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Relief in Dakota Ceases

Work at Slave Wage Or Starve, Governor Orders

The chickens are now coming home to roost for the unemployed who have been depending upon Roosevelt's relief program.

Announcement has come from Washington of Draconian measures to be taken to remove jobless wholesale from the relief rolls. In No pre-convention documents had every case, irrespective of the wages been prepared. No pre-convention were not carried out. No political offered, where jobs are available discussion had taken place. In resolutions came before the convenworkers will be immediately stricken from the lists. They will be reentered, says the announcement, only after the strictest check-up following a new application. This they propose to do whether or not a new job is obtainable for the jobless worker.

"It is our definite effort to liquidate relief rolls," an official de-"While we don't expect private industry to take up the mack at once, we think that private employment will increase as the work program continues."

Thus upon the good wishes and the rainbow hopes of the relief ad- Congress of the Comintern will be is assuming a decisive role, makes ministration the unemployed are to convened after all. be given the boot, left to shift for themselves until they can find jobs. confidence that had our organiza- Comintern disappear its place would The official "thinks" that jobs are tion not existed, had not the banner immediately be occupied by the the sight but no provisions are made of the Fourth International been Fourth International which would for the difficulties that will appear to the workers of Terre Haute. For for the difficulties that will ensue unfurled, had there not been the result in a complete ideological to loyalty to a government which seventeen long weeks a battle had strike put int affect then difficulties that will ensue unfurled, had there not been the result in a complete ideological to loyalty to a government which seventeen long weeks a battle had strike put int affect then difficulties that will ensue unfurled, had there not been the result in a complete ideological to loyalty to a government which seventeen long weeks a battle had strike put int affect then difficulties that will ensue unfurled. if no such jobs can be obtained or latest successes of our French catastrophe for Stalin and his if private industry which can be comrades, the Third Laternational clique, i.e., the bankruptcy of all what conditions they tail the conditions the conditions they tail the conditions the con filled up to capacity although comwould still be waiting for the Sevfalsifications and calumnies which into its provider.

What conditions they toil. How employees. The workers could be into its provider. paratively only few of its previous enth Congress. The Seventh Con- lie at the basis of the "general and the attitude of the strikers quite as dogged in their resistance **em**ployees are rehired.

taxpayers money and on the other hand providing cheap labor cheaper even than the relief handouts-to slave-driving employers.

Without hesitating very long officials in five states, South Dakota, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa began to carve a hole into the

relief rolls in their states. in South Dakota all relief ha

stopped completely. This has been done to meet the demands of the farmers for a labor force adequate to handle the harvest. These farmers want "hands" in the field or wages at the same level or below that granted by Federal or state relief. The unemployed met this demand with what the state officials have termed a

With perfect right they refused to apply themselves to this strenuous backbreaking toil for from 12 to 14 hours at the same pittance, hardly enough to keep body and soul together, which they receive when the state supports them.

For this they are disparaged by the chair-sitting governor of the State, Berry as refusing to work "because it is . . . easier to live on

of the state.

at-whatever-wages-offered," receiv- full burden of the crisis must be living standards of the working ties, even the bourgeois radicals ing all the time subsistence from loaded upon the working class. The tion and subsidies from other gov- on the hide and bones of the workernment, sources.

Mr. Ketchum, state relief administrator for South Dakota, out of have been greedily speculating the initial preparatory steps. the mellowness of his heart's mag- about the salaries of the state emnanimity conceded "that the order ployees. They could not touch this between pre-fascist Germany and pricked the bubble of Stalinist precourse appeared the only practical in that direction could only be fol- like Laval, were supplied with "em- would cure all ills, meet all the re-(!) one to follow until investigations (!) demonstrated a necessity for a change in the rule."

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'Militants' Capture TerreHauteStrikers Victimized YPSL Convention

By JOSEPH CARTER

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Fresh from able to go to Pittsburgh. the crushing blows meted to them at the "harmony" meeting of the

not know precisely what to expect. resolution. many cases delegates were elected

because they and none other were No Political Discussions

The convention was run by the National Committee of the Socialist | New York and Chicago top caucus-Party, the New York "Militants" es. The arrangements made imwon signal organizational victories possible any adequate discussions at the eighth national convention of of the problems confronting the sothe Young Peoples Socialist League cialist movement and the Yipsels in particular. The three evenings of the convention period were devoted Camden Strike held here during the week-end of particular. The three evenings of Approximately one hundred dele- to public affairs, a mass meeting, gates, a little less than half of them New Yorkers, were present at the tively. The rules of the convention New Yorkers, were present at the tively. The rules of the convention convention. However, most of the limited speakers on resolutions to convention. However, most of the delegates did not participate in the delegates did not participate in the proceedings and were constantly in ed to reporters on resolutions and a state of expectancy. They did a total of one hour for any one

However, even these provisions

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Seventh Congress of CI Opens in Moscow

.The following article, by a prominent European Marxist, was written prior to the appearance of the call for the World Congress of the Third International and serves as an introduction to it. Coming issues of the NEW MILITANT will contain detailed reports and analyses of the Moscow congress now in session.—Ed.

After an interval of exactly seven® years it looks as if the Seventh | ticularly its foreign policy, which

claimed the political death of the some kind of crown. Despite the Union of Marine and Shipbuilding into the plant, the labor movement Third International. But the ex- growth of the "ideologic" and po- Workers and has been conducted rose to action. ample of the Second International litical preconditions for an open militantly throughout. Demands are proves that the demise of political Bonapartist overturn there are too fifteen percent wage increase, preorganizations with a mass basis— many risks on such a road as this. ferential union shop and abolition and the workers left their jobs to cation, or at no provocation at all, sponse. Brass bands are being orin the sense of the arresting of The Soviet proletariat is, at any of piecework. their progressive development—does rate, a more definite and stable po- Latest in the attempts to crush as a drum. From gasoline station Vigo County Central Labor Union marchers will press forward into great possibilities not only for con- Stalin must hold on to the appear- the action. tinued political existence but also ance of Bolshevism and therefor tion is: does the Soviet bureaucracy still need the Third International?

The Soviet bureaucracy in this respect finds itself in an acute contradiction. Its present policy, par-

the Third International an obstacle It can be stated with complete rather than an aid. But should the

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4600 Men in Shipyard **Stop Production** for 11 Weeks

CAMDEN, N. J.-Directly challenging Roosevelt's war program, the 4,600 workers in the Camden Shipyards are now holding out for the eleventh week, militantly defying every attempt to open the yards and begin work.

The most recent attempt of the company to import strike-breakers met with disaster as the automobiles bearing the scabs were over- without advice or consultation of bag when it issued its boast that turned and the occupants given a lesson in unionism.

characterizes the state of mind of sumption. the ship-builders who have resorted to every method of coercion and in-

for dealing heavy blows to the convene the Seventh Congress in vailed up to now in fighting strike deliver paper for the rags. world proletariat. The whole ques- face of the danger of the Fourth breakers are continued with greater War will, of course, be the basic U. S. government will have to con- went into action against the pro- of the United Mine Workers had question. Here one must be pre- tinue whistling for its orders from testing ranks of labor. pared for a tactical retreat. Stalin the New York Shipbuilding Company's yards at Camden.

TROOPS JAIL SCORES

After General Strike Betrayal;

CityTenseasMilitiaHoldsSway

Labor Skates Time Treacherous Action With Onslaught of Press and Soldiers on Workers

Haute itself, Eugene Victor Debs' own home town.

the bosses

Frantic is the word that best now waits expectantly for its re- Toledo strikes.

Though a surprise to the outside world the declaration of the gentimidations known in industrial dis-eral strike was no surprise at all has no regard to the wages its con- been in progress between the En-Roosevelt is here killing two large with one stone. On the one walks arise with the french Socialist party will rebirds with one stone. On the one hand he is cutting down on the budget, thereby saving wealthy the French Socialist party will re-budget, thereby saving wealthy the Fourth International.

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After forty-eight hours of fierce After Hitler's victory we pro- of October and place on himself The strike is led by the Industrial guards marched a crew of scabs

Town Stands Still

a man. The town was tied up tight Max Schaffer, vice-President of the ganized by a number of locals. The not coincide with the end of their litical factor than the petty bour- the strike is an injunction which attendants to retail clerks no one and Thomas N. Taylor, special rep- Columbus flying the flag of the conservative self-preservation. The geoisie was in France at the begin- the company has served on the worked. Even the printing crafts, resentative of William Green in first American revolution, while the Third International, despite its piti- ning of the last century, and cor- strike leaders. Although they re- which with the abominable attitude conjunction with two Department bands blend with twenty thousand ful bankruptcy, retains tremendous responding with this the Bolshevik fused to accept it and ground it that characterizes the so-called of Labor conciliators from Wash- voices in the songs of the coming reserves in the form of the Soviet tradition is of greater weight than under foot when it fell to the ground "aristocracy of labor" refused to ington, called the strike off. Union which by itself can give it that of the Jacobins of that period. the company will go through with join the swelling ranks, could not print the labor-hating newspapers lyzed the town the officals of the If the methods that have pre- because the teamsters would not C.L.U. washed their hands of the

York to Oregon began to scream

For forty-eight hours, the Dream like they had once before during of Debs—the General Strike, not a the San Francisco general strike of street car moving, not a printing | the shortage of food. Utterly ob press turning—came true in Terre livious of the starvation rampant throughout the year occasioned by July 29 and continuing for three the crisis of capitalism brass check days, the Ohio Unemployed League Then, just as suddenly but not journalism suddenly became very will hold the largest demonstration quite as unexpectedly, the strike much concerned over the slight in- and mass convention of unemployed was called off to the great relief of convenience caused by a strike in in the history of the United States. Called off by the head of the ally. Not so long ago Editor and Columbus in the march of the Central Labor Union, over whose Publisher, organ of the newspaper Grand Relief Army. Labor's deresistance the strike was declared, publishers, let the cat out of the mands will be formulated and pr-

the strikers, without any of their the newspapers had been responsdemands being granted Terre Haute ible for breaking the Frisco and the

"Napoleon" Declares Martial Law

Hand-in-hand with the subtle intimidation of the press goes the face of sheriffs and frantic relief martial law in Vigo county and the state—twenty-five locals have shipped truckloads of National Guardsmen into that territory. With extraordinary dispatch they

battling, unarmed and to a large extent unorganized, against thugs employed under the rattlesnake flag from Chicago armed with machine is expected from Athens County. guns and National Guardsmen fling-A conference of unions took place ing tear gas at the slightest provo-

When the 60,000 strkers parastrike, declaring it was unauthorin relief that the Roosevelt admin-No sooner was the strike declared | ized despite the fact that all the intensity after the injunction, the than three agencies of capitalism other unions, including four locals given it their authorization. Un-First, the yellow press from New like the Frisco strike, where labor

Ohio Jobless Prepare Huge State Confab

20,000 Are Expected To Heed League Call For Demonstration

In Columbus, Ohio, beginning on tended to improve conditions gener- Over 20,000 are expected to invade sented to the lawmakers of Ohioand in no 'hat-in-hand' manner.

Local leagues are already recruitng for the march, setting up tents flying the rattlesnake flag at every relief station, and keeping up in the Funds are coming in from all over

already pledged a total of \$125.00. The response from the locals has been even more enthusiastic than pledged 500 marchers, Clinton and Williams County each expect 500, Putnam County pledges 300, and a total turnout of a thousand un-

Tag days, rallies, and mass meetings are held with enthusiastic rerevolution.

The Unemployed Leagues intend to show the legislators of Ohio that, far from tolerating the general cut istration is trying to put over, they still demand the 30 hour-\$30 week. And they intend to get it.

In the official call to the Conven tion, the O.U.L. poses the question to the working class, employed as well as unemployed: Slavery or freedom? And its answer, and that of the whole working class of Ohio, is FREEDOM So far from being intimidated by the government, the unemployed are out to reverse the process. At the Columbus convention, the legislature will hear the voice it fears-mass action by the

The O.U.L. does not pin its final goal to a "fair day's pay" policy: like all sections of the National Unemployed League, it recognizes that the battle for decent conditions can only be won when the working class controls the government, and that the present government is the tool of the bosses. And it does not pay merely verbal respect to this fundamental fact. In battle after battle, it has fought for the rights of the unemployed, militantly and savagely.

Two years ago, the O.U.L. in a similar demonstration, mobilized 7,000. This year, there will be 20,000 jobless solid beneath its banner. After Columbus, what!

W. P. TO HOLD ANTI-WAR MEETING IN ALLENTOWN On Friday night, August 3rd, at

8 P.M., the Allentown Branch of

anti-war mass meeting on Center

Square. Max Shachtman, editor of Speakers:

Social Patriotism in Full Flower in France

Now that relief has been cut off steel vice of the world crisis. Its indefinite period of time and grant- and the prices were never lowered: completely the state officials look foreign trade steadily decreasing ed Laval extraordinary powers on the contrary they kept rising with complacency at the fate of the with no immediate prospect of re- which his predecessors failed to ob- And a double burden was thus im unemployables—the sick, halt and lief in sight is dealing a crushing tain. the blind—who are to be taken care blow to the peasantry. Unemployof by the degenerating "poor laws" ment is hiking on a long upward On the other side the rich farm- dropping. French financial and poers will confront no such slave- litical hegemony on the European driving ultimatums of "go-to-work- continent is rapidly vanishing. The the Rural Resettlement Administra- way out for French imperialism is French imperialists with their fas- tion by far. Laval paid his re

For years the French financiers

threshing for years now in the dissolution of the parliament for an es and rents. Of course, the rents

Pierre Laval, premier of France, lost no time in using the "extraor- al's action followed hard upon the climb while wages are precipitately dinary powers granted him. He ap July 14, "Bastille Day" demonstra plied the economy knife to the sal- tion. 200,000 marched in the "Peoaries of the Civil Employees-with ples Front"; a glorious parade, the more extensive assault upon the united front that included all parclass to follow in short order. The and eclipsing the fascist demonstra cist hirelings are, of course, keeping spects to it by slashing salaries. In close watch upon the ease with this action is summarized the attiwhich the government can put over tude of French capitalism to the

levels and living conditions. More slashed salaries and wages without deal a death blow to French fassomewhat of an obstacle because of slogan was **Notverordnungen**. And Couturier, editor of l'Humanite, the fear of the politicians that re- like Laval, they posed as the im- hailed it on July 1: sentment of their constituents partial arbiters between the camps would be aroused if such measures of fascism and the working class. were approved. The deputies, how- They slashed wages and salaries,

French capitalism has been themselves." They agreed to the ness by ordering reductions in pricposed upon the masses.

It is indeed significant that Lav "People's Front."

Striking indeed is the parallel Laval, in one executive order,

"Just as our party is a new party so the People's Front is something new, something which ever, found the way to "absolve always making a pretence at fair- responds to a new situation cre-

the advent of fascist regimes in the world. We can never insist enough on its character of realism, on the ideal that animates it, on its taking what is living from the traditions of the people of France. . . . The People's Front is French because it expresses the will of a people that know how to commemorate the July 14th demonstration, who have made four revolutions 'to preserve and consolidate their conquests', and it has the benefit of the international experiences of those peoples who are temporarily under the heel of fascism, as well of those who are finally liberated from capitalism.

In Germany, in the tace of what would probably (!) work a hard- fat plum so long as the working present day France. In Germany tension. A short two weeks before they called a "revolutionary upwon some (!) individuals or class organizations remained vigil- too, in preparation for Hitler, there the Stalinists blew up the "People's surge" the Stalinists tore to shreds communities, but he said that this ant, aware of the fact that a blow was a series of "strong men," who front" as the newest panacea which every proposal, every attempt at a united front with the social demolowed by a general slash in wage ergency powers"; and who likewise quirements of the situation and cracy, a party with hundreds of thousands of workers in its ranks only hand in hand with Deladier over, the Chamber of Deputies was the consent of the Reichstag. Their cism. Here is how P. Vaillant-and controlling a trade union move- and no reactionary or fascist dare ment of close to five million. In come between them. Yesterday this the Workers Party will hold a huge France, where they swear no pre- very same Daladier, then an "asrevolutionary situation exists—just sassin of the people" for accidental-"Trotskyist hysteria and provoca- ly shooting a few fascists, fled all the New International and Sam tion"—they are fighting like tigers in a panic, abdicating the premier- Gorden, W. P. organizer, will be the "to consolidate and preserve" unity

with the petty bourgeois serfs, ated by the economic crisis and flunkeys of imperialism, the party of Stavisky, the forgers, the stockexchange gamblers, the fortune hunters and the parvenues - the true sons of France." Listen to Thorez snarl to ward off the furious attack of reaction on the Radical Party. In l'Humanite for July 3. Thorez bares his teet'h at the Faseist attempt to "Divide and Rule" "In order to create an obstacle to the People's Front the reaction-

aries and the fascists hope for a split in the Radical Party. We, Communists, hope that the EN-TIRE Radcial party will resolutely take to the road of the People's Front. We hope that this evening the Executive Committee of the Radical party will seal an orientation that will permit the joining together of all good wills, of all energies in the struggle for a peaceful France.

Today Thorez can fight fascism

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Wed., July 31, 8P.M. 15th St. & Irving Pl. Irving Plaza Hall

What Next In The Socialist Party?

An Analysis of The New York National Committee Meeting of the S.P. And the Pittsburgh Convention of the Y.P.S.L.

MAX SHACHTMAN Bill Streeter, S.Y.L.

Comments On Life, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness

=By BILL REICH-Washington Side Show...

Raiph Easly of the National Civic Federation protests the extent to head of the movement to behead it which Soviet Ambassador Troyanovsky is feted in Washington. . . George L. Marklan, president of the Philadelphia Board of Trade big incomes and inheritances. "Why kick Ford and Rockefeller? They built up this country" . . . Roosevelt's "share the wealth" scheme Terre Haute. Returning to work Larson and Stanley Novack"—bootwould raise less than \$3 per per- before a real test of strength could ed out for challenging the dictatorson. . . Important debate in the be made, the workers are being vic- ship of John Keracher, P. P. secre-Senate last week: How queen bees can be made to conform to produc- of the plants which struck in symtion controls of the AAA. The queen lays eggs at the rate of 1,000 per day. . . . Professor Paul Pearson, Governor of the Virgin Islands found few virgins there. A survey Columbian Plant itself, where the showed that 65 percent of all island strike is still in effect, the original births were illegitimate. To correct cause of the strike still remains the morals of the islanders he imported a musical director at \$4,800 plant while scabs work inside. The per year to produce Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. . . . Representa- of Federal Labor Department in tive Truax of Ohio introduced in Congress a bill to subsidize circuses hand, martial law still prevails; in order "to preserve and encourage a declining national institution ... Housing...

Cost of materials and opposition of realtors has forced the government to relegate to second place the PWA housing program. Hundreds of children in West Virginia have never lived in a house. The miner parents were evicted four years ago and have been living in tents since then. . . . The govment's duck rehabilitation program calls for the expenditure of \$2,000, 000 for improving a 117,129 acre nesting zone in North Dakota. Food stations and duck-hospitals are being built. Most of the land near the reserve has been purchased by wealthy hunting clubs. . . .

High Finance...

Tobacco growers in 1932 received \$107,000,000 for their entire crop. Workers in tobacco factories received only \$60,000,000 in wages. . . Fifteen million dollars of a \$27,500,000 RFC loan to the New York Central Railroad falls due on August 1. The railroad is unable to pay but RFC director Jesse Jones made arrangements to extend the loan until October 1, or to refinnance it if necessary. . . . Despite the HOLC, Karl Jungdorf, unemployed Philadelphia tailor, and family were evicted from the home on which they had paid \$6,150. . . .

Education...

Half an hour after passing a resolution endorsing the principle of crowd of workers that walked out academic freedom the convention of on strike three weeks ago. The the National Educational Associa- same enthusiasm is there, the same tion passed another to the effect high spirit, but there is a discipline that "the NEA believes and will and direction to the strike that was teach that the American system of government is the best so far devised by man"... Teachers' salaries day speak with sober assurance. than \$750 annually, 54,000 less than \$450 . . . According to the Depart- and in that action have been weldment of Labor, in July 1934 more than a third of the high school and force. They have been harried, atcollege graduates between the ages of 18 and 29 were unemployed . . Two unemployed University of Wisconsin graduates set up an odd-job own. Many have been arrested. employment service for college graduates. "For your odd-job get the companionship of a man who are veterans of a battle and detercan converse in French," they ad-

The Land of Plenty...

After two years of unemployment, 515 miners of the Oliver Mines near addressed letters to them as "Dear Uniontown, Pa., received \$1 for two Mr. So-and-so," urging them to reweeks work. The rest of their pay turn to work. "The boss now rec was kept by the company for bills ognizes our name but he'll have to owed at the company store. Re- recognize our union before we en lief officials granted food orders to ter his factory." keep the families from starving . . . Ten year old Lucy Cotton Thomas strikers has been secured. The Inmust get along on an income of ternational Upholsterers Union, \$60,000 a year. Her mother re which has been hit very hard by cently petitioned for more . . . "Loaf- the depression, has contributed to ing on the job will not be tolerated" the support of the strike. Other stated the Montgomery, Ala., Works unions are urged to give financial Progress Administration as it an- aid. Send funds to the strike comnounced plans to work the unemploy- mittee: Jack Gordon, Upholsterers ed 140 hours per month at \$19 or Union, 273 Sacket Street, Brooklyn 13 cents an hour . . . Mrs. George Cambell of Newboro, Pa., mother of two daughters, applied for her husband's work-relief job. He had been jailed for stealing food for the family . . . Fourteen year old Diana Saturday, July 27, 8:30 P.M.—Boro Frazier has an income of \$9000 a month. Her budget includes \$450 monthly for clothes . . . Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Swarrington, on relief in Quincy, Ill., the 16th child. The oldest is 16 years of age. The relief of the family amounts to less than \$12 per week . . . Gloria Vanderbilt, age 11, must live on a mere \$48,000 per year . . . An examination of 82,634 children of Pennsylvania families on relief conducted by the Emergency Child Health Committee found 30 per cent suffering from

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malnutrition .

Terre Haute

Labor Skates Time Betrayal with Troop Onslaught

Continued from Page 1 skates placed themselves at the at the earliest opportunity, the Indiana crowd took no responsibility for the strike, stepping in only when confusion appeared in the ranks and

effective. Full fruits of this rotten treachtimized by the bosses. In several tary—they submit the policies and pathy with the Columbia Stamping Company employers are refusing to rehire workers, contending that agreements were violated. In the armed plug-uglies keep guard of the osses refuse to accept the services mediating the strike. On the other union halls are closed; innocent bystanders are hauled before court martial and several of the most militant strike leaders and workers to the number of almost ninety are still under military "custody."

That the labor fakers are about to reap a cyclone for their betrayal can already be seen in the tens that prevails in Terre Haute. Resentment is rife everywhere, and the forty-eight unions in the general strike alliance are considering a resumption of the general walkout. United Mine Workers locals and the Power Plant Workers are refusing to return to the job. Indications are multiplying by the hour that they will not long be alone.

Spring Strike Enters Fifth Week

The Brooklyn and Bronx strikes involving 800 workers of two spring manufacturing companies enters its fifth week with the ranks united and determined to win. An enthusiastic meeting of the Brooklyn strikers held at strike head quarters applauded the vice-president Demar of the Inter. Uphols terers Union as he pledged the full support of the Lnternational to the strike and called for solid ranks and even greater activity on the picket line.

The strikers are not the same have tested themselves in action ed together into a strong united tacked and jailed by the police. They have battled with scabs and thugs and more than held their Seven are charged with entering the plant and attacking scabs. They mined to fight until victory is theirs.

The plant is producing nothing. The manager, who formerly, as one striker stated, had one name for all the workers-"Hev. you." has now

Some financial support for the

What to Attend

lyn, Spartacus Hall. Come and Tenor." Dancing, refreshments free! Admission 15 cents.

Sunday, July 28—Outing to Coney Aus: Spartacus Youth League.

IMPORTANT NOTICE! Bronx Branch Picnic POSTPONED From July 28 to August 25 To be held at Tippets Brook Park, Plot 8.

3 Members of P.P. Sect Resign Ride Scabs Out Under Militia After Bitter Struggle; Join W.P. In Iowa Strike

hopeless; for not only is it ultra-torting others by Lenin. sectarian in nature and its position completely incorrect, but there is dislodged. There is nothing for us employed movement in the worst to do but resign."

With these concluding remarks three leading members, Phil Lawson, Dick Landgraf and Gunther, of the "unwarranted and unconstituery are already to be picked in tional expulsion of comrades Martin

> practices of the party to a devastating criticism on all counts. Taking a clear stand on the international question they point out that the Proletarian Party hid for years behind the skirts of the Comintern, never criticizing it through years of bankruptcy and treachery but opposing at all times the American Stalinist party as a means of avoiding responsibility for the world movement. "The best one can say for the position of the Proletarian Party on the Comintern," they comment, "is that it serves as an excuse for maintaining an organization that can never consider unity with any other.'

All of this is of a piece with the rest of the haloed sectarianism of ority of the working class.

With the dogma as a guiding line with the P. P. contempt has marked their attitude tion by tearing some quotations of lutionary party exists.

"The Proletarian Party is today | Marx out of their context and dis-

For fifteen years, the statemen goes on to say, the P.P. has lectured no possibility of changing it. The at the working class. Members of The existing bureaucracy is too the party, like a group in Chicago deeply intrenched, and cannot be who cooperated in building an unyears of the crisis were persona non grata with Keracher and his stooges on the National Committee Only on one occasion were the unthe Detroit local of the P. P. bid employed honored by the appearprotests the President's plan to tax the reactionary whip would be most farewell to a hard-shelled sectarian ance of the Secretary of the P.P. and informed that they could not outfit. Beginning with a protest at who condescended to lecture to them on primitive communism or some similar timely subject.

In Detroit and Flint members of the P. P. succeeded in building un a considerable movement amonf the auto workers only to see their efforts frittered away by neglect and sabotage from the Center and outright persecution of those elements who dared to criticize the "infallible" leadership.

Others who occupied themselves with some sort of class struggle activity fell into the bad graces of the leadership. In Michigan a few of the P. P. comrades led a fight for a moratorium on farm mortcrimes, since the Moguls of the P.P. have decided in closed closet that all farmers are reactionary and activity among them for immediate demands is a "betrayal of the revolutionary movement.

The final point of their documen the Proletarian Party which raises is a lampoon at the bureaucratic "educational activity" to a princ- regime of Keracher who, on his own iple and by means of study circles, authority—and of course in his own lectures, reading groups and the interest—has forbidden any discuslike it hopes to win over the ma- sion in the Detroit local on the W. P. offer to begin unity negotiations

Another crack in the fissure-lined with regards the daily struggles of Proletarian Party, another movethe working class They spurn im- ment of individuals to the Workers mediate demands, fearing to be Party constitutes one more indicacontaminated in the class struggle, tion as to where the center of and justify this ivory tower posi- working class unity and the revo-

Moonlight On The Hudson

To those who love the moonlight, the cadence of dancing feet, the odor of boiling franks, we are offering the opportunity of an August evening. A moonlight sail, up the moonlit Hudson.

We have chartered the S.S. Islander (all to ourselves), for Saturday, August 17, 1935. The boat leaves Pier 132nd St. at 5:30 P.M. sharp for Hook Mountain. Buy your tickets early as only 300 tickets will be sold.

Dancing, music, entertainment, and refreshments will add considerably to the joy and merriment.

This affair is for the benefit of the 8-page New Militant. We urge everyone to get their tickets at once. They can be purchased at 55 E. 11th Street or the Bookshop at 96 Fifth Avenue.

Indiana Council Members **Denounce Stalinist Splitting**

INDIANAPOLIS, July 14 .- The ent, three from the NUL, four from vised by man". Teachers' salaries day speak with sober assurance, lief, held Sunday, July 14, passed from the NUL. Fellow-worker Allerland 12 per cent between 1929 and the mights are solution holding the Communist len reported that the Communist 1934, 250,000 teachers receiving less the mighty army of labor. They Party and organizations close to it Party representative on the Execuof the united front.

delegates. A program of action main points:

1. Absolutely no wage cuts on FERA:

2. Jobs for every unemployed worker, with the 30 hour week and \$30 minimum wage: 3 Unemployment insurance at

the expense of the bosses: 4. Right to call the family physician at the expense of the

relief authorities; 5. Immediate 50 percent increase in relief allowance, with \$15 a month cash for rent and

Plans were made or drawing the

Conference's program.

resentation on the Committee was: united front. hear the "Mysterious Proletarian National Unemployed League, Mrs. Faye Allen of the NUC Brightwood Local, 2-Fred Sulli- pointed out that the county chairvan, chairman of the local, and man of the NUC was absent from Robert L. Birchman, NUL organ- both conferences, as was also the Island. Meet at 4th St. in front izer for Indiana; National Unem- state secretary of the NUC and of Municipal Baths at 11 A. M. ployment Council blocks, 4—Cecil that neither functioned in any way Allen, Andy John Faune, Mohamed to build the united front; the state Friday - Dram-group of S. Y. L. Ajamy, and Elsie Froncis; and organizer of the NUC was present meets regularly Friday evenings Charles Staidfelt, Section Secretary at the first conference, but otherat 8 P.M. at 55 E. 11th St. All of the Communist Party. Cecil wise failed to function. She stated, comrades interested in dramatics Allen, of the National Unemploy- "Organizations that do not function are asked to attend. Aus: S.Y.L. ment Council was elected chairman, are only isolating themselves from and Robert L. Birchman of the Na- the workers and are doing wrong."

> 14, Cecil Allen as chairman of the here that we had at the first conthat only nine delegates were prest that the Communist Party black-

> second conference of the Marion one block of the NUC, two from County Joint Conference Against the Angelo Herndon Branch of the Wage Cuts and For Increased Re- I.L.D., and one alternate delegate responsible for criminal sabotage tive Committee failed to function at all, and that delegates from or-The first conference was held on ganizations close to the C. P. also June 16, consisting of delegates failed to function, with the excepfrom the National Unemployed tion of several from the NUC League (one local), National Un- blocks. Allen further stated that employed Council (three branches), the report had come to him that Communist Party, International the reason they wanted nothing to Labor Defense, and Young Pioneer do with the united front was be-League. There was a total of 37 cause Birchman of the NUL was secretary of the Executive Commitagainst wage cuts and for increased tee. They sabotaged the conferrelief was drawn up by this con- ence by telling the workers in orference, the following being the ganizations under their influence to stay away, he further stated. Reports and discussion by other delegates followed.

Robert L. Birchman, delegate from the Brightwood Local, NUL, and secretary of the Executive Committee of the conference, discussed the functions of a united front, and stated that it appeared that the C. P. did not understand the character of a united front, or want one, and that no objections had been raised to the NUL local being a part of the united front at the first conference.

Jules Bertman, delegate from the unions into the united front. Plans Brightwood local, NUL, spoke furalso were made for the holding of ther on the purpose and function a picnic, for the purpose of raising of the united front, and offered a finances for the carrying on of the resolution pointing out that the united front is imperative in the An executive committee of seven fight against wage cuts, etc.: that vas elected to carry out the activithis conference was a step in this ities of the conference until the direction; and that the Communist next conference when further ac- Party be condemned for criminal Park Social, 1359 43rd St., Brook- tion would be decided on. The rep- sabotage in openly disrupting the

tional Unemployed League, secre- Andy John Faune, delegate from tary of the Executive Committee. Block No. 101, NUC, of Marion When the second conference con- County, stated: "We should have vened on Sunday afternoon, July had double the number of delegates Executive Committee noted the fact ference. The reason we haven't is

Workers on March In Many Cities Of State

By PAT MURPHY DAVENPORT, Iowa, June 18. Twenty-five men who were imported from St. Louis, Mo. to act as strike breakers in the Des Moines, Iowa bakery strike were met at the depot by over 200 labor union members stay long in Des Moines. The Des Moines workers lined up the St. Louis importations, and marched them to the labor temple and held them until train time. They then

and saw that they left town. A. A. Ahner, head of the Indust rial Investigators of St. Louis, Mo (a company that makes a specialty of strike breaking) accompanied the men to Des Moines.

marched them back to the station

The six leading bakeries of the city are shut down. The unionized bakers and bakery truck drivers walked out July 13. They are demanding closed shop contract.

In Keokuk, Iowa, workers struck the Hubinger Co., corn product gages. This was the crime of manufacturers, demanding the reinstatement of seven workers who were discharged for union activity. After five days the strike was settled with the company granting all the demands o the workers.

In Council Bluffs the Street Rail. way strike is still on. There has been only one attempt made to move the trams. This attempt met with such resistance on the part of the strikers that they returned the car to the barn for repairs. The men ae just as determined to win as when they walked out April 20.

jacked the united front." The resolution was passed unanimously.

The conference instructed the executive committee to prepare for a large mass meeting within two weeks, as preparation for a demonstration against wage cuts, against cutting any worker off from relief, and for the 30 hour week, \$30 minimum wage. Jules Bertman, NUL delegate, was elected as an additional member of the Executive Committee.

Plans were also developed for the Workers Unity Picnic which the first conference decided to hold. The date selected was August 11. two speaking programs, one in the afternoon at which representatives of the different unemployed organizations will speak, and in the evening a symposium of representatives from all political parties on what their party is doing and will do for the workers in the fight against wage cuts, etc. The resolution adopted follows:

Whereas the workers, unemployed and employed in Marion County are faced with a new offensive on their living conditions including new wage cuts and dis-

And whereas united action of all workers' organizations is imperative:

And whereas this conference is a step in this direction:

And whereas the Communist Party and organizations close to it have sabotaged this fight; Be it therefore resolved that this gathering of workers for united action hold the above parties responsible and condemn them for

criminal sabotage. Signed: MOHAMED AJAMY, National Unemployment Council, Marion County, Block No. 101.

ROBERT L. BIRCHMAN National Unemployed League, Marion County, Brightwood Local. ANDY JOHN FAUNE, NUC. Mar-

ion County, Block 101. FRED SULLIVAN, NUL, Marion County, Brightwood Local. FAYE ALLEN, NUC, Marion Co., Block 101.

ANNIE HOLLME, Angelo Herndon Branch, International Labor Defense.

Herndon Branch, I.L.D. County, Block 101. JULES Bertman, NUL, Marion

County, Brightwood Local.

An Outline History of Class P recution

'Criminal Syndicalism Laws,

reached the heights of the general Angelo Herndon shows. strikes of Winnipeg and Seattle, laws were hurriedly passed to curb law commonly known as the "Sedi-1920 21 states and two territories "language intended to incite-dispassed criminal syndicalist laws.

In sixteen states the law is worded exactly alike. The California law of 1919 is typical. It defines criminal syndicalism as

"any doctrine or precept advocating, teaching, aiding and abetting the commission of crime, sabotage (which term is hereby defined as meaning willful and malicious physical damage or injury to physical property) or unlawful acts of force and violence or unlawful methods of terrorism as a means of accomplishing a change in industrial ownership or control, or effecting any political change." Any person, who by word of mouth or by the circulation of literature, advocates the principles of criminal syndicalism, or any person who knowingly joins an organization which advocates similar principles, is guilty of a felony and subject to imprisonment for from 1 to 14 years.

Originally the criminal syndical ist laws were directed chiefly at the vention. As part of its platform, I.W.W. But as the revolutionary movement developed the courts used the laws against all militant work-

anarchy, incitement to insurrection, and sedition laws.

Reviving Dead Laws Criminal anarchy is defined as

ment should be overthrown by organization. force and violence or by assassination-or by any other means." New The program included games and dual terror. Nevertheless, they were convicted and the New York Court of Appeals sustained the conviction. A minority (Pound and Cardoza) dissented because the statute was Marx and Lenin. Judge Anderson in Federal Dis-

person who seriously accepted these distinctions is that well-known stulaws are creaky, antiquated instruments inadequate for a 20th century feel the need of new laws, for the courts have shown remarkable inwhich capitalist courts disapprove. The criminal anarchy laws are now being used in Arkansas against organizers of tenant farmers.

Dusting Off the Civil War

Another example of the ingenuity of the courts is the use of the "Incitement to Insurrection" laws passed in the Southern states during Reconstruction days. The Georgia laws says that

"Any attempt or persuasion or other means used to induce others to join in any combined resistance to the state, shall constitte an attempt to incite insurrection," which MARJORIE KIRTLEY, Angelo is punishable by death, unless the jury recommends mercy; in that CECIL E. ALLEN, NUC, Marion event, the punishment shall not be less than five nor more than twenty years. This type of statute does not penalize membership in radical no "miscarriage of justice." Delegates to the Second Marion organizations, but requires proof of County Joint Conference Against an actual attempt at incitement to and the Whitney case (1927) the Wage Cuts and For Increased Re insurrection. However, in the hands U. S. Supreme Court sustained the of a vicious prosecutor, together convictions. Thus the highest court

Prosecutions of militant workers with a handpicked jury, it is an which have occurred in Sacramento effective weapon for the suppresand elsewhere are proceeding under sion of radical activity—a Civil laws passed during the post-war War musket, slightly rusty, but labor struggles. As the rising tide still usable—as the conviction of

Finally, there is a fourth type of the labor movement. From 1917 to tion Law." Rhode Island punishes regard of the Constitution or laws.' Connecticut punishes "public advocacy of any measure or doctrine proposed or propaganda intended to njuriously affect the government."

Terror in California

The criminal syndicalist laws have been used mostly against union organizers. In California up to 1924 there were 531 indicted of whom 504 were actually apprehended; 292 dismissed without trial; of 212 who were tried, 164 were convicted, all of whom were members f the I.W.W. except three who beonged to the Communist Labor Party.

Anita Whitney was one of the three. Daughter of a former Supreme Court judge of California, she had played an important role in the defense of members of the .W.W. She was convicted so soon after the organization of the Communist Labor Party that the state had little evidence except some speeches made at the Chicago conthe party had adopted a resolution recognizing the historical significance for militant unionism of the I.W.W. The rudge ruled that the Three other types of laws were Communist Labor Party had theres already on the statute books as by endorsed the I.W.W. and that weapons against labor: criminal evidence as to the activities of the I.W.W. was admissible to show the character of the Communist Labor Party. Whitney was convicted, as were all the others, solely on the the doctrine that organized govern- basis of membership in a radical

"The Usual Story

Immediately upon the passage of York, New Jersey, and Washington the criminal syndicalist laws the passed such laws after the assassin- I.W.W. had eliminated from its ation of King Humbert of Italy and platform all references to sabotage President McKinley, but for twenty as a tactic in class struggle. But years they remained unused. They this was of no avail. Pre-war docwere revived in New York for the uments were used to cocnvict Wobpurpose of prosecuting Larkin, Git-blies. Two stool pigeons appeared low, Ruthenberg and others. The at trial after trial with the same defendants, as Communists, were evidence, which was so much a not opposed to "organized govern- matter of rote that the Appellate ment," and were opposed to indivi- Courts often refer to it as "the usual story.'

The California prosecutors have developed a technique for confusing the juries. Evidence is introduced -not as to the defendants' actividirected against the doctrines of ties-but to show that the organiz-Tolstoi and Kropotkin and not of ation the defendants belong to has advocated certain doctrines. Since, however, juries have often shown trict Court concluded similarly in themselves not ready to send workinterpreting our deportation laws ers to jail merely because they adwhich were originally directed spe- vocate and organize unions, the cifically against anarchists. How- prosecution resorts to embellishever, this acquaintance with some ments: long extracts from Lenin of the rudimentary differences in on religion, taken out of their conradical philosophies has left no im- text and badly distorted, followed press on the law. In fact, the only up with a parade of bogies, such as nationalization of women, destruc tion of the American home and dent of Lenin, William Randolph fireside, etc. The prosecutors have Hearst, who has recently cried out also been accustomed to prove with that our deportation and syndicalist perjured evidence that Communist meetings are opened with a ritual which starts by kissing the Red capitalist reaction. Others do not Flag, trampling the American flag underfoot and ending with the collegiate cheer, "Bolshevik, Bolshegenuity in extending existing laws vik, bang bang bang!" Prosecutors to any philosophy or activity of have also introduced fake evidence of sabotage, terrible tales of arson, emergy dust in machinery, systemmatic destruction of property, etc. Everything Goes

Where convictions have been obtained on such evidence, the defense objections against the evidence have been agreed to by appeal courts - which, nevertheless, sustain the convictions! How? The California law, for example, provides that even improper evidence may be overlooked by the appeal court, unless "the Court shall be of the oinion that the error complained of has resulted in a miscarriage of justice." So, no matter how raw the patriotic antics of the prosecutor, no matter how little evidence is produced, the upper courts have often succeeded in convincing themselves that there was

In both the Gitlow case (1925) in the land has blessed these vigilante laws. The post-war wave of prosecutions was finally defeated. not by reversals in higher courts. but by failure of the juries in lower courts to render verdicts. As the red-scare faded, fewer and fewer juries could be found who were amenable to the prosecution's frame-ups. The struggle for civil rights began to have its effect on the juries, and there were many split juries. In desperation, prosecutors and judges even resorted to the use of injunctions against radicals-for the violation of the iniunction could be punished by the judge himself without a jury. This method was too raw, however, and was dropped. The splitting of juries under the pressure and persuasion of the struggle for civil rights brought to an end the post-war

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Stalinists in Van of Social Patriotic Peoples Front

Bureaucrats Dismayed at Rising Tide of Opposition

(Continued from Page 1) ship, when a few canes tipped with, make a declaration to disapprove razor hlades were waved in the attempted coup of February 6. 1934. But that was before the Stalin-Laval pact. Today Daladier is the very pillar of the "People's Front," Bastille Day demonstration.

And on the platform of the "People's Front" none other than Her- to conquer for the toiling masses riot thunders his undying opposition the right to their flag, the right to to "fascism of the right as well as their army, the right to their fafascism of the extreme left." For therland. The Communist party is he too fights for the "common a young, realistic, honest party, a the true merits of the man: "Is it ready conquered one-sixth of the not evident," he declares, "that we globe, one-fourth of China, and can come to an agreement to safe- which in France by its successes is guard peace with a party whose about to augment its prestige to a most eminent leaders and notably, considerable degree." (P.V.C. writ-President Herriot, have never ing in l'Humanite, May 17) ceased to say and to prove their

On July 14, Herriot, Daladier, Blum and Thorez marched in the vanguard of the first "People's Front" parade bearing high aloft "the tricolor flag, the emblem of French revolutionary traditions, and the Red flag." (l'Humanite. June 28.)

The Stalinists have traded in the revolutionary struggle for power for a respectable program of haggling for "immediate demands." In a period such as this, concessions can be wrested from the bourgeoisie only if its power itself is challenged. Otherwise the new immediate demands will not be granted and instead the old ones withdrawn. While the fascists are preparing the noose, the Stalinists are hamstringing the workers so that the bourgeoisie can bleed all resistance out of them.

Painting Up the Radicals

What is this monstrosity, the "People's Front"? Is it an alliance with the petty bourgeoisie? The middle classes, who can have no program of their own, will follow the most resolute camp in society. While vacillating in despair between the revolutionary proletariat and the fascist gangs, the middle classes are presented by the Stalinists with the shoddy "People's Front." This constellation is intended to refurbish all the Daladiers and all the "democrats" in whom the middle class is fast losing all confidence and hope. Its only result can be to throw them into the arms of fascism.

The "People's Front" is the unholy offspring of the Stalin-Laval pact. It is social-patriotism in full flower. It is intended to be-and it is—alliance with the bourgeoisie it-

Each new day brings into bolder relief the social-patriotic aspect of Stalinism. In May, the new recruiting sergeant for French imperialism, Vaillant-Couturier, plows the trumpet:

"The fatherland? Why not. We want to conquer it. . . . We do not want to conquer the fatherland after it is laid low, ruined and devastated by war. While waiting for The Day we must do everything in our power to protect it against the capitalists, the destrovers of the machine, and the fascists, the destroyers of culture, its material wealth, its moral and intellectual riches accumulated by generations of the toiling masses of France. We are proud of the revolutionary traditions of France. ..." (l'Humanite, May 15)

L'Humanite beats the drums: "What could be more natural than the fact that our comrade Stalin, upon the request of Laval whom he received in the presence of members of the government. should have declared his approval of the military measures taken

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in France? Did you want him to That is not serious. . them? What is important is that the interview led to concrete results for the defense of the U.S.S.R."

And further on, "the communists worthy indeed to march side by side do not plant their banner in mud. with Thorez himself, leading the They do not condemn the army as such. They do not misconstrue the idea of the fatherland. They want The keen Thorez knows government party, which has al-

Small wonder the died-in-the-wool friendship for the Soviet Union, social patriots can raise their heads us, as the great force for peace in has met with the sanction of Moscialist Party:

"Stalin, the great Stalin, the supreme leader of the Third International, has proclaimed before the entire world that the task in France is not to allow in any way the weakening of its instruments of national defense.

"And as he goes on, he become more emphatic.

"Stalin adds that he understands and fully approves the policy of national defense carried on by France to maintain its forces at the necessary level of security.

"These declarations of their deity have descended on the skulls of the French Communist leaders like so many hammer blows till they see stars by the thousands. They are waiting the order-to dilute their wine with a little water and to prepare their minds more and more for a new conception of Communist duty in the event of war-but they were many hundred miles removed from the thought that Stalin would personally take the liberty to proclaim that Flandin and Laval were right in reestablishing the two years' term of compulsory military service, and that their duty was to continually strengthen French armaments that our people must bear up under their burden, and the opponents of this policy must be cast into prison.

"I confess that today I would have cause for laughter if I were

in the mood "But I will refrain because the facts are indeed very serious.

"Still, since Stalin has avenged me against the sarcasm heaped on me by his French followers, I have decided to thank him for it, ocering. In fact, I intended to send him a drawing depicting the communist leaders Thorez, Duclos, Thiepaut, Quinet, Darguesse and the rest as doughboys, with a pack on their shoulder, a musket blood in military exercises under the severe and imperious command of colonel Marcel Cachin. With myself seated in a corner watching them, while re-reading the theses and conditions of 1920. and the articles and speeches of Cachin and Thorez on revolutionary defeatism.

"And over the drawing, this heading: Ones must never swear to anything.' "Below, an inscription: For

France, for Russia, let us prepare quickly and well." (Populaire, May 23.)

Cachin, the prodigal son, has returned to the fold and Evrard patling his happiness. Organic Unity

mittee for Organic Unity (merger at their mouths, the bureaucrats between the S. P. and the C. P.) is had to recognize this fact by grantoath that a war against the U.S.S. inists. R. would be no imperialist war. Piatnitzky, high priest in the C. I., will be shortly in France to officiate at the social-patriotic wedlock.

True, the Stalinists have one conernally cannot refrain from chort- dition: the expulsion of the Bolshevik-Leninists. This time, however, expulsion will not prove so easy, months ago." Now that Stalin has trampled un- for the Bolshevik-Leninists already der foot the last vestiges of Lenin-control over one-fourth of the ism there is no barrier any longer strongest district in the S. P., i.e. between himself, Blum, Zyromsky Paris, and they have a strong foland all the other Evrards. Le Pop- lowing elsewhere as well. The oriulaire has expressed its entire ginal nucleus that entered last Bill Green of France against the by the nose." agreement on the united ("Peo- October has turned from a propaple's") front and on the national ganda group into a revolutionary

friendship for the Soviet Union, social patriots can raise their heads considered by them, as well as by high. At last their betrayal of 1914 the world?" (l'Humanite, June 30). Cow. So, Evrard grows lyrical in On July 14, Herriot, Daladier, Organ of the French So-

The Bolshevik-Leninist group of the S. F. I. O. coordinated two conferences against social patriotism and class peace. One of these committees was organized by the syndicalists and the other one by the New Age group. At the initiative of the Boltshevik-Leninists these committees have fused. The group, whose names are not mentioned in the resolution published below includes: Doriot, Pivert, Action Socialiste, Guy Jeram and the Proletarian Revolution

"The cause of proletarian internationalism has just been officially deserted by Stalin who speaks as the leader of the Third International, approving the policy of national defense followed by France.

"We are completely opposed to the conception which has dictated this declaration, just as we are opposed to the position of the leaders of the Second International on national defense in a capitalist regime.

Whatever our ideas on the economic and social regime of the U.S. S.R. we repudiate any sacred union, any participation in "national defense' with any of our capitalist governments, democratic or not, allied with the Soviet Union or no, and we remain true to the ideas expressed by Lenin in the name of the revolutionary proletariat.

"We denounce the policy which prepares a world war, and which justifies it with the same sophisms, with the same artifices of propaganda as in the war of 1914.

"It is not true that German imperialism, even with Hitler, is the sole instigator of war. All the imperialist powers are equally and jointly responsible, having prepared the germs of the next war in the Versailles treatv.

"There can be no question of defending democracy by war, since entry into war carries with it militarization and the suppression of all democratic life. "There is no other method to assure to the people bread, peace and

liberty than the proletarian revolution, than to organize against capitalism in every country. "Let us act before war breaks out to overthrow the capitalist re-

gime. If the catastrophe overtakes us, let it be the signal for the world revolution, where all the workers will turn first against their common enemy, imperialism in their home country. "At the moment when, according to the genial prophecy of Engels,

the world is obliged to choose between the realization of socialism or the decline into barbarism, at the moment when the general historic interests of the proletariat become vital necessities for all of human society, the revolutionists today have the duty of jointly organizing and undertaking this act of salvation.

"That is why we, the undersigned, members of different parties. organizations, groups and tendencies of the proletariat, call upon our comrades to unite in a national conference, as a prelude to an internabe able to coord proletariat against war and for world revolution: "Action Lenimiste (Boyer, Renoult); Bolshevik-Leninist Group;

Unitary Federation of Teachers (L. and G. Bouet, Collinet, Gilbert. Peret); La Construction Sociale (Victor); L'Internationale (L'Union Communiste) ; La Lutte de Classe (Limbour) ; La Lutte Finale (Treint, Tessier); Nouvelle Age (Valois, Weber)"

7th Congress Of C.I. Opens

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military credits. The reasons? with the 7th Congress. day openly to support French, reach Bela Kun's level. Czeckoslovak and other imperialby a strategy of seige. After all Stalin will succeed in carrying out his will as expressed in the communique-we can only be grateful to him for this. This would be too great of a gift for the proletariat and for us.

One can be confident that not one of the "leaders" commanding at the Congress will have the courage to pose the question of Zinoviev's

fate. Out of the six congresses must not exaggerate. The Russian

There are Fascist officers in the Who will now make the big gones in all its stages and bears rearmy. The army of imperialism is speeches and write the long resoto be democratic, a people's army, lutions? Manuilsky and Kuusinen i.e. it must correspond to the prin- are now in decline. Perhaps Bela ciples of the "People's Front" (re- Kun? He is most suited for it, member that the speeches of Noske particularly if we remember Lenin the Reichstag on the attitude to- in's famous speech at the plenum ward the Hohenzollern war always of the E.C.C.I. on the eve of the had this tone). Something in the Third Congress. The speech was same spirit will be decided by the devoted almost entirely to Bela the decision will be approximately formula: "Bela Kun's stupidities."

Another candidate - Dimitrov. the time of war. In other words, all applauded him, particularly in of the strike. the strategy for the obliteration of comparison with the conduct of the the elementary principle of Marx- chairman of the Stalinist parliaism will for a time be substituted mentary fraction, Torgler. But we

heretofore known in the history of revolutionists, not only the Bolshethe Comintern, Zinoviev presided viks but also the Social Revolutionover five. At present he languishes ary terrorists, for example, in their of \$1,000. in a prison cell for the alleged in- majority conducted themselves betention of restoring capitalism with fore the Czarist police courageousthe aid of terrorist acts against the ly and with distinction. This was Soviet bureaucracy. The alarming the rule and not the exception. The undoubtedly did not foresee the ex- turn of the Soviet bureaucracy finds cowards were despised but there tremely unpleasant response to his its clearest expression in the per- was no scraping before the courcommunique. The leaders of the sonal fate of Zinoviev. But can ageous ones. And it is character-French party immediately went to any Cachin or Pieck find any inter- istic of the moral level of the Com- particularly attracted by the ar-Moscow in an almost panicky mood. est in this? So long as they have intern bureaucracy that Dimitrov ticles in defense of Ethiopia. He Leon Blum lectured to them learn- a post and a salary, why should became a demi-God for his courag- says: "I read carefully the little will appear in the August issue of edly: you mustn't at present waste they be concerned whether Zinoviev cous conduct before the court. At paper and I love the stand it took the NEW INTERNATIONAL will all your patriotic powder or else presides over a revolutionary con- any rate Dimitrov never sought on the side of right against might be an Open Letter to the French exploiting, not only their own workyou will be morally and politically gress or is confined to jail as a and never attempted to prove his and truth against falsehood. I Proletariat by L. Trotsky, the first disarmed at the outbreak of the counter revolutionist? But the mettle as a Marxist and a Bolshe-pledge to give my strong support to installment of a discussion with

war. In parliament the Stalinists question of Zinoviev must be posed vik and to contradict the Stalinist this paper and you will find en- Max Eastman on some Marxian its commodities for an amount behave already refused to vote for by us, particularly in connection general line. He went through the whole shameful policy of the episponsibility for it. As to the decisions of the Con-

gress we shall have occasion to return to this subject later.

PHILA. FRUIT CLERKS IN WEEKS STRIKE

The Fruit Clerks Union struck Seventh Congress. The sense of Kun and its leit motif was the brief the Blue Ribbon Market six weeks Flatbush branch, N. Y. C.... 3.25 will appear regularly every month extract wealth from lesser capitalago. The demands are: (1) a 63 Bronx branch, N.Y.C...... 1.00 and on time. But, and this is urlists as well as from the workers. as follows: it is not necessary to- Not by accident did the Comintern hour week, (2) \$17.50 minimum a Harlem branch, N. Y. C. . . . 2.50 gent. All branches and bundle To answer the many questions week, (3) union recognition. It is H. Zackbein, Detroit 2.00 agents must now rush their remit- bearing on this subject we should rumored that the Blue Ribbon Newark branch 3.00 tances. We can no longer afford like to go more fully into the matisms but rather to prepare the His present, entirely unexpected Market is in a bad condition finan- Philadelphia branches 50 to let the accounts lapse. The in- ter but we are here able to merely workers gradually and carefully career, was caused exclusively by cially and can no longer get credit for the defense of imperialism at his conduct at the Fascist trial. We in the wholesale market as a result Minneapolis branch 20.00 character of the rich material to ample of why prices do not corres-

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working overtime. L'Humanite ing the Bolshevik-Leninists one regdrives for organic unity as the task ular representative and one alterof the hour. Zyromsky is happily ate on the C.A.P. (the S. P. equivagreed to the Stalinist formulation alent of a Political Committee) and in the draft program for unity (see one representative on the Adminisl'Humanite, June 8, 1935), where trative Board of the organ Le Popu-"no national defense in an imper- laire. The machinations of the bu- Front": unconditional capitulation ialist war" has been substituted for reaucrats behind the scenes will to the labor lieutenants of the "no national defense in a capitalist now be forced into the open through French capitalist class. regime" in harmony with Thorez' the medium of the Bolshevik-Len-

covering the Mulhouse Congress of ment. Opposition to the Stalinthe emotions of Blum and Co. in rillacc and elsewhere broke into the stating that "they (the leaders) open. The Auxerre district demand-

revolutionary elements, particularly selves a proper share of sinecures. ation that made possible the resumption of negotiations with Jouhaux reads as follows:

"7) Freedom of opinion and the exercise of trade union democracy must not entail the formation of bodies that act as factions in the trade unions. Each trade unionand work in political and philosophic organizations of his own choice, he, however, can belong to the trade union only in the capacity of a trade unionist. . . .

Thus at the end of the Stalinist trade union rainbow we find the Siamese twin of the "People's But within the ranks of the C. P.

itself, despite the stranglehold of The reporter for the semi-official the bureaucracy, the barracks-room organ of the government, Temps, in discipline there is a seething ferthe S.F.I.O., expressed only too well Laval pact in Jura, Montlucon, Auregret having accepted them several ed the expulsion of Stalin, the social-patriot. The workers are no In the meantime, while unity longer being taken in by the specwith Blum hangs fire, the Stalinists ious arguments of the bureaucrats are also involved in fervent negotia- that "everything remains as before, tions on the trade union fileld, seek- nothing is changed, Stalin is a Lening an alliance with Jouhaux, the inist and is leading the bourgeoisie

1914 betrayal.

Outside the Stalinist ranks oppo-

against the Bolshevik-Leninists sition to social-patriotism is taking whose influence in the movement is an organized form. An initiative growing. Had the C.G.T.U. (Red committee of revolutionary minori-Trade Union Center) entered the C. ties already functions. The Bolshe-G.T. (the reformist organization) vik-Leninists, Pivert (one of the as a revolutionary opposition, trade leading figures in the Paris District union unity would have been al- of the S. P.), Doriot together with ready achieved. The Stalinists, of several other groups and trade uncourse, were instead interested in ion organizations held a meeting on prestige" and in securing for them- July 10 in preparation for a national conference set for August. Else-Point Seven of the C.G.T.U. declar- where in this issue we print the resolution of the preliminary conference against a repetition of the For the first time, after more

than a decade of crimes, betravals and defeats, the revolutionary proletariat is rising in France to take to the road of the October victory.

The Manager's Corner

of fifteen, composed of the most elaborate plans are worked out and Philadelphia br. (Thomas).. 4.03 practical results in a big way Previously reported195.48 is thus \$1,100,000, and the total should follow soon. An initial installment is recorded this week. But so far the Boston branch still holds the lead with a total contrioution of \$39.00.

Among the New York branches has brought a small change this away. taken the lead over Harlem which BUNDLE ORDER SETTLEMENTS a raising of prices above their week. The West Side branch has was ahead last week. Contributions from the West Side branch at the time of going to press were \$33.00. Still this is not such a good lead dilinquents in regard to remittances industries and the three industries ince this sum represents contribuon the West Side we have one of course they were only the worst Constant capital, \$1,000,000; variour larger branches. In comparison dilinquents. There are a number able capital, \$500,000; surplus valthe smaller branches like Harlem of others whose accounts are also ue, \$330,000; selling price, \$1,830,and Flatbush, the former with a overdue for payments but there is 000 (\$170,000 less than its value); total of \$29.48 and the latter with still an opportunity for them to rate of profit, 22 percent (111 per a total of \$20.00 have done better when measured in real terms. The entered on the dilinquent list. larger branches are still behind in this sense. For example the Bronx last week have since made a ser- \$550,000; selling price, \$3,050,000 branch, which has a membership of lous effort to get in good standing. about 60, has contributed only \$13 The Minneapolis branch forwarded of profit, 22% (2% more than beto date and the Center branch, also \$15.00 payment on the NEW MILIwith a large membership, has con- TANT account and \$9.00 payment 000; variable capital, \$100,000; tributed only \$24.25. There is still a long way to go to reach the quota count. The New York Spartacus accepted by the New York district Youth League made a similar effort.

A number of individual contributions have been received from NEW MILITANT readers and friends. Amongst them T. C. Glashen from steps to remedy this situation. West Virginia informs us that he received a copy of the NEW MILI-TANT from a friend and became closed \$1.00 for my subscription and Fundamentals, a Survey of the

50 cents for a donation. Needless to say we receive quite it augurs well for what we have been convinced of from the outset: We will put the campaign for the eight-page weekly over the top.

received the following amounts: Contributions

Paterson branch (Giordano). 1.00 sue. Dave Warren, Brooklyn 1.00

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The Chicago branches are now West Side Branch, N.Y.C.... 1.50 cent. (We assume for the sake of getting their forces together to help Boro Park branch, N.Y.C.... 1.50 simplicity that the entire plant put over the campaign for the eight- Chicago branches 7.50 wears out in a year so that its enpage weekly. A special committee Harlem branch, N. Y., C.... 3.00 tire value is transferred into the Greetings ctive comrades, has been set up, St. Louis branch (Burbank). 2.00

Grand Total \$276.51

This amount is still only a little better than ten percent of the total for capital to flow from the inecessary to lay a secure founda-dustries with a lower to those of tion for the eight-page weekly. We a higher rate of profit so that overthe competition to show best results must build that foundation right production, forcing down the prices

of the branches and bundle agents who have been put on the list of due to the NEW MILITANT and taken as examples would then have tions from only five members and the NEW INTERNATIONAL. Of the following compositions: (1) catch up before they will also be

Some of the branches mentioned on the NEW INTERNATIONAL ac-But the most important point is that practically all accounts are far overdue and the branches and the bundle agents must take serious

AUGUST NEW INTERNATIONAL ALMOST READY

Among the valuable material that Third Party Movement, a review of above their values for which the Olgin's pamphlet on Trotskyism, an commodities of the other two infew of such notes of support and analysis of the British-German dustries are sold. Naval Agreement and an article by L. Trotsky on Rosa Luxemburg and ess occurs except that it is the the Fourth International.

Take advantage of this offer while

Question Box

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Question: According to Marx the value of commodities is determined by the socially necessary labor-time embodied in them, and yet we observe everywhere that one capitalist employing a certain number of men makes much different profits than another employing the same number.. Does this not contradict the Marxian economic theory, since apparently the workers should be adding the same value in each case?

Answer: As a rule, commodities, in capitalist society, do not sell at their values, and it is this fact which gives rise to the suspicion that the concept of socially necessary labor-time as the determinant of value is incorrect. What we have here however, is not a refutation of the law of value but its further development. What actually occurs is that value IS determined by the socially necessary labor-time embodied in commodities, but the surplus value extracted from the workers is proportioned among the different capitalists according to the amount and power of the capital that each controls and not according to the number of workers that each directly employs. Under competitive capitalism this

proportioning is brought about by the tendency towards the creation of an average rate of profit for all capital. As an illustration let us assume three industries as follows which are selling commodities at their value: (1) Constant capital, \$1,000,000; variable capital \$500,000; surplus value, \$500,000; selling price \$2,000,000; rate of profit 33 1 3 per cent. (2) Constant capital \$2,000,-000; variable capital \$500,000; surolus value, \$500,000; selling price \$3,000,000; rate of profit 20 per cent. (3) Constant capital \$900,-000; variable capital \$100,000; surplus value \$100,000; selling price, \$1,100,000; rate of profit, 10 per

value of the commodities.) The total surplus value extracted from the workers of all industries value of all commodities is \$6,100-

There would now be a tendency below their value would occur in the latter and underproduction and values would take place in the Last week we published a resume former. This process would tend to continue until an average rate of profit was brought about for all cent less than before). (2). Constant capital, \$2,000,000; veriable capital, \$500,000; surplus value, (\$50,000 more than its value); rate fore). (3). Constant capital, \$900,-

> The total surplus value extracted from the workers of all industries remains, as before, \$1,100,000, and the total value of all commodities remains, as before, at \$6,100,000. What has happened is that the competition between capitals has brought about a redistribution of the surplus value among the various capitalists so that the capitalists of industries (2) and (3) are ers but those of industry (1) and this occurs because the latter sells low their value equal to the amount

> surplus value, \$220,000; selling

price \$1,220,000 (\$120,000 above its

value); rate of profit, 22% (12%

more than before).

monopoly which makes it possible For a change the NEW INTER- for certain capitalists to sell com-Since last week's report we have NATIONAL will appear on time. modities above their values and The August issue is now almost even above the price which would ready and will be mailed about the realize the average rate of profit. West Side br., N.Y. (Wright \$10.00 first of the month. Henceforth it Monopoly capital is thus able to

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Terre Haute General Strike

The idea of a general strike of labor, throughout an industry or throughout a city, is, it is quite clear, no "foreign importation." It is the natural idea that develops in the minds of workers to the same extent that the spirit of class solidarity takes hold of them. The changes taking place in the ranks of the labor movement of the United States have been expressed in the last couple of years alone in the fact that three "general strikes" have occurred -the general strike of the textile workers, the general strike in San Francisco and now the general strike in Terre Haute, where the entire working class came to the aid of their beleaguered comrades in the Columbian Enameling and Stamping Company who had been on strike for some four months.

It would be the greatest error to draw the conclusion from the fact that all three general strikes ended without the demands of the workers involved being granted, that the general strike is not an effective weapon. Quite the contrary. In all three cases, it was not the general strike that proved its inefficacy or bankruptcy, but the timid, or conservative, or downright reactionary leadership which assumed control of the general strike out of fear that it would otherwise fall into the hands of determined workingmen and women resolved to utilize this potent weapon to the maximum for the purpose of winning their just demands.

In the textile strike, the United Textile Workers Union leadership called off the magnificent movement which had the plants tied up, not at the moment when the strike was at an ebb, but while it was reaching new heights of strength. They called it off at the behest of the textile manufacturers' government. In the 'Frisco strike, the reactionary leaders of the A. F. of L. stabbed the movement in the back in an even more despicable manner. In the Terre Haute strike, where the workers gave admirable examples of heroism and militancy, and showed a stirring fearlessness even in the face of the troops' tear gas guns and bayonets. it was once again the A. F. of L. bureaucracy which torpedoed the strike and left the fate of the workers in the hands of government representatives who are sure to do the right thing by . . . the employers.

The general strike is a tremendously powerful weapon, but not in and by itself. When it is directed and inspired by organized militants, who know what they want and how to go about getting it, the weapon becomes an invincible one. That is the lesson of the three general strikes, the most recent one included. And the lesson is at the same time a warning: an organized Left wing must be built up in the A. F. of L., from a local to a national scale—else the fighting courage of the American workers will fail to find that necessary point of support and rallying center which it richly deserves.

United Front on Ethiopia

The decision of the Workers Party to send delegates to a united front conference of New York labor organizations against the imperialist designs of Mussolini upon the Ethiopian people, is in line with the whole position of our party. We stand pledged to a war to the end against Fascism, in Italy and everywhere else. We are always on the side of a colonial or semicolonial people in their efforts to preserve their independence from violation by any of the rapacious imperialist powers. We are committed firmly to the idea of the united front of all labor organizations in every progressive

We are compelled, however, to register a

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of living of the working class of "smash this dictatorial order."

Greetings To

The Vanguard

The comrades of the Workers

ily congratulate the "Vanguard,"

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the Fourth International.

ed front conference, the initiative for which was taken by La Stamp Libera, a local Italian socialist newspaper. Our delegates to the conference proposed that an effort be made to broaden its scope and composition by inviting representatives of the Stalinist movement. The members and supporters of the Socialist party present in the united front, voted down our united front would militate against securing its program, the "Militants" conthe support for the movement among the trade unions of the city.

The decision of the conference is not only port," and a shamefully weak- State or local as permission to highly regrettable, but it is based upon two kneed editorial. entirely erroneous premises.

A united front, while not an all-saving insti- little hint of the completeness and tution which can solve all the problems of the importance of the Old Guard vic- ficance of the definition of communworking class, is a tremendous step in advance tory. Instead the report devoted ism. It says not a word about the for the labor movement. That step will be line to blazoning forth the meanstronger and will lead labor further along a ingless minor concessions to the friends of the "militants," who only Thomas-Hoan-Hoopes type). One be expelled from the movement. triumphant road, if it is taken by the greatest Y.P.S.L., and another headline to possible number of labor organizations. In broadcast that "Attacks on Party the Old Guard, swore at a caucus sole R.P.P.A.er there. The New with skeptical smiles by the young New York City, the Communist party repre-(why shouldn't they cease, now sents many thousands of workers. Whether it that Hoan and Thomas have made It says not a word about the need months ago their own rival youth "Trotskyist" influence in the Yiprepresents them well or poorly, is for the mo- peace with the Old Guard?) ment beside the point, for the same question | In contrast to the political clararises also in connection with the Socialist ity of the Old Guard, who in the party. To exclude these workers from the that the "basic issue" was the defiunited front, by refusing to have anything to nition of Communism, the report in do with the party which formally represents the Socialist Call does not refer to them, is to narrow the united front in an inad- this point at all except as it remissible manner.

Our attitude towards the Stalinists, their point "peace pact" in the form in party, their program, their leadership, and which it finally was passed, the their behavior in the general labor movement, first point, the definition of communism, is seen to be the most imis quite well known, and requires no repetition portant point, being a decisive dehere. Our attitude towards the united front cision on a principled question, with this organization or that, is not, however, from which will flow the whole determined by our view of its principles or of policy of the Socialist party. All the manner in which it proposes to lead the cance. It declares ineligible for workers in struggle against their class enemy. party membership all who "prac-If this were to be the basis for the united tise or advocate: 1. Violent insurfront, it could never come into existence. The rection; 2. Dictatorship or aban-ment? The editorial does not tell united front is based upon the idea that, how-donment of democracy either as a its followers that the agreement's ever divergent may be the views of various ideal method of achieving social the majority to war against disorganizations and parties on the final emanci- ism; 3. Subjection of the party to senters; hence the readers of the pation of the working class and the methods to a bureaucratic, mechanical disci- Socialist Call are left to accept the be employed in attaining it, they are all ready pline from abroad such as that im- majority's own claim that to state their agreement on this or that concrete problem before the working class at a ground tactics even as a means to this peace pact. And the Socialist Call tells them that ground tactics even as a means to this peace pact "will fail of its given moment. Such a problem is the defense a worthy end." of the Ethiopian people from the assault of Italian Fascism. Given this fact, it is the duty ed, any party member who believes lieve-more, they are given to be of every militant worker, and of every labor in revolutionary methods is subject lieve—that if the Old Guard ceases organization, to declare that on this minimum basis we can all come together and ioin forces.

The criticism of any united front movement of the democracy of the capitalist must be directed primarily against those who state. Section 3 is a roundabout, declare themselves opposed to the inclusion of "clever" formula to outlaw opponthis or that group in the movement, and not national who propose the building against those who state their willingness to of a new International, not based now? The editorial says: "But participate. If a party or group has disrup- on independent national parties but such differences need not give rise tive or anti-working class motives in its declar- on a collective world leadership. to abusive or dictatorial practices. ations in favor of participating in the united front, that will very soon be demonstrated in front, that will very soon be demonstrated in directed against the proponents of continue on the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles there are the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the highest level and it was removed in Viscol circles the convention to the convention to the highest level and the convention to the circles the convention to the convention to the convention to the circles the circ action. In every case, the masses of the work- the world party of the Fourth In- in a dignified manner. We are it was rumored in Yipsel circles Hoan-Hoopes, they did not carry ers will learn by experience who is for a loyal ternational. Section 4 is a blund-concerned with issues and not with that a revolutionary program would their fight outside of New York united front of labor and who is against it. erbus, put into the hands of the personalities." For our part, we do not fear the participation ing against any and all dissenters. to their enemies, but to their own convention of the Stalinists in any united front. We have sufficient confidence in our own movement to pure reformism of the most vulgar that means a continuation of the believe that when our policies and conduct are social democratic type, Norman policies ("We must not make the to capture organization posts in the a Left wing development but the thereby. Moreover, no organization convinced where he feels most at home. It have a systematic caucus structure plish this end, they not only put educate the ranks. Even the inadof the superiority of its program and policies is significant that another support- in the party," "We mustn't criticize the paramount question of program equate organization steps taken are need fear the participation of any political op- er of this definition was Devere those who are pretty close to us,' ponent in such a collaboration.

It was precisely such a fear of publicly and at Detroit. That Declaration, writhousely having a correct policy counterposed ten immediately after the Austrian sequent debacle. "Not with person-of the Y.P.S.L. were forced to resonce again affirm the need for a to their policy, that dictated to the Stalinists civil war and in the midst of the above all of Norman Thomas. for a number of years their criminal policy of Spanish revolutionary situation, for a number of years their criminal policy of "social-Fascism" and "united front only from below," that is, no united front at all. It is a below," that is, no united front at all. It is a mbiguous Centrist formulas prosimilar fear that has brought about the change viding "special circumstances" in strated the bankruptcy of their tee was suddenly dropped from the costs" was revealed for what it is in this policy and its conversion into the course which socialists "might" violate the present policies. But there is a towards "non-aggression pacts" in the united laws laid down by the capitalist mass of socialist workers who have front, by means of which they seek to avoid the struggle. Allen's return to the Old because of this following have the because of this following have the and would antagonize Thomas-Detroit convention at the recent same criticisms that they escaped by excluding Guard camp on this basic issue "Militant" leaders any standing. all other movements from their "united front" frauds of vesterday.

It does not speak well for the socialists controlling the New York united front in behalf which one may go forward or back- have thanked them for this loyalty of Ethiopia that they have picked up the not provide a stable position. This backwardness of their rank and very odorous policy against which we were ought to be sufficient warning to file, which has been their main excompelled to fight so vigorously when it was the Militants not to attempt to find cuse for not fighting. It would input forth for years by the Stalinists. Be it a base in the Declaration of Princ- deed be a miracle if the "Militant" advanced or defended by Stalinists or social- formulae and seek precise revoluists, it is a course that divides the working tionary conceptions. class and weakens it in the face of its foes. sharp disagreement with the action of the unit- High time it were discarded—for good.

or are participating in the building icies, especially as doing this of the truly Marxian press can would provoke the capitalists into plant beside the banner of reform- develop their political knowledge. fully appreciate the tremendous calling in the Canadian Hitler. difficulties which our comrades Needless to say, the C.C.F. leader there have faced and overcome. proposes no "solution" for the Their success again attests to the workers, ending up in the blind loyalty and devotion of an ever increasing number of revolutionary Party of the U. S. greet and heart- workers to the ideas of the 4th In-

The latest issue of The Vanguard, Marking another step in the of Canada, on its fourth highly July 15, carries the news that the practical internationalist collaborsuccessful appearance as an en-publications of the Pioneer Publish- ation of the two revolutionary parlarged, bi-weekly paper fighting for ing Co. have been barred the use ties of the North American mainof the Canadian mails, and pledges land is the appearance in the last by Allen and was so ambiguous and the consequences of the present Despite the miserable standard itself to do all in its power to two issues of The Vanguard of a that it enabled him now to vote for that country, despite the compara- Editorially, the "Canadian Ap- Labor News Letter, by comrade unity of the sectarian Stalinist tive youth of the W. P. of C., de-proach" of J. S. Woodsworth, lead-Blake Lear of the W.P.U.S. Surspite the lack of funds and even er of the Cooperative Common veying important news in the desuch material necessities as suffi- wealth Federation, is analyzed velopment of the labor movement cient type to set up the larger size from the standpoint of revolution- and the counter-offensives of the paper, our Canadian comrades have ary Marxism and exposed for what Roosevelt administration, comrade

alley of social democratic reformism, as have similar attempts with United States. Workers Unity League with their

organization Not content with achieving a bi weekly organ, our comrades there are pressing a campaign for the developed their press from a tab-it is—an attempt to mislead the Lear draws revolutionary conclu-establishing of The Vanguard as loid-size monthly, for the most workers into believing that Canad-sions as to their meaning for the a weekly. Anyone wishing to help part hand-set by the voluntary la- ian conditions are somehow differ- American working class. Of espe- them in reaching even deeper massbor of the comrades, to the present ent from those of other capitalist cial interest to the organized es of the Canadian workers may bi-weekly of the size of the NEW countries in the period of capitalist workers in the U.S. is the platform send contributions to the editor, decline, and therefore that they of the progressives in the Cloak-Vanguard Publishing Assn., 320

'Soc. Call' Whines | 'Militants' Capture

The new Norman Thomas -Hoan-Old Guard leadership of the Socialproposition on the grounds that, first, the ist Party, resulting from the "peace pact" between the N.E.C. and the Stalinists were professional disrupters and dis- New York Old Guard, found little cause for worry in the July 20 issue loyal, and second, that their presence in the of the Socialist Call, organ of the leaders of the "Militant" socialists. Instead of a clarion call to arms against the new combination and

tented themselves with what they a weak-kneed appeal that "This

The "objective, factual report" and the editorial gave, in actuality,

prints the entire document.

With the publication of the eight-

basis we can all come together and join forces. in "growing into socialism" by way that it has won everything) there Old Guard for indiscriminate shoot-By voting for this deification of seething following. "Continue"-

Here was a splendid opportunity to iples. Instead, the "Militants" appeal to the interpretation of communism adopted three months ago

Only those who have participated need not turn to revolutionary pol-makers Union (I.L.G.W.U.) for the Spadina Ave., Toronto.

termed "an objective, factual re- must not be interpreted by any conduct a heresy hunt.'

This week's editorial in the Socialist Call is equally weak-kneed. trary to their plans, were unable several "Militant" leaders to be-It says not a word about the signiits leading paragraph and one head-capitulation of Norman Thomas, Devere Allen and other erstwhile meeting to vote for revocation of Pork Old Guard had no direct sup- socialists. the New York Old Guard's charter. porters as they had organized a few of building a Left wing on a revolutionary program and breaking Young Socialist Alliance. with the Thomasites and other capitulators to the Old Guard. It says not a word about the fact that this 'peace pact" is really a declaration be of any help to the many leftward moving socialist workers.

> The key paragraph in the editorial says:

"The agreement, although aimed at solving the party crisis, solves no basic problem of discipline. It will fail of its purpose unless the Old Guard makes a sharp aboutface and abandons the disruptive tactics hitherto practiced.'

War Against Dissenters

What is the purpose of the agree purpose unless. . . ." And the Socialist Call readers are left to be-Under sections 1 and 2 just quotwill be peace. Such is the political estimate of the agreement of the agreement that the Socialist Call is capable of

What will the Socialist Call do

These sentences are not directed

"Militants" Disdain Ranks

proves once more the Marxian con- This following has had little voice tention that such Centrist formula in the determination of "Militant" are mere half-way houses from policies. The "Militant" leaders ward but which never in themselves by contemptuous references to the iples, but to abandon its ambiguous rank and file were as developed politically as the situation demands, for their leaders have provided so The "Militants" on the N.E.C., little participation for them in dis-Krueger, Daniel and Hapgood, took cussion and decision, and given no principled position in opposition them a paper of such low political to the definition of communism. level, that the rank and file have not had the proper opportunities to ism the banner of revolutionary | Nevertheless, in the few "Militant" Marxists and let the workers in the meetings at which the rank and file Socialist party judge under which have had a chance to show where one they wished to march. Indeed, they stand and in the party branch the only answer to the majority's meetings where they come in condeclaration would have been a flict with the Old Guard, and by an "American Approach" in the statement of revolutionary princ- their selfless devotion in financing the "Militants," the rank and file minority motion was a legalistic have shown that they mean business even if their leaders do not. One may confidently predict that by the N.E.C.—which was written the hammer blows of the Old Guard policies of the "Militant" leaders fortnightly column, United States the Old Guard interpretation!—and will drive the Leftward moving rank and lie to find a new program and a new leadership, if their present leaders do not move with them

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At N.C. Decision YPSL Convention

Continued from Page 1 tion delegates. They were discusse in sub-committees, or referred, organization. The committee adoptwithout recommendation, to the in- ed a motion of thanks to the Y.C.L. coming National Committee. These delegation and took no further acincluded an anti-Stalinist resolution tion.

on the Franco-Soviet pact.

Breaking socialist precedent the complished that the Yipsels, con-skyist" influence.

to issue a press release. The supporters of the N. Y. "Milorganization in New York, the sels. Many young socialists are

The characteristic "Militant" policy of evading programmatic is in the socialist movement. They questions and substituting for them have been inoculated against Stalorganization measures, set the tone inism though they are not yet ready of war against all Left wingers. In of the convention. The New York to break with socialist Centrism. short, it says not a word that could | "Militants" won a majority on the the type referred to above.

In addition the national was taken over by the "Militants." On previous occasions the New York | "Militants." Yipsel organization came into con-National Committee.

sented to the membership or the fearlessly endorsing Left wing convention. Ernst Erber, Chicago principles. Towards this end we Left winger, was elected without of the R.P.P.A. believe that contest to the national chairman- have made contributions.' ship, with thirteen negative votes. Ben Fisher, former New York City Yipsels to consider the R.P.P.A. secretary of the Yipsels, defeated program and offers its press and Winston Dancis as national secre- teachers to the young socialists. tary by about a dozen votes. Dancis The ineffectiveness of the R.P.P.A., was however re-elected to the Na- leaving aside its programmatic potional Committee

Political Fight Evaded

for evading a political fight was the should have its greatest support. fear of the "Militants" that they could not be able to reach agreeconvention.

Thomas gave up his recent attempts paper a factional organ," "We can't to straddle and went into the camp write a program now," "We can't the 1936 convention. To accomise Yipsels. Little effort is made the 1936 convention. To accom- Yipsels. Little effort is made to into the background but penalize done without the members under-Allen, who was the author of the etc. etc.) that led to the failure to those who present a revolutionary standing the reasons. It was precisely such a fear of publicly and Declaration of Principles adopted build a Left wing and to the con-Hoan-Hoopes.

A significant action of the con- S. P. vention was the decision to raise A Left wing which can make the maximum age limit from 25 to valuable contributions to the Amer-30. This step is intended to streng- ican revolutionary movement can be then the "Militant" control of the founded only on a revolutionary Yipsels. It is at the same time an Marxian program, distinguished in admission of the inadequacy of the theory and practice from all shades recruiting power of the Socialist of reformism and Centrism. Party. Efforts will be made in the party to nullify this decision.

held next month.

Young Communist League. Mac group. Weiss and Dave Doran, national

peared before the resolutions com

Y.C.L.er Warns of "Trotskyism" Nevertheless. convention was closed to the public work was not at an end. It had and the press. So little was ac- another task: to counteract "Trotware of the "Trotskyists." He cited itants" controlled a majority of the the French Socialist youth that the convention. The other delegates "Trotskyists" are dangerous enewere conservative Yipsels (of the mies of the working class who must two days before they voted with delegate, from St. Louis, was the This benevolent advice was met

The Stalinists are fearful of sympathetic to "Trotskyism" even though they believe that their place

The Revolutionary Policy Pub-National Committee. Three of the lishing Committee distributed a eleven members of the new com-1 mimeographed statement to the mittee are Right wing socialists of delegates. They explained their position on the crisis in the socialist office party, the decision of the National Committee and the actions of the

flict with the national office. Among the situation appears black and these instances are the ruling of nothing seems to bring hope, let us the old National Committee against not despair. The principles for internal statements and, far more which Marx and Engels fought, for important, the relutcance of Dancis which our own Gene Debs carried and McDowell to support the Yip- on, call aloud for reaffirmation and sels in their fight against the New adherence. We can go forward to York Old Guard. Both were dis- a party that will not be the Left satisfied with the action of the New wing of the Roosevelt administra-Pork organization in withdrawing tion as the Right wing intends; support from the New Leader, nor a party that builds its hope though they were compelled to en- and aspirations on the foundations dorse it at the last meeting of the of the sand and water of compromising, Centrist principles. Our party These differences were not pre- can still become revolutionary by

The statement further urges the sition on many vital questions, is clearly shown by its weakness in Undoubtedly an important reason the Yipsels, where a Left wing

The Yipsel convention revealed the true condition of the Yipsels ment amongst themselves and with and their "Militant" leadership. be presented to the convention. City. Now they are out to capture Such plans undoubtedly existed but posts. Program and policies on the are put into the background. The The "Militants" chief interest is result is not only the impeding of

Genuine Left Wing Needed

sign their posts because they signed revolutionary Marxian Left wing in a Left wing statement in prepara- the Yipsels. "Broad" and thereby slate because the "Militants" feared worth by the disruption of the bloc that his election would make the between the N. Y. "Militants" and and would antagonize Thomas- Detroit convention at the recent National Committee meeting of the

It will not arise spontaneously out of "growing militancy" but only Gus Tyler, New York "Militant," by the conscious efforts of Left was elected as the delegate to the wing socialists. The next step of International Youth Congress to be revolutionary socialists, too long delayed, is the formulation of such The convention had before it an a program and the constitution of appeal for a united front from the a genuine revolutionary Marxian

leaders of the Stalinist youth, ap- SUBSCRIBE TO NEW MILITANT

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