucracy which needs a servile and docile following in order to bolster up the myth of infallibility and omniscience. The membership, fed for years on the perversions of Leninism, has long since lost the faculty for independent thought. All that is left is to agree.

### A Bewildered Membership

The truth of the matter is that as far as the majority of the party is concerned the latest turn, following upon the new line on social-fascism and the trade unions, has them bewildered. While not disagreeing with it (and how can they?) they are confused by it. Neither the lectures by Browder or Hathaway upon the subject, nor the resolution of the Central Committee of the Communist Party issued two weeks after Browder's Washington speech, has cleared up matters. Some regard it as a new tactic to be used in winning the masses to Communism. Others see in it merely the same C.P. with the name changed to that of the Labor Party and that the backward American masses, who are not receptive to the ideology of Communism, will be fooled into it. Still others think it will be a coalition of all working class groups plus the trade unions dedicated to a policy of class struggle with the members of the C. P. playing the driving force within it. In all seriousness, from what can be gleaned from the resolution of the Central Committee, the idea of the change of name to sneak one over on the masses seems to be the one in favor.

### The Basis of Reformism

In some vague and ambiguous manner the impression has been spread that by combining the political forces of the working class with the economic organizations a labor party can be forced which will combat the dictates of the capitalist class. This is a profound error.

Under certain circumstances and at a given period in the development of capitalism, labor parties could wrest concessions from the ruling class who, at that stage, were able to grant them. During the period of the upward curve of capitalist development, the capitalist class, due to its unlimited opportunities and the enormous profits it was extracting from industry and from imperialist exploitation could afford to grant reforms; a reformist party was the medium through which this was obtained. The Social Democratic Party of Germany and the Labor Party in England are examples of such organizations.

Today, American finance capital is in the stifling embrace of the same chronic crisis that paralyzes the rest of the capitalist world. Capitalism is in its decay stage; the curve it is describing is downward, not upward. In order to continue making profits with the open market closed and the colonial world divided among the various imperialist powers it is necessary to unleash a campaign of wage cuts against the working class. Capitalism in this period will not grant reforms unless forced to do so by a militant proletariat. No reformist party can organize the proletariat for that struggle. In its decline capitalism turns towards fascism. For the struggle against fascism the proletariat needs a revolutionary party and not a reformist one.

Only a party with a revolutionary program can fulfill the historic and necessary tasks of the American proletariat. No reformist party can lead the struggle to overthrow American capitalism. To spread such a doctrine is to prepare the workers not for victory but for defeat. Against the agitation for a Labor Party the revolutionary-minded elements will counterpose the revolutionary Workers Party of the United States.

lems Club, S.L.I.D. have swung away from the Stalinist orbit and turned toward the Fourth International.

### CHICAGO MEETING

April 19, Friday, 8 P.M.—"Do we Need a Labor Party?" Speaker: Albert Glotzer. At National Socialist Institute, 3322 Douglas Blvd. Auspices: W. P., West Side Branch.

## Question Box

By A. WEAVER

A. W., BRONX—

Question: Define the following: Imperialism, chauvinism, opportunism.

Answer: "IMPERIALISM is capitalism at that phase of its development in which the domination of monopolies and finance-capital has established itself; in which the export of capital has acquired very great importance; in which the division of the world among the big international trusts has begun; in which the partition of all the territories of the earth amongst the great capitalist powers has been completed." (Lenin, "Imperialism")

CHAUVINISM is extreme nationalism or patriotism, and is usually spoken of by Marxists in contradistinction, implied at least, to the internationalism of the working class and its political movement. The word, itself, had its origin in a certain individual, Nicholas Chauvin, and ardent admirer of Napoleon Bonaparte, who acquired notoriety in his exaggerated and demonstrative devotion to the emperor and the imperial cause.

OPPORTUNISM, in a general sense, is the attempt to make immediate partial gains, of one form or another, at the expense of the historical interests of the class. The theory of "The partnership of capital and labor" is opportunistic since it tries to reconcile the workers to capitalism in the hope of securing temporary concessions.

Question: What have Marx or Engels to say on the theory of "permanent revolution" as against the theory of "socialism in one country"?

Answer: Marx and Engels did not have occasion to counterpose their INTERNATIONALIST position against any nationalist conceptions in quite this manner, since the theory of "socialism in one country" did not acquire the force in the labor movement it now has, since its introduction by Stalin in 1924. The founders of the revolutionary proletarian movement, however, literally color their writings with the red of internationalism, whenever they speak of the "permanent revolution".

As an example, in the "Address of the Central Authority to the Communist League," made as early as April, 1850, speaking of the relations of the party of the proletariat to that of the democratic petty bourgeois, they had this to say:

"The democratic petty bourgeois, far from desiring to overturn the whole of society for the revolutionary proletarian, strives for a change in social conditions which will make the existing society as endurable and comfortable as possible for him. . . . But these demands can in no way satisfy the party of the proletariat. While the democratic petty bourgeois wants to bring the revolution to an end as quickly as possible, and with the settlement at most of the above claims, it is our interest and our task TO MAKE THE REVOLUTION PERMANENT, until the proletariat has conquered the state power, and the association of proletarians, NOT ONLY IN ONE COUNTRY BUT IN ALL THE DOMINANT COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, has advanced so far that the competition with the proletariat in these countries has ceased, and at least the decisive productive forces are concentrated in the hands of the proletarians." (Emphasis ours.)

## Allentown Gains In Sub Drive

Allentown last week had a score of 5%. This week the score stands at 38% and they are still going strong. This shows what can be done in the drive. Salt Lake City has forged ahead to 30 percent during the week. Cranford has entered the field with 2 subs, a worthy showing for the efforts of one individual.

Minneapolis has piled up a still larger score and promises further increased efforts in the next weeks. Davenport has made another increase in bundle orders.

The big three—New York, Chicago and Philadelphia are still far behind. Chicago has promised a better showing in the near future. We are waiting to see it. But there is no excuse for such poor showing on the part of industrial centers of this type. They should be leading the way, since the opportunities for easy distribution are present in such places. We ask the comrades and friends in these sections to get busy at once. Get the subs and send them in—we will do the rest.

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## Left Wing Group Scores Gains In French Socialist Ranks

From the New Leader, organ of the American Socialist Party we copy the following tribute to the activities of the French Trotskyists:

"The Communists having declined to conclude a united front with the Trotskyists (!), the latter have joined the Socialist Party (of France: S.F.I.O.) where they function as a separate group and are conducting energetic propaganda. It is interesting to note that they publish a paper, Verite, with the following trade mark: 'Organ of the Bolshevik Leninists Within the Socialist Party.'"

"At a meeting of the Central Committee of the S.F.I.O. Pivert (leader of the 'Left wing') demanded, quite in the spirit of Trotskyism, the creation of an armed workers militia. 'And a break with the social-pacifist conceptions of legality,' i. e. abandonment of political action and embracing of armed insurrection. 'In putting forward this demand the Left elements referred to the defeat of the 'Reformists' in Germany.'"

### Influence Rapidly Growing

From other sources we have received further information on the activities of the Trotskyists. Their influence in the S.P. has grown rapidly, until almost every militant, in the Seine district at least, is a propagandist for their ideas. Their platform is advanced in every internal discussion in the party. Their press, La Verite, and their pamphlets have a wide circulation not only inside the party but outside as well (at public meetings, on the streets, at demonstrations. At a demonstration on Nov. 10, 800 copies of a special number of La Verite were sold in a few hours). In the principal sections of the Seine District of the S. P. Trotskyists occupy responsible posts and are at the head of practical work. They are the prime movers in propaganda and membership campaigns. They have taken a leading part in the creation and development of physical defense corps and military committees, the embryos of workers militia.

Trotskyist orators advance their

slogans (program of action, militia, armament, general strike, etc.) at numerous public meetings. On occasions they even speak in the name of the Trotskyist faction. (At Drancy recently at a meeting of about one thousand militant workers called by Doriot, a Trotskyist presented the platform of the faction by invitation of the local S.P. section, at the same time another orator spoke for the official S.P.)

An indication of the influence of the Trotskyists is the attendance at their forums. The last meeting of the Friends of La Verite was attended by over 400 militants while the Friends of Bataille Socialiste (Left Socialist Pivert group) drew only 80.

### Resolution Adopted in Paris

In addition to direct mass work the Trotskyists have directed their energies toward influencing the left elements in the S. P. At the last Federal Council of the Seine in February a resolution containing the principle Trotskyist slogans was adopted by a majority. The left Socialists voted separately, a part voting with the Trotskyists.

The resolution contained the Trotskyist analysis of the present situation in France, called for the "United Front Toward Power", condemned "Parliamentary Cretinism", called for armament, militia, propaganda for the general strike, etc.

Marceau Pivert, one of the left Socialist leaders, defended the above resolution of the Seine District before the National Council of the party in an extremely hostile atmosphere (the N. C. was elected on the base of 1932 and does not reflect the real sentiment of the Party today), and raised goose flesh on the old hobby horse S. P. politicians when he spoke of militia, arms, and insurrection.

Since that time Pivert has moved further to the left, until he now advances the Trotskyist slogans openly in public meetings and in the S. P. paper Populaire.

Naturally these Trotskyist activities have raised a furore in the old guard of the S. P. Paul Faure, the National Secretary, expressed fear of a repetition of the Congress

of Tours (at this convention, held in 1920, the majority of the Socialist workers went over to Communism). He condemned the resolution of the Seine District, warning the party against Trotskyist "insurrectionalism". He said he could hardly recognize his own party any longer, so changed had its political face become.

### Stalinists Furious

The Stalinists are in a regular frenzy. No longer able to crush Trotskyists by bureaucratic terror, they now devote scarce heads and long articles to "The Trotskyists Who Mean Nothing."

Maurice Thorez himself, the chief of the Stalinist Party, stirs out of his office to deliver speeches in which he warns the socialists that "the Trotskyists who mean nothing" "wish to destroy the Socialist Party".

Recently a young militant, a follower of Pivert, who for a long time had remained merely a sympathizer, applied for admission to the Trotskyist group. His motive: "Since the last National Council," he said, "I have known that nothing can be done with all that." "All that" being the apparatus of the S. P., Paul Faure and Co. It is significant that he came to the Trotskyists not when he wished to reform the S. P., but when he had lost all hope in the party and wished to go along toward the building of a new revolutionary party.

PHILADELPHIA.—More than three fourths of what was once a strong National Student League branch at Temple University has come out in support of the Workers Party and the Fourth International. Two have become members of Spartacus Youth League and two others are members of the Workers Party. Half a dozen more are heartily in sympathy with the program of the Workers Party. They have co-operated to a great extent with the Workers Party movement in Philadelphia by helping to sell literature, attending forums, widening the influence of the Workers Party in the city.



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## Spotlight on Akron

WILL the rubber workers strike? American labor everywhere awaits that decision. Feverish preparations are reported from Akron—the elements of a small-scale civil war are present. The situation is loaded with dynamite not only for Akron—but for the entire country.

If the 30,000 rubber mill slaves break the chains then the first major strike battle of the year will shatter the illusory peace of 1935. Next to the textile strike it will be the biggest single struggle under the New Deal. The first strike in a basic industry, Akron will give the signal and point the way to the workers in automobile and possibly steel. Courage and audacity in rubber and the million-headed labor movement will follow the lead in a movement which will spread like wild-fire—against the NRA.

The Akron workers are long suffering, patient until they can no longer endure it. Labor boards, regional and national decisions and counter-decisions—if the workers anywhere know that NRA means National Run Around, they are in Akron. An ominous sign for the strike is the activity of Mrs. Francis Perkins. The rubber trust means to smash unionism in the worst way. Arbitration under these circumstances, under the same set-up that has so long held the workers at bay, can yield nothing but more promises and a crushing blow to labor.

It becomes increasingly clear as the days go by that the danger to the rubber workers comes from an enemy within the ranks of labor itself. That enemy is the bureaucracy at the head of the A. F. of L. and of the rubber union itself. Against it the workers must be vigilant to the last. The treacherous silence of Pres. William Green in the face of a situation that cries out for the maximum support, is characteristic. If allowed his way this Baptist gentleman would be content to leave the Akron strike still-born. In the automobile and the coal situations labor was left high and dry by the course pursued by Green and Co. Strike and the struggle that goes with strike is as foreign to them as it is to capitalist government officials. They fear it even more.

Either the strike comes now or the new union will take the sad consequences, as it did in the automobile industry. There is no other road. For months on end the rubber workers have been promised and stalled, stalled and promised. Their faith in the union was fast diminishing until the recent strike talk filled the air. It has now leaped to a new high. The A. F. of L. bureaucrats cannot again postpone this strike without undermining this confidence for a long time to come.

The responsibility of the militants and progressives in all the unions for the Akron situation is indeed tremendous. The fate of their organizations and the future of unionism in the basic industries will be gravely affected by the struggle and its outcome in rubber. Victory for the bosses in the struggle, or by means of an indefinite postponement of it, will herald a more ruthless attack on unionism than the workers have to date experienced. Victory for the workers and a new day will unfold for organized labor.

The pledge of support by the Cleveland Federation of Labor is a step in the right direction. Let its example be taken up everywhere and transferred from paper to life. And let the support go side by side with the insistence that the strike take place. This is half the battle.

## The Danzig Elections

THE press is almost unanimous in its evaluation of the election results in Danzig as a defeat for the Nazis. Soberly and realistically speaking, it is, however, only a temporary check on Hitler's drive to integrate the German-speaking territories into his Third Reich. As several of the foreign correspondents remark, the decline of the Nazi vote in the presidential elections of 1932 was also deemed a defeat for the Brown Shirt forces in its time. Looked at from the point of view of political perspective, the present incident is no more indicative of a trend than was that of 1932.

The Nazis fell short of their goal, which was the immediate "Gleichschaltung" of the Hanseatic city. But the figures show that they gained an increase of over 30,000 votes above the amount they piled up the last time. Yet, the Socialist and Stalinist newspapers join with the others in rating this achievement as a failure! In so doing they show that they are entirely under the sway of the enemy's spirit.

From the Fuehrer's standpoint it was a failure, because he had concentrated all his forces, his best organizers, his best orators for

a complete victory. The social democrats and the so-called communists merely echo the dissatisfaction of the conquerors when they hail this incomplete victory as a defeat. This attitude betrays the miserable slavishness and helpless prostitution of their position. They exult in the fact that the victors haven't gobbled them up altogether.

And how did they fare in the elections? The reports say: the social democrats held their own and the communists lost. That is far more indicative for the international working class than the camouflage of a Nazi defeat with which these two miserable bankrupts try to cover up the fact.

Coming after the show of abject impotence they displayed in the Saar, the revolutionary workers can only be strengthened in their determination to rid themselves of these two parties of illusion and betrayal. Without falling prey to despair they will unfailingly draw the only conclusion left for fighters: To prepare for real struggle against Fascism and the war that is brewing, by building anew, by straining every force toward the speedy creation of the Fourth International.

## Reversion to Type

"COMING events cast their shadow before."

Those who lived through the pre-war days and today watch the witches' cauldron of war being stirred again well know how true this aphorism is.

With equal force these words apply to the social democracy. The betrayal of 1914 is being prepared again and the official apology, now, unlike the pre-1914 days, is ready long in advance of the outbreak of war.

The latest issue of the *New Leader* carries a scare-headline saying: "No Peace with Hitler." This caption is a direct quotation from an appeal issued by the Executive Committee of the German Social Democratic Party from Prague. It is addressed not to the working class but to the "world", presumably on the occasion of the initiation of the international diplomatic parleys.

"The road to peace," continues this manifesto which the *New Leader* says "may well prove historic", "lies over the destruction of the existing despotism. There is no other." Superficially considered this is indeed a very radical declaration, especially as it comes from those whose capitulation made this "despotism" possible.

What is significant here is the fact that this plea is addressed to the world, a euphemistic way of saying the international capitalist class. The appeal is "No peace" or in simple English: "War". The motive: "despotism".

Thus when the imperialists of the entire world have drawn swords, the social democracy urges them, with France at their head, to hasten the day of the conflict. It does not call on the working class to war on its own capitalism but in the spirit for which it is so noted, it exhorts one capitalism to make war on another.

As if the capitalist class of any other country is interested fundamentally in "despotism" or freedom! Profits, the maintenance and extension of profits, is their one criterion. Germany today threatens to upset the division of spoils demanding a greater share for itself. Capitalist interests that dominate the French and Italian nations are ready to embroil the world in a bloody conflagration so that this shall not happen.

Should such a war break out it is as certain as tomorrow that they (Mussolini too!) will speak of "Hitlerite tyranny", "despotism", etc. The very same shibboleths employed once before, only now Der Fuehrer substitutes for Der Kaiser. The social democracy were loyal flunkies then. They are preparing for the same role again, in other cabinets but for the same rulers.

"But," says the German social democracy—and this "but" is the necessary face-saver—"it is false and unjust to hold the whole German people responsible for a criminal regime under which the best portion of the people suffer most."

A significant parallel may be drawn here between the social democrats and their war idol—Woodrow Wilson. Did he not proclaim in his war message to Congress that the U. S. had no grievance with the German people, but rather with the irresponsible despotism that ruled over them?

The declarations are the same, the results are the same and even the actors are the same. Philip Scheidemann, traducer of the German proletariat and butcher of the Spartacists is the true inspiration of this manifesto. On July 9, 1933 he declared in the *New York Times*: "It must be the task of the entire world to paralyze these adventurers [Hitler, Goering and Co.]. That this may not exclude a bloody civil war is self-evident."

Learn from the past! These people have changed their fatherlands temporarily. They remain, however, staunch as before, in their support of capitalism—in war as in peace.

To be against Hitlerism inside Germany and outside of it is to be for class war and against imperialist war in every land, as well as in Germany itself.

Lamentations, and appeals to world capitalists to launch a "democratic" crusade against Hitler is not merely a pitiful confession of bankruptcy. It also reveals that the social democracy is helping whip the working class into shape for service in imperialist war. Seventeen years have passed since the end of the last world war, but the Second International is still playing its despicable role!

## 15 Points of Father Coughlin

Analysis of Program of Detroit Priest Reveals Fascist

Trend in Fundamental Aims and Method

By DAN EASTMAN

The platform of Father Coughlin's League For Social Justice:

1. Liberty of conscience and education.
2. A living annual wage.
3. Nationalization of banking, currency, and natural resources.
4. Private ownership of all other property.
5. Control of private property for public good.
6. Government banking.
7. Congressional control of coinage.
8. Cost of production plus a fair profit for agriculture.
9. Labor unions under government protection.
10. Recall of non-productive bonds.
11. Abolition of tax free bonds.
12. Social taxation.
13. Simplification of government.
14. Conscription of wealth in war.
15. Human rights preferred to property rights.

## Consummate Hypocrisy

Point No. 1.—Liberty of conscience and education: A Catholic who stands for liberty of conscience is a hypocrite. The Catholic Church is unalterably and everlastingly opposed to liberty of conscience, as the Spanish Inquisition, which tore, racked and tortured men for their beliefs, bears witness.

As for liberty of education: this is indeed consummate hypocrisy from a Catholic and a close friend of William Randolph Hearst. Since the Year One the Catholic Church has moved heaven and earth to maintain a monopoly on education, so that Catholicism might be indelibly stamped on the impressionable mind of youth. Liberty of education is hypocrisy from a Catholic, but when that Catholic contemplates with friendship and approval the attacks of William Randolph Hearst on every sort of lukewarm liberal teacher, that Catholic is simply insulting his audience when he pretends to support liberty of education.

## The Wages of Slavery

Point No. 2.—A living annual wage: What is a living annual wage? Many workers "live" on four hundred dollars a year.

On February 5, 1934, Father Coughlin "called for a change in the provisions of the NRA which would fix minimum wages at 80c and maximum hours at 30. '40c an hour,' he said, 'is slavery!'"

At this time his Shrine of the Little Flower was being constructed by scab labor.

He announced that "he would increase the wages of men working on the church Shrine of the Little Flower, by 10% effective the next day, thus setting the minimum wage at 55c an hour." The Shrine was about half finished when he made this move. The workers continued on the forty and forty eight hour week.

A few questions: If 40c is slavery, what is 55c? If 80c is a fair minimum, is 55c a living wage? Does Father Coughlin think, that by employing scab labor he is helping workers to get a 30 hour week?

Point No. 3.—Nationalization of banking currency and natural resources: Nationalization of banking is remedied proposed by money cranks. Instead of having bank president part of the time and senators the rest of the time, these cranks expect to save capitalism by having the bank presidents senators all of the time. A strange

remedy indeed. As for nationalization of natural resources: what are natural resources? In an interview Father Coughlin admitted that he did not include mines in natural resources. By natural resources, it seems Father Coughlin means those natural resources which are already in public hands: water works, generating stations, etc.

## No Offense Intended

Point No. 4.—Private ownership of all other property:

Father Coughlin hastens to reassure the capitalists that he has no intention of appropriating their factories, mines or forests under the head of nationalization.

Point No. 5.—Control of private property for public good: Father Coughlin runs back to reassure the workers that the private property he has just granted to the capitalists will be controlled for public good. (By a new NRA perhaps?)

Point No. 6.—Government banking: This is just repetition of point No. 3, for what reason we don't know, unless Father Coughlin ran out of harmless planks and had to pad out his platform with repetitions.

Point No. 7.—Congressional control of coinage: Repetition of point No. 3 again. When Father Coughlin gets hold of an idea he uses it for all its worth: Congressional control of coinage is not in itself a reform. All depends on what congress does in the matter of coinage. At best currency reform is only a minor matter that could not have the slightest permanent effect on the basic economic fallacies of capitalism.

## "Fair" Slavery?

Point No. 8.—Cost of production plus a fair profit for agriculture: We are tempted to ask, so what? We remark that everybody, including J. P. Morgan, is for "Living annual wages" and "Fair profits for agriculture" etc. and when it is merely a matter of talk. How's Father Coughlin going to obtain this "cost of production plus a fair profit"? And how big a profit is "fair"? Profits are, we thought, unpaid labor, or the time the worker toils gratis for the boss. How can any profit be "fair"? By intensifying the AAA, which has succeeded along these lines to a certain extent in the case of the rich capitalist farmers?

## "Coordinated Unions"

Point No. 9.—Labor unions under government protection: Now we are getting to the core of the matter. Labor unions are under government protection in Germany, Austria, Italy, in every Fascist state. In fact the very life of Fascism is the government "protection" of trade unions, protection against higher wages, shorter hours and strikes, "protection" that cuts wages in half, doubles working hours and slaughters strikers. Father Coughlin was active during the period when a strike in the Detroit automobile industry appeared imminent. He was active in "protecting" the workers from independent unionism, and from a strike. Just what his protection has brought them the workers can best answer.

We quote the Detroit Times at this point: "Make the Department of Labor a real power," says Father Coughlin. "Let it take over the functions of collective bargaining, the functions which the A. F. of L. is now trying to fill. Let it supplant the A. F. of L. entirely." Father Coughlin wants government

boards to supplant unionism entirely. That is what he calls protection.

Point No. 10.—Recall of non-productive bonds; another bigging financial reform. He speaks of "the heresy that profits or interest should be gained from non-productive borrowings, such as war and relief bonds." Just how the government would raise money for relief if it did not issue bonds and pay interest on them Father Coughlin does not mention. Perhaps from silver speculation, or inflation.

Point No. 11.—Abolition of tax free bonds: Whatever might be the value of this measure, let it be recorded that Father Coughlin has not hesitated to invest in tax free bonds, as we have already mentioned in connection with the account of his speculations in 1933.

Point No. 12.—Social taxation: What is social taxation? If Father Coughlin means income taxes he might say so. Of course he doesn't mean any such thing, in fact he doesn't mean anything at all. By social taxation he hopes capitalists will know he means sales taxes and workers will think he means income taxes. A gag to fool the scissor-bill, and nothing more.

## A "Simple" Government

Point No. 13.—Simplification of government. The simplest form of government, we remark, is dictatorship. Fascism itself is not very complicated.

Point No. 14.—Conscription of wealth in war. If Father Coughlin wants to conscript wealth in war, why not in peace as well? If ten million are starving on relief there is no conscription of wealth; but if ten million are being slaughtered in war, then there is reason to conscript wealth. The idea of conscripting wealth is nonsense unless it is the workers who do the conscripting or "expropriating." Otherwise, if "conscription of wealth" is not merely a campaign slogan it is a plan to cheapen the cost of war for bankers and profiteers.

Point No. 15.—Human rights preferred to property rights. There is one economy, the socialist economy, which really does prefer human welfare to property rights but Father Coughlin is no socialist. On the contrary, he wants to continue to prefer the human rights of the scab labor employed on his Shrine by raising their wages from slavery (40c) to 50c (semi-slavery or human rights?).

It is not by chance that Father Coughlin's platform is a closer copy of a true fascist program, as it appears in Europe, than the program of any other American demagogue. Father Coughlin has had the assistance of the Catholic Church in the preparation of his program, and the Catholic Church is already an old hand at Fascism. It is persecuted in Germany it is true, but in Italy it gives tacit support to Mussolini, in Spain it gives open support to the reaction, in Portugal it practically owns the fascist government, etc. etc.

It remains to be seen whether Father Coughlin has not appeared too early on the scene with his mature fascist program. It remains to be seen whether the masses still developing to the left will not choose their course and their leaders, will not carry through the American revolution, and cast down Father Coughlin and all his kind. The choice is plain: a workers' society or concentration camps decorated with holy holy crosses.

## Toledo Auto Strike Looms

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of the giant General Motors Corp. As an evidence of the growing progressiveness in the union, the colored sweepers in the Chevrolet plant were brought into the Federal Auto Union along with the fellow-white workers.

Over 400 of the new union men appeared today in the plant this morning wearing their red union buttons for April. Hundreds of workers from the Willys-Overland plant are likewise joining the Federal Auto union. With the addition of these two major corporations, the entire auto parts and production industry of Toledo, excepting the Champion Spark Plug Corp., will be unionized.

The rush to the genuine union has followed the calling of an election, by the Detroit Auto Labor Board, in the Chevrolet and Willys-Overland plants on April 9, for the supposed purpose of determining which group the workers wish to represent them in collective bargaining. This election was engineered by officials of the two plants, which up until a few weeks ago were non-union, and the Auto Labor Board, in an effort to foist company unionism upon the workers. The real union has publicly repudiated these elections, which it did not call for, and has flatly stated that its members will not participate in

them nor abide by their results.

This fake maneuvering on the part of the companies has served as a boomerang against the bosses, because it angered the workers and drove them voluntarily into the federal union. Terrific speedup, differentials in wages and unbearable working conditions have aided to the workers' desire for genuine organization.

Jim Roland, Chevrolet employee, who is famous for his "one-man picket line" on the Chevrolet plant last June whereby he compelled the company to reinstate him after he had been fired for joining the union, is the acting chairman of the Chevrolet shop section of the union. Among the union members who have taken an active part in organizing these key plants have been several Workers Party members.

Organization of the Toledo Chevrolet plant is of major importance for the entire motor industry, as this plant produces all the transmission parts for the Chevrolet Corp. Demands for a 6 hour day, 30-hour week, union recognition and wage increases are being drawn up to be presented to the Chevrolet company. It is very probable that the intensive union drive is the prelude to a strike which will break in the immediate future.

## NEW HEADQUARTERS—

With the paint still wet on the walls, Branch 1 on Tuesday held its first meeting in its new headquarters at 420 East 19th St. The headquarters have been taken jointly with the Manhattan branch of the Spartacus Youth League.

## Labor Backs Gas Workers

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The company has been importing a herd of scabs and strike-breakers, who are quartered on company property. Last week a "bomb plot" was discovered at the plant, and the Laclede company lost no time in advertising it in all the capitalist papers. The plot looked suspiciously like the work of one of the drunken gun-toters who swarm around the works, and proved a complete failure so far as its general effects were concerned. As the Gas House Worker remarked: "Who saw the bomber? A company gunman. Who reported finding the bomb? A bomber hired by the gas company to uncover bombers. Was the guilty one caught? Of course not, that would spoil the plot."

## One Scab—Fifteen Cops

The gunman-scabs have been receiving the protection of the police. Every service call is now answered not by one repair man, but by one scab repair man and fifteen police, another little item the company can charge up to its fight against unionism. Like all scabs, the St. Louis brand has behaved badly, brandishing pistols and guns, and menacing the safety of all in their vicinity.

FOLLOW THE NEWS IN THE NEW MILITANT.

## LEFT . . . JABS

This Changing World

The average Stalinist must stand in awe as he views the vast changes in his own world. The "social fascist" of yesterday is the "class brother" of today. The A. F. of L. "company and fascist unions" become "militant workers' organizations". "Red revolutionary unions" are buried with Browder's slogan "seize the ware-houses". The "united front from below" is as dead as the dodo. The labor party which yesterday was denounced as a delusion and a snare, is now the road to revolution, etc., etc. In Soviet diplomatic affairs it is even worse. Sir Austin Chamberlain, who yesterday was the very symbol of imperialist hatred of the Soviet Union, is now quoted approvingly by Soviet leaders. "God save the King" is played in Moscow in honor of Captain Eden, arch-conservative leader of the British Tory "fascist" government. These rapid changes are reported to have affected a Bronx Stalinist to such an extent that he was found in front of the Prospect Workers Club raising his glass to the health of His Britannic Majesty, Earl Browder and our own beloved leader, King George.

## Diplomatic Dress

Reports of the Berlin visits of Sir John Simon and Captain Eden and the visits of the latter to Moscow and Warsaw are covered in great detail in newspapers everywhere. Apparently not in the words of the diplomats but in their dress are we to seek the real import of these visits. Thus, arriving in Berlin, Sir John and the Captain wore civilian clothing, but were met by a guard of Death! Head Hussars dressed in somber black. The "pacifist" character of the Bloomington Empire and the warlike aims of Hitler are apparent. In Moscow Captain Eden arrived wearing a soft black hat and a cloth top coat, but immediately changed into a long fur coat and a Cossack Astrakhan headpiece. The love of British imperialism for the Soviet Union was evidenced by that swift change. In Warsaw Captain Eden was welcomed by a party of officials wearing top hats with the exception of Foreign Secretary, Col. Beck, who wore a black derby. The absence of a top hat on Beck's cranium showed that his welcome was personal and that the Polish government was not according an official warm welcome to Eden and his policies. This nonsense is solemnly written by highly paid capitalist writers in Europe and cabled across to America. Its purpose is to cover up the cold blooded war preparations of all these cynical hat changing statesmen.

## Words and Action

The New York "Mayor's Committee on Unemployment Relief" issued a report of thousands of words. The report stated that the relief allowance for food, clothing and shelter was too low, so low in fact that the unemployed were forced to live in condemned fire-traps, dress in rags, while thousands of their children suffered from malnutrition. The Mayor went into action at once. He set up a stool pigeon bureau with a policeman at the head to receive anonymous and other complaints against relief "chiselers". A "chiseller" being anyone who tries to eke out a starvation relief allowance by any other means. "This bureau is my own child," said the mayor; and indeed it must be admitted that whether it is his own or just another adoption from the city bankers, it certainly resembles the rest of his family. It has that "friend of labor" smell to it.

## Anti-Fascist Meetings

March 1934: Socialist Party and trades unions hold anti-fascist meeting in Madison Square Garden. Speakers list includes Mayor LaGuardia, Matthew Woll and S. P. and broke union leaders. The Stalinists broke up this meeting in wild disorder, charging that Fascists and "Social Fascists" were speaking and Communists barred.

April, 1935: C. P. controlled League Against War and Fascism and Civil Liberties Union hold anti-fascist meeting in Madison Square Garden. Speakers list includes a Methodist bishop, Republican Congressmen, Farmer-Labor representative, Gorman of the U.T.W. ("betrayers of the textile strike"), professors, social workers, and other liberals, but no C. P. speakers. Why didn't Hathaway lead the embattled hosts to capture the platform for the C. P. at this meeting? Or does the Stalinist "change in line" leave to Methodist Bishops and Republican Congressmen such "little matters" as the struggle against war and fascism?

## MAY DAY RALLY

Dancing, Skits, Refreshments  
Saturday, April 27, at 8 P.M.  
Presentation of May Day Banner  
by Workers Party to S. Y. L.  
at 2 West 15th Street  
Admission 15c