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Maritime Labor And The Government

The Scheme to Put Over the Fink Book By Amending the Copeland Bill

Although the details of the several proposed Consional bills on maritime labor have not yet been public, a brief item of great significance has apared in the daily papers. Copeland, it is reported, has pared a new bill which will allegedly make "illegal" attempts to use his notorious fink book for black-

The Administration hopes that with this well-soundaddition written into the union-smashing legislation last June the maritime workers will now meekly line to take their hated "continuous discharge books." if the bill will not be too openly transparent as a labor strangling device, we can expect the hidden orters of Government control to come out with their rahs for this legislation. If we can believe the adce reports on Copeland's newest bill it will be just at they have been clamoring for-an "amendment" h will give the proper "promises" to deceive the me workers.

We already have intimations of what is coming. ten to the Western Worker of Jan. 7, 1937:

"The men do not object directly to the discharge is, in which the date of each discharge at the end voyage will be recorded," Curran said.

They are opposed, however, to terms of the law ch, they charge, give the ship lines an opportunity lacklist employes for union activities or for reasons ich have nothing to do with their ability, he said."

Nothing could be more confusing or false. The militworkers who have pledged themselves to refuse the books on all coasts have done so because they will accept such an anti-union book-and they do not into be bamboozled into taking such a book by any or 'amendments" clever politicians can invent. As long e fink book remains marine workers must and will

As far as the "terms of the law" are concerned,



Walter Cowan Exposes Deal Between Public Officials and Employers

Workers Of

The World

Unite!

GiveDamningFacts Stresses Necessity Of Union Organization On Farm Labor At Walter Cowan, vice-presi-dent of the California Fede-Federal Hearing ration of Labor, in a speech before the Socialist Forum in San Francisco last Sunday

Show Landless Laborer Takes the Rap In tween law enforcement ag-California; Socialist Program Presented by State Secretary

The Socialist program for California and Southwestern stressed the great need for agriculture was presented at a packed Federal hearing on industrial unionism in the agricultural problems in San Francisco Tuesday, Decem- agricultural industry and deber 12th. The hearing was called by a Special Committee cried the lack of activity on of the United States Department of Agriculture which is to this score by the leadership draft a bill designed to aid farm tenants.

The issue of farm tenantry, particularly the vicious exploitation , and brutal feudal sys-&leclared that the problem of the

tem which prevails in southern landless, largely migratory, farm "Democratic" states, has been pressed for many years by the serious and as nationally import-Socialist Party. The work of Socialists and leaders of the Southern Tenant Farmer's Union has lem made "sharecropping" a houselem and must be dealt with in hold word in America and has that light. forced the same administration Speaking which ignored all past demands to face the problem as a national

LANDLESS LABORERS

per cent of all persons engaged Three previous Federal hear in California agriculture are farm ings in southern and midwestern workers. This program included plan for stopping labor struggles by states have served to bring out a complete survey of wage, hour setting up a committee

Campaign

night, proved collusion beencies and the growers and shippers in California agricultural fields by documentary evidence. He also of the California Federation of Labor.

Letters written by John Miller, sheriff of Contra Costa County. laborers of the southwest was as purporting to show how labor or ganization is effectively stopped by ant as that of the tenant farm- the sheriff's office, and printed ers. They insisted that our prob- forms for "registering" migratory above all, a labor prob- agricultural workers list system were displayed by Brother Cowan as evidence that Socialist Miller was working actively as the Party, Glen Trimble presented a agent of the large agricultural inconcrete program for federal ac- terests in the state

Another section of the plan con

long in advance

One of Miller's letters outlined a

ich the Western Worker is worried about, there are express provisions in the law for blacklisting seamen. to could think that Congress would be so stupid as to mly expose its real intentions? Any employment which a worker is compelled to carry and without ich he cannot obtain a job is a fink book-and it will used to blacklist militants in any critical situation, all "amendments" in the world to the contrary.

After all, if the fink book is not for the purpose of trolling the activities of seafaring workers, why d it exist at all? The Government will readily conan "anti-blacklist" clause, because it will still have og-collar clamped on the seamen. A few clauses romises can always be sacrificed cheaply in order ep the essence of a law.

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Just let those who advocate acceptance of the fink if it has an "anti-blacklist clause" explain this one ion: Why have a government discharge book at Of course Copeland, government officials and laakers have their answer-that the book will "weed competents," "maintain high standards of seamanand similar ballyhoo.

he conclusion is inevitable: the fundamental purof the Copeland fink book is and always will be to the seaman hand and foot so as the better to gie all activity in any critical situation-for exa strike or war.

he above article in the Western Worker shows also ble attempt to avoid completely the most basic -that of the Government's role as shipowners' The workers are opposed, says the article, to the ns of the law which . . . give the ship lines an opnity to blacklist employes. . . ." As a matter of is the shipowners which maritime workers are worried about in this connection. The ominous at is the intervention of the Government.

. . . .

W waterfront workers know from their own experithat the shipowners could carry on their blackgonly when the workers were unorganized. When rkers were 100 per cent organized into militant they could throw off this yoke. This explains why powners have called upon the government to a control which they were unable to establish mselves.

is not the shipowners who would do the blacklistut rather the Government for the shipowners. And the Government started to discriminate against n it didn't like, it wouldn't be called "blacklist_ t would be called "elimination of the incompetor "getting rid of the aliens," or something

is outright treachery to the rank and file of the me unions to attempt to interpret their militant see in exposing the vicious legislation of last June rely a struggle against a few "terms of the law." eyond such a puny perspective, the fight of these is has been against the vicious and reactionary pment in recent years: "the moving in" of the ament to throttle the rising American labor move-

Select Men From 200 Volunteers For Debs Column

Socialist State Committee Calls for Wide **Campaign to Finance Heroic Project** to Aid Spanish Workers

In an inspiring demonstration ranks of the struggle against the International working class Fascist hordes in Spain.

solidarity, over 200 volunteers The volunteers have shown a have applied to go to Spain un- courageous and determined de- and inheritance taxes and capital der the banner of the Western sire to aid the workers cause in levy. Create union scale jobs on Spain even at the cost of their Division of the Debs Column. lives. Now new hundreds and works." Competent committees in Los An- thousands who are not as fortuseles and in Sar Francisco have nate as the volunteers in being been interviewing each volunteer, able to offer their military train-A careful process of selection ing, must step forward and extend support in every possible and sifting is taking place. Only way

the most thoroughly experienced and trained in military technique, and only those who show the

leave in the first detachment.

undoubtedly take a promi- gin to gather together all the this project successfully. will nent place in the International pennies, nickels, quarters, and know the workers of California unions.

THE MAIN TASK

every working class party and

group, including many from

your own party, your action

can only be regarded as nar-

rowly partisan, dividing the

working class at a time when

unity of action is a vital ne-

are engaged in life and death

struggle. Thousands of our

comrades have died in the

fight to crush fascism and

Today the workers of Spain

cessity.

most reliable records of service sands of friends of the Debs meetings, dances, house parties, Committee on Agricultural Labor, and loyalty to the working class Column, the first job for every appeals to the trades-unions, tag Glen Trimble, State Secretary of movement are being chosen to Socialist Party member and sym- days, must be organized as meth- the Socialist Party, Julius Napathizer, is to insure a success- ods to raise funds. The men composing the West- ful transportation of the Debs The Socialist Party summons ence of the California Agriculern Division of the Debs Column Column to Spain. We must be you to tireless work to complete tural Workers and by speakers

CHICAGO - The following tele- ous pillar of the community, a eral subsidy or aid, direct or in- cludes the blacklisting of all workgram was sent to President Frank- hirer of scores, often hundreds direct is given. lin D. Roosevelt by Roy E. Burt, of farm workers. The agricul-

Socialist Party: "Workers' Alliance demands for must be granted to avoid mass starvation and hardship. Divert funds from the military budget to tional funds through higher income low cost housing and other public

honest liberals will give.

The State Executive Commit. throughout America. tee of the Socialist Party has issued an appeal to every branch. These facts were emphasized

We from many local

Brigade which is in the front dollars that working people and will not fail to answer the call. Labor and Socialist spokesmen

To Roosevelt ation in the southwest. The average "tenant farmer" in

national executive secretary of the tural group in this section which competes with the Arkansas

sharecropper for the "honor" of WPA workers and unemployed the lowest living standard in the nation is the landless farm laborer. Based on 1935 surveys his average family income is \$362 a WPA. Congress must seek addi- year if he does no other work, and \$388 if he can pick up industrial work in the off season. This group is not only the most poorly paid, but the chief target of employer violence and terror. Imperial Valley, Orange County and Salinas are by-words for official lawlessness and vigilantism

LABOR SPEAKERS GIVE FACTS

member, and sympathizer to im- by Walter Cowan, vice president mediately begin to raise money of the State Federation of Labor The main task before the thou- for this tremendous project. Mass and chairman of the Federation

than, Secretary of the Conferagricultural

An Open Letter to the Communist Party

Jan. 18. 1937. To the California State Executive Committee and members of the Communist Party. Dear Comrades:

On January 6th the Socialist Party of San Francisco voted unanimously to invite the Communist Party to united action in organizing and financing the transportation of a western column of the Deb's Brigade of trained aviators, military and technical experts, so that these working class fighters may join their Spanish brothers in the heroic fight against fascism and for the workers' cause.

This invitation has not been answered. A similar action by the Los Angeles Central Branch has received no more considerate treatment. Now we are informed that your party has decided this win victory for the workers of week to support a competing Spain. The issue is a world project for sending technical one in which aid for the Spanworkers to Spain. The Debs' ish workers depends on the Brigade was launched by the united and overwhelming ac-Socialist Party of New York. tion of the organized workers December 26th. In the face and their friends throughout of our 12-day old invitation the world; and on that alone. to united action and of the This is no time for partisanmany scores of qualified men ship. The California State Execuwho have already volunteered for the Debs' Brigade from

tive Committee urgently appeals to the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party to send representatives to meet with our special committee already appointed for this purpose immediately so that full plans for a united. effective campaign can be agreed upon. We are prepared to meet at an hour's notice. Comrades! Not only Spain

but the world fight against fasciam and the world advance

toward workers' power are at stake! We cannot allow any minor differences, any false pride or lame excuse to obstruct our unity in acting to meet the most important crisis since 1917.

Hours are lives! All too many of both have been wasted. It lies in the power of the State Executive Committee of the Communist Party to make a long stride toward ending that waste today. Unite with us to send hundreds, yes thousands, for unity will make thousands possible, of trained working class fighters to Spain!

Yours for International Socialism,

GLEN TRIMBLE, State Executive Secretary, Socialist Party of Calif.

the seriousness of the tenantry and working conditions of farm Burt Wire Puts problem. The San Francisco labor in the southwest, four im-hearing, attended by representa- mediate federal hearings on this to check immediately any form of this basis, the following specific

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tion after pointing out that 60

the

SOCIALIST PROGRAM sists of registering every worker 1. A minimum wage set at a in the district in good old Hitler ers who show a desire to organize.

2. Extension of the program The sheriff's letters also out-(Continued on Page 3) (Continued on Page 3)

Truce Broken By Double Cross Of **General Motors**

Sit-down Strikers Hold Plants At Flint As Knudsen Walks Out On Schedule **Conference** With Union

The bigger the corporation-the bigger the double cross. That is the major lesson of the current news of the auto strike.

On last Monday, January 18th, William S. Knudsen, executive vice-president of General Motors threw down a flat refusal of collective bargaining and walked out of a conference with Homer Martin, United Automobile Workers' head. The refusal was a di-

rect contradiction of previous com-papired vigilante group which is attempting to provoke violence pany promises.

Meanwhile the sit-down strikers against the union workers. The at Flint Fisher Body plants 1 and telegram asked for a "collective 2 "held the fort" and prepared for bargaining" conference. Knudsen, a long winter. Court injunctions, only too glad of a conference in bullets, tear gas and phoney prom- which company representatives ises have not moved them. So long would sit on both sides of the table, as they remain, the many million wired back that "we stand ready aldollar General Motors' industry is ways to discuss with your group or bottled up-tied tighter than a any group of our employes any drum. Both union and company of- questions without prejudice to anyone. We shall notify you as soon ficials know this.

TOO GREEDY

"Flint Alliance," a company in-

though. Corporation officials promised hig things-provided the men agreed. However greedy GMC question" with the UAWA. couldn't hold its double-cross until on in time.

messages.

as possible as to time and place IT ALL DEPENDS

This from the man who thirty left the plants-and union officers hours later refused to "discuss any

The double-cross was so obvious the deadline and the union caught that the strike strategy committee promptly canceled its orders for

Hardly had the promise been removing sit-down strikers. Men in made to negotiate on eight union the key Fisher Body plants promptdemands, including recognition of ly sat down again and the biggest the UAWA as the sole bargaining tie-up in auto history swung into agent in all plants, when vice-presi- another week.

dent Knudsen gave the show away Already all actual auto work is by publication of two telegraph stopped. A few days will see empty dealer's showrooms throughout the country. The first was from George Boy-

The great showdown between the (Continued on Page 2)

son, "founder" and president of the

The union almost forgot it, for a meeting.

tives of all significant farmer problem to be held in different labor organization. This commit-WPA Question and agricultural labor groups, farm centers in the area and, on tee is to be appointed largely by emphasized a very different situation in the southwest. federal action: California has a farm valued at

\$14,136 dollars and covering 208.1 standard of health and decency style, and excluding all "undesiracres. He is a relatively prosper- for labor on all farms where fed. able" elements. This plan also in-

Page Two

United Action And Tells Story The Debs Column Of Horrors pledged to Marxian principles. In Germany

By CRARY TRIMBLE

costs" become disturbed when Spanish workers. Only with the brings to light the mistakes, fail- organizations can the project be ings, and outright betravals of thoroughly successful. The coother working-class organizations. operation of the Communist Their argument is that capitalism Party would make possible a the enemy

The Socialist Party carries on is all too late. the campaign against canitalism propaganda and action. Our Socialist principles.

FOR UNITY OF ACTION

unity of action among working- ers of the Spanish workers, weakclass groups for the purpose of ening the support to be gained strengthening the working-class for sending the Debs Column to in its struggle against capitalism or against any of its various me- Brigade, and sabotaging internathocs of exploitation. It is on tional working-class support to that basis that the Socialist Party the Spanish Loyalist workers. has supported and will continue Any organization that is willing to support and initiate united ac- to do that-is capable of doing tion of various working-class or that-MUST be exposed. ganizations on specific working- STILL URGE CO-OPERATION class issues. But it cannot remain true to the principles laid in crises of the class struggle down by Marx, Engels, and the does not require that the or-Great American Socialist, Eugene ganizations see eye-to-eye on any V. Debs, if as an organization it other principle than the need is willing to sacrifice the effec- for united working-class support. tiveness of working-class action of the given issue. We still urge to a merely superficial "front" of the support of the Communist unity.

avidences that the Communist operative manner possible to give Party is no longer interested in any and all kinds of effective aid militant working-class action in to the Spanish workers. If the the face of capitalist oppression Communist Party continues its and organized opposition, the So- direct sabotage of the Debs Colcialist Party acted in good faith umn of fighting workers for when it asked the Communist Spain, the Socialist Party will Party leadership for co-opera- nevertheless continue its camthe Spanish workers in their ing-class and friendly organiza- added to the prisoners in this one struggle against fascism, but suc- tions.

their courage to carry on.

an organization which claims to the black name they have earned other form. In other words, the be a working class political party by their actions.

Automobile Truce Broken;

Advocates of "harmony at all United action would aid the more rapid mobilization before it

SABOTAGE OF C. P. The answer of the Communist efforts in all mass organization Party leadership to this sincere eling in the United States in bework are directed toward awaken- appeal by the Socialist Party was half of the victims of German ing the workers to the fact that an editorial in the Daily Worker their enemy is capitalism and calling the Debs Column a "prowhoever defends any phase of vocation" (because it was im-It, and that their only hope of mediately opposed by a capitalist security, peace, and freedom lies government), and a hasty mar- ing to organize an effective naorganized working-class action shalling of C. P. forces to confuse to wipe out capitalism and set the whole issue and thereby saboup in its place a workers' society tage the campaign for the Debs Column. Their action can have no result

Consequently, we stand for other than confusing the supportjoin the International Workers'

United action for specific aid Party in this project and will

In spite of the many recent work together in the most co-Trained military men are can be financed by the support only one of the many needs of it can muster from other work. two or three thousand more are

cossfully filling that need will If the answer of the Communist tions prevail all over Germany." mean both practical aid in the Party to a united front proposal A concentration camp is merely workers' fight against capitalist- for much needed ald to Spain is a detention place for "suspects." fascish and a strengthening of only a knife-thrust to internation. Once charged, and the charges at working-class solidarity, on are usually some form of treason,

The invitation was issued to them rests the respensibility for the penalty is carried out in some

working-class organization co-operation of all working-class Refugee Speaks in Bay Area on Fascist Barbarities

man Transport Workers' Union at 2301 South Lawndale Avenue

and at one time editor of a trade union paper in Germany, is trav-Fascism. He spent two years in a concentration camp. Brother Bund. Rix is remaining several weeks in the Bay Area where he is helptionwide German Anti-Nazi League to counteract some of the work of the paid Nazi agents in this country

Brother Rix gave a speech under the auspices of the Socialist Party of East Bay at a public meeting in Carpenters' Hall, 763 12th St., Oakland, Sunday evening, Jan- Thomas to uary 17 at 8 p. m. on "Terror in Speak

Nazi Prison." The following week he will clalist Party Forum at Interna-

Looks From the Outside." CONCENTRATION CAMPS

Brother Rix speaks from his own gelica Balabanoff memorable afa concentration camp prison.

"The prison to which I was aswhen a 'big shot' is due in town,

camp alone, and similar condi-

prisoners in concentration camps are innocent victims of the terroristic spy system which forbids even "negative criticism." CRITICISM IS TREASON

distant ones-will be held guilty

and given punishment according-

ly. Even neighbors of the suspect

(if no family can be found) can

be taken to answer for his crime.

A VICTIM'S FUNERAL

One harbor worker was execut-

ed for treason. Under present

presses sympathy with such a vic-

Brother Rix explained that one Strikers Holding Plants was guilty of negative criticism if he merely mentioned facts. "If anyone should simply state that

CHICAGO SOCIALIST NOTES

LABOR ACTION

General Membership

Meeting The Cook County (Chicago) Executive Committee has sum Building Comrade Thomas will moned a strictly red card membership meeting to discuss questions of Socialist policy and interpretation on the Civil War in

Spain to be held Sunday, January 24th, at 2:30 p. m., in the trials. Erich Rix, a member of the Ger- Jugoslav Federation Labor Home (Take Douglas Park 'L' to Lawndale stop). The speakers will be Ernest Erber, National Chairman of the Y.P.S.L. and John Mill, one of the founders of the Polish

> Socialist Party members and way. YPSL members in Cook County has just loaned its Red Special who are prepared to do volunteer work in aid of the organization Ed Adams, to the Detroit Sodrives in steel, rubber and auto cialists and auto strikers. industries are to report to Ber-

nard Kirby, newly designated director at the County Office, 35 Debs Column. S. Dearborn St.

Meeting

On January 23 the Chicago The Chicago reception for Com- District of the Young People's rades Roy Burt and Frank Socialist League and the Socialist speak in San Francisco at the So- Trager, new national Party sec- Party are holding an anti-war retaries, has been postponed from meeting commemorating Lenin, tional Hall, 236 Van Ness Avenue, January 23rd to February 10th. Liebknecht and Luxemberg. Naat 8 p. m., on "Fascism: How It Norman Thomas will be the fea- than Gould, Executive Secretary Comes; How It Acts; How It tured speaker. The Reception will of the YPSL, and Albert Glotzer, take place at a banquet at the representing the Socialist Party Workers Lyceum on Hirsch are the two speakers.

The labor movement is one of Boulevard and the Italian Com-The meeting will be held at the first things that must be de- rades who made the Chicago re- Roosevelt Hall, 3437 Roosevelt at stroyed in a Fascist state, and ceptions for Modigliani and An- 8:00 p. m.

In view of the imminence of experience as an active trade un- fairs promise to outdo them- war, the recent Anglo-French ionist condemned to two years in selves on the menu which they proposal for intervention in Spain. are in complete charge of. and the increased war prepara-Comrade Thomas will speak tions of the United States' gov- ship of federal reserve banks and attend this important forum. Also Action. This hundred will signed," he said in an interview, three times in Chicago under ernment this meeting will be par-"was an ancient prison built to Party auspices during the week ticularly significant.

hold from 800 to 1000 prisoners. of February 7th to 14th. On Tues- The Socialist Party is carrying Because of the 'over-crowding' day, February the 9th, he will be on the traditions of Lenin, Liebk- the state tax load to the tune of brought about by the wholesale featured at a meeting in support necht and Luxemburg. All work- \$10,000,000 a year. Heavy taxing Nazi arrests, this prison now of the Eugene Debs Column to ers in Chicago should rally to of iron ore and chain store interhouses from 3000 to 5000 prison- Spain on Chicago's south side, this meeting, building a mighty ests would cover this additional ERS. For information read the tion in support of the Debs Col- paign to send as many men as ers regularly. On celebration days probably at Shotwell Hall. The defense against imperialist war. financing.

banquet at Hirsch Center for Burt and Trager is set for the F. L. Solons 10th. On Sunday afternoon, February the 14th, at the Capitol address a mass meeting on the

question of political asylum for Trotsky and the question of international labor investigation of the past and future Moscow The Chicago Party is in the process of an organization drive

to mobilize its strength in the labor movement for a forward drive of the Party. Socialist Leagues of Office Workers, Radio and Electric Workers and Pocketbook Workers have been formed and other groups are on their The Illinois State Office sound truck and state organizer,

Fifty dollars was raised at the Chicago Erber meeting for the

Lenin-Liebknecht

Legislation The Action Army Is Put Up To

By JULES GELLER

It is simply this. We are making a special offer of ST. PAUL .- Farmer La- cent three month trial subscriptions. The subscription bor governor-elect Elmer A. printed on stamped post-cards and sell at 4 for \$1 Benson responded to the

mandate of an overwhelm-ing labor vote with many Rix to Speak at we can give cards. It you self in the A sweeping proposals for labor legislation in his inaugural Sunday Night and you prepaid sub co address, January 5, before the newly convened F. L. Open Forum legislature in St. Paul. It remains to be seen what the legislature will do with the proposals.

Of immediate interest are Ben- ist Party conducts an Open Forum son's proposals to abolish the crim- at International Hall, 236 Van Ness inal syndicalist law, and to outlaw Avenue. the use of thugs and strikebreakers Last week's forum with Walter

in labor struggles. Cowan proved extremely interest. GOVERNOR'S PROPOSALS

The legislative program outlined by the incoming governor proposed was lively and manifested a deep subs a week. further:

- interest in the subject of Cowan's 1. An amendment to authorize address-the plight of the agriculthe fixing of maximum hours tural workers and how to help orand minimum wares.
- ganize in this field. 2. Extension of the mortgage moratorium. Next Open Forum will take place
- 3. Exemption of homestead tax on Sunday evening, January 24th. under \$4,000. Eric Rix, for twenty years a Ger-
- 4. Increase of iron ore tax about man Trade unionist, spent two years in a Hitler Concentration put this campaign over 200 per cent.
- Camp. He will tell of his experi- bang. 5. Placement of net income tax ences and give a general view of on mining corporations.

what life under a fascist dictator-The governor's address also urg ed the passage of the AYA, the Frazier-Lundeen social security bill, government control and owner- and YPSL members are urged to will guarantee long life to bring your friends. many other demands on Congress.

It is estimated that Benson's suggested legislation would boost

cover the amount. This you do is nut

more into a revolving fund

We can give no

We realize that it is sell a subscription for a or a dollar and a half a simple thing to dispos subscription for a quarter ing, educational and instructive. just a bit of application The question and discussion period can dispose of a bunch o

> Send in your order no starter. And make it your ness to sell the cards an der more each and every in this way we can get finitely wider circulatio Labor Action-and in this we can raise enough mer cover our operating exper Join the Action Army.

One hundred pluggers with ship means to a radical worker. go over the top with eigh Rix will speak in English. All party cards, two dollars, each tute the advance guard

SUSTAINING FUND It will take some time becomes f Meanwhile we fective. money to keep going on a keel. Though our appeal fo taining fund members ha Rounding Up The Innocents gone unbeeded, it has not h necessary results

two months Labor has been appearing and h ceived a warm reception all the country. Labor Action filled a long feit need of th cialist and labor movement west.

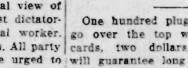
Our appeals for support not gone unheeded. Co its continuance.

The Lowdown on the League Against War and Fascism

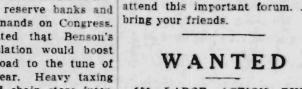
THE AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM, By Hillman H. Bishop, College of City of New York. **REVIEW BY JOHN ARLINGTON**

ganizations initiated by the Communist Party in the past Party or the League to make "mass" affillates in New York 14 years, the American League Against War and Fascism any further attack upon "this

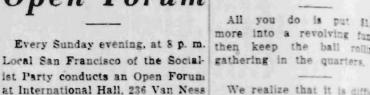
By the 1934 Congress, the So- numerous disguises-the LW.O., viet Union had entered the I.L.D., T.U.U.L. and other purely made macrifices and gave in League of Nations and it was no alphabetical combinations." (The ingly that Labor Action my Of all those numerous "mass" and "united front" or- longer possible for either the Party had over 100 of such established. We must gue



Action Army. Enlist today



100 LABOR ACTION BUILD-ACTION ARMY column.

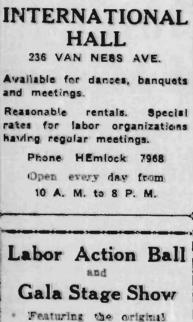


We have evolved a plan to get 1,000 new subset

and at the same time assure a steady medium of in-

to support Labor Action in the coming weeks.

(Continued from Page 1) dustries, long expected in steel, is now being fought out in autos. The lineup of UAWA-CIO forces



RED ORCHESTRA Directed by A. Antonelli Saturday Nite, Jan. 30

8:30 P. M. at In ernational Hall

236 Van Ness Ave. (adjoining City Hall)

TICKETS, 35 Cents

Obtainable at hall or Koblik's Stationery Store, 1004 Fillmore St.

OPEN FORUM International Hall 236 VAN NESS AVE. NEXT SUNDAY, JAN. 24th ERIC RIX Will speak in English on his experiences in a German Concentration Camp where he spent tiwe years. ADMISSION, 15 CENTS

UNEMPLOYED IFREE Auspices: Socialist Party, San Empeises.

dorsed the strike.

Against the workers in solid ca- If he were heard using those facts opposed, in the abstract, to both scope of the inquiry-Genesis and right-about-face was necessary behas substantial backing. The So- pitalist array there are: The Gen- to propagate sentiment against war and fascism. And since the History of the American League; cause of the Franco-Soviet Millcialist and other working class and eral Motors billion and a half cor- Hitler or in favor of the old rise of Hitlerism and the Japa- Program of the League; How the tary Pact. France, chief defender progressive forces are supporting poration; the vicious Fint "Jour- regime, he would be guilty of nese invasion of Manchuria in Communist Party Controls the of the status quo created by the through the Conference for Civil virtual lynch campaign against Roy cordingly."

1 lint.) The Flint Federation of ers and is now transfering its GMC the first nine months of the ex- pacifist-religious circles - espe-Labor has endorsed the strike and controlled venomous pages to the istence of the concentration camp is ready for a general strike if and auto workers; the local Flint radio to which Brother Rix was comwhen necessary. F. X. Martel and station which refused workers' cash mitted, there were 36 suicides. offspring of the new 1933 Comin-

rights of GMC. This, however, does of idleness and solitude. workers' reaction.

WISER MEN

Auto workers of 1937 are much wiser than they were in March. 1934. They have not forgotten the great Roosevelt deception of that month. They want no more Wolman Auto Labor boards, no arbitration and no phoney agreements unacceptable to a majority of the German law, anyone who ex-

members of the UAWA locals. They are wany of Governor Mur- tim by going to his funeral is

crable defeat if is comes to pass ular case, 4000 workers turned out marily addressed. (and it won't) than another 1934 to the burial Each one of them betraval." was guilty in the eyes of the law, but since there were only 400 police available at the moment, only 400 were caught and given the THE MODERN penalty. BOOK SHOP 1161/2 West Ninth St. Los Angeles, Calif. A representative collection of liberal and marxist periodicalis and books. Classic and Contem borary. Just Off the Press THE MOSCOW TRIAL By Max Schaetman Price 25 Cents Visit our Circulating Library. Al) Orders Promptly Filled. Open Daily from 9 'til 9. Unemployed Comrades

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are supporting the strike. The marks and was now 7 marks, he the widest possible base for pop-

and imprisoned for six months. fist-support. Almost everyone is the chapter headings convey the By the 1935 Congress, another

cially perhaps, in Jewish circles,

The American League was the port." being on the road to communism "peel potatoes" when finally re- among informed radicals gener- that the League is now and al- ploitation, aggression and supbecause they violated the property leased from the deadly monotony ally as to its real nature and pur- ways has been under complete pression by imperialist powers."

plete control of the League- marily upon the fact that it is present saw the implications. Communist-controlled. though it has preferred, as a rule, to apeak of this control as

"leadership." And it has been have cooperated in numerous spe- wars' there there is only one during this period that the League cific united fronts-defense comlike the Party, has had its great- mittees, etrikers aid, student rations for defensive wars." In the Communist Party's general est success among liberals and re- strikes, unemployed demonstra- Czecho-Slovakia, the Communist "united front" tactics; the scope ligious pacifists. It is to these tions, etc.-which has been domilatter-day innocents that a recent nated by the CP and have carried phy and general meddler. Ed. Mc- himself guilty of treason. It is a study of the League, made by a jun a struggle for internal democ-Grady. In the words of one of the tribute to the courage of the Ger- liberal instructor of the College racy within such united fronts. chief union leaders, "Rather hon- man workers that in this partif- of the City of New York, is pri- Socialist criticism of the League has been based rather on the

An Anti-Fascist Analysis Of the League

This study is called "The

Asked if the promise of "bread M. Bishop, of the Government extension of the Soviet hureauc- liberals, pacifists and Y.W.C.A. to the people" had been fulfilled Department of City College. The racy's diplomatic maneuvers for by the Fascist regime, Brother unthor was a member of the the maintenance of the interna- clam of the League by the naive Rix gave an illustration of one Anti-Fasciat Association of the tional status quo. It is also, of declaration that the Communist German worker with a wife and statifs of City College and was course, a highly profitable recruit. Party delegates constitute a small three children whose wages were one of a Committee appointed to ing and fund-raising adjunct for minority at League Congresses. so poor that the only time that investigate affiliation of the As- the CP. family had meat was Saturday sociation with the American

present report.

night when they could go to the League in 1335. "The case prestore and buy one-half pound of sented by the League's representatives." say the author. the dry end of sausage. Erich Rix will give more de "seemed, on the surface, rather tails and facts regarding the operation of Fascism, as it affects ommended affiliation. Later, his after that of the CP and every orphous majority-a situation the working class, in the meet suspicions aroused by the list of turn in the CP position on was which applies not only to the ings which have been announced for Oakland and San Francisco. ates." Dr. Bishop made an er a half years has been followed itlated "united fronts." As Earl

NEW ADDRESS from sources friendly to the New address for Eitate Office. Labor Action, Young People's

Socialist League, and San Firancisco Local of the Socialist Parity after January first will be 236 VAN NESIS AVENUE. Ban Empelace

nouncement of Frey and the A. the price of potatoes before Hit- has been by far the most impressive and successful. The mouthplece of the imperialist City at this time and their num-

Cleveland Federation of Labor en- would immediately be arrested ular-particularly liberal and paci- miliar on every campus. Some of against war and fascism.

And, the author adds, "After Socialists and other radicals agreeing to support 'defensive Party has already taken this step. of its organization periphery; its

would mean nothing to those who

know how a small, united, dis-

How the Party Controls The League; the Innecent Front dike the Communist party line is no news to any working class consistencies) is neither funda-

> secretaries who meet every criti-Even if this were the truth, it

The League Follows The Party Line

siplized "fraction" - especially In support of his contention when it works in cooperation with that "even in its contradictions a few supposedly "liberal" stooges, plausible." The Committee rec- the League program is modeled can control an unorganized, amthe League "trade union affili- and fascism in the last three and League but to all Communist intended investigation of the sub- by a similar turn in the League Browder points out in his Commuject. His conclusions are based position." Dr. Bishop cites the nism in the United States: "In on "documentary oridence largely following evidence: the center, as the conscious mov-

At the first League Congress ing and directing force of the League" and are embodied in the in 1933, the League program fol- united front in all lits phases. lowed the old Party line of oppo- stands the Communist Party." The 46-page study is an detailed sition to all imperialist wairs and But an analysis of the delegates

and weill-documented as a Ph.D. especially in its denunciation of to the second Congress reveals ously: "Other non-Communists salary. The complete thesis-though har more interest the League of Nations and the the fact that "over 70 per cent may be drawn into the organizat decided by the length of ing an is issued in the mimeo. Kellogg Peace Pact as effective of the total number of delegates tion by the names which appear diamissed employee has graphed, blue-covered format in linstruments for peace.

CIO and the mass production in- F. of L. Metal Trades Council and for came into power was 21/2 reason for this is obvious. Its ostensible purpose forms powers." The League of Nations her has increased during the past ber Astion is approximately had now become a bulwark two years.) The non-partisan camouflage was supplied by such

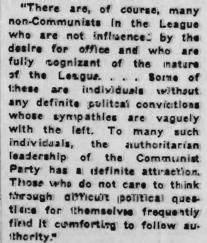
well-known "liberal" friends as Harry F. Ward, Roger Baldwin and Lincoln Steffens.

Leaders of the League will the strike with direct aid and nal" which for weeks conducted a high treason and dealt with ac- 1932, this opposition has crystal- League; Its Undemocratic Struc- Versailles Treaty and only the usually concede that up to the lized into a steadily mounting ture; The Innocent Front; The year before "a leader in the past year, the League has be-Inghts (meeting this week-end in Reuther and the bus driver atrik- Nazi officials admitted that in apprehension in labor, liberal and League's Attitude Toward Com- preparations for imperialist war" longed to the Communist Party, munist Opposition Groups; and an was now a custodian of democ- bag and baggage, but will insist analysis of its "trade union sup- racy. The American League on that at the third Congress held dorsed the Franco-Soviet pact as in January, 1936, a reorganiza-Coming from that very type of part of the "peace policies of the tion took place which "broadened the Detroit Central Labor Council for radio time; the Flint Alliance, Brother Rix himself, not of & tern line of the "united front from anti-fascist liberal to whom so Soviet Union." It furthermore fol- the League's base" and lured in repudiated the strike-breaking an- and the general editorial columns beavy build by any means, lost above and below" through which much of the League's appeal has lowed the party line in its new a sufficient number of liberals of the Detroit and Chicago press. forty pounds during his imprison- Russian diplomacy sought new been directed. Dr. Bishop's report distinction between "aggressive" and trade unionists to remove the Catholic Bishop Gallagher of De- ment. He spent eight months in "democratic" allies against Japa- cannot be dismissed as the prod- and "defensive" wars. The new possibility of Communist control. troit last Sunday virtually con- solitary confinement and at no nese-German aggression. At no act either of a "red-baiter" or a program called for the support of Harry F. Ward has been the chief demned the strikers by accusing time was properly fed. He was time since its organization has "sectarian" opposition radical. "all peoples (not merely colonial apostle of this message to Ephesithe sit-downers in Fisher Body of actually grateful for a chance to there been the slightest illusion Though he proves conclusively peoples; who are resisting ex. ans, but Dr. Bishop disposes of the argument with little difficulty. Like the Party line, the League pose. In fact, it is only during CP domination, this is not the By taking out the word "colonial" base has cartainly been broad-

not reflect the general Catholic Nazi "justice" is such that if a the past year and a half, and in part of his study which is of and adding the word "aggression." ened-broadened to the point person suspected of treason is not compliance with a still newer primary interest to Socialists and says Dr. Bishop, the latest turn where-like the Party line-it is to be found, his relatives-even Comintern line, that the Commu- radical trade unionists. Socialist of the Comintern is included in neither anti-war nor anti-fascist. nist Party itself has gone to me refusal to affiliate with the the League program so neatly This is hardly a change which trouble of camouflaging its com-League has not been based pri- that probably few of the delegates will recommend it to revolution- Erber Come ary workers. The Communist Party continues to hold the reins.

> Names On the Letterhead There is no space here to go further step-support for prepa- into the history and analysis of

frank admission in an editorial of the Young People's addressed to the "Militant So. League of America, whe cialist" (Daily Worker, Feb. 1931) That part of the Bishop report "You are wrong if you think we outlining methods by which the have given up "the united front ury, will be in California fact that the League program CP controls the American League from below"; the methods by ruasy 12th to the 25th which it has manipulated the. which it imitates even in its in- group that has ever participated American League. The Bishop marked with large mass in "united front" movements. It study discusses these issues with League Against War and Fas- mentally anti-war nor anti-inscist, should be of interest, however, to a wealth of quotations. It closes clam" and is written by Hiliman but is merely a pseudo-pacifist the real innocents among the however with a bit of editorial quets, symposiums, deba comment which indicates that the writer possesses more psychological insight than is usual in academic circles. He says:



And he adds, perhaps faceti running as high as ipenrepented the OF or one of its ion the tan of the lotteriosal."

The cost of sutting \$200 per week. This m must cems from three south namely subscriptions, to orders and contributions. de not count much on asid ing income because we h that business men do not out the radical press as dium for expression.

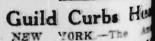
This week, as every othe we need \$200. Send in you tribution now. And put re down for a fixed contr each month.

PRIZE WINNER As predicted in last column, this week the prist most subs goes to Bill Mil Stanford T. Bill also starts two-bit sub army by pu a mere 25 cards as a And Herman Banks 0 delphia came through with contribution. Thanks, Bat

To Californ In Februa

Ernest Erber, National returned from Spain and 1 tour throughout the ent His stay in California up and down the coast ' League members are plat for his tour. He is sch fill several speaking ent at the various schools at throughout the state.

Labor Action in the will carry his detailed so speaking dates for the en



Newspaper Guild has bee successful in curbing ups and wholesale fi eral of the largest Hes Negotiations on hours ing conditions are ducted, and many und ployees have already beavy salary increases On seven of Hearsts tions heavily graded bonuses have gone

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LABOR ACTION

Documents Reveal the Conspiracy Against Agricultural Labor The Party At Work

Cowan Shows Plot Of Public Officials To Crush Unions

Letters of Contra Costa Sheriff Explain **Elaborate Scheme to Blacklist** Agricultural Workers

continued from Page 1) | cent was levied at the last convenmethods for "dealing with" tion of the California Federation of organizers who attempt to Labor for the purpose of organiznto the territory to organize ing agricultural workers, Mr. Coworkers. According to the an said the State Federation has these organizers are per- taken no action. He urged that all to address the workers, but trade unionists press the matter in as they are out of sight of their local unions and send letters rowd they are followed, ar- to the executive council of the California rederation of Labor deand jailed. manding action.

He said that had the state fed-

"I used to be prejudiced against

He added that, unlike other po-

litical organizations, the Socialist

It is important for all trade un-

GANIZERS "DISAPPEAR" ding to Brother Cowan, ora have been known to dis- eration followed the mandate of the for days and weeks under union membership the Salinas fi-

thod of procedure. asco could not have taken place actions of the letters and and that the agricultural workers registration cards and the would now be prepared for the card to be carried by all struggles to come shortly in Orange anal workers appear on county and elsewhere. hree in this issue of Labor COMMENDS SOCIALIST PARTY

Mr. Cowan commended the Soher Cowan, who has been active than any other trade- cialist Party for the work in the t in the state in organizing Los Angeles and Orange County ural workers, outlined the strikes and in the Salinas situarecent struggles in Orange tion.

and Salinas, and called atto the short-comings of the the Socialist Party," he said, "but organizations in those com. after the splendid work its memes due to lack of the indus- bers did in the Orange County form of organization or any strike, I took a different attitude." wide charter covering all ltural workers.

the A. F. of L. convention in Party had done its work for no a last year Cowan appeared partisan gain, but had stepped into the resolutions committee the forefront of the struggle for red the granting of an inter- the purpose of winning immediate al charter for agricultural economic gains for the workers. ers covering field, packing,

ing, and cannery workers. ions to take up this matter of agri-MEETING OF UNIONS cultural organization and force the ing in this, Cowan persuaded executive council of the California San Francisco Labor Council Federation to take immediate aca meeting of all agricultural tion. It is important that all workin the state in San Francis- ers flood the office of the various month in an effort to per- officials of the federation with dethem to relinquish the fed- mands for action. It is essential ad independent charters in that other strike-breaking plans a state-wide charter cover- such as those of the sheriff of Conagricultural workers in the tra Costa County be fought with f California. the organized might of the workers

ch a per capita tax of one of California.



MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA Telephone Martines SI

In connection with your request as to information regarding the plan

Gentlemen

used by this County in the interest of industrial peace, we are pleased to give you herewith a few of the major portions of the plan.

At the outset let me say that no plan for labor and industrial peace can be effectively morked unless started far in advance of a known per-loc of employment, that is, insofar as fruit harvesting is concerned.

We will use, for example, the apricot barvest which runs normally from June 25 until July 20. The first movement them is the organizing in the winter months of a group we here named the "Diable Valley Public Relations Committee" composed of five small ranchers selected by the Sheriff, five large farmers selected by the farm organizations and five merchants or laboring men selected by the ten farmers - these fifteen men form a committee which meets monthly prior to the harvest senson and weekly just before the season comes on. They also are available for service for special meetings at all times, day or night.

This group, far in advance of the harvest season, goes into every detail in connection with the various requirements, wages, camp conditions, pub-licity policy and all other matters prior to the actual picking seeson — in this way, an equitable wage scale, fair to all concerned, is set and agreed upon to the satisfaction of the entire community.

The next move is the registration of every fruit worker in the district, giving the worker his card of identification, and no grower hires a man unless he has such a card -- the system contemplates a copy of the regis-tration in the hands of the registration hesdquarters, one to the Sheriff and one to the farmer. The utilisation of this method gives me and my officers complete survey light one one for the method is district. and one to the farmer. The utilisation of this method gives me and my officers complete surveillance over every fruit worker in the district, and as the season progresses, we make a daily round of the various fruit workers in the community, asking them if they have registered and if they was work, advising them that it will be necessary to register; otherwise, they will not be needed in the community. You can see that at once we

have complete control of the situation and can choose our workers from those who have had past good records, as at the expiration of the picking season, each farmer makes a report on his registration sheet showing at which type of work the worker is proficient, how much he was paid and what type of work he produced.

As a side light to the situation, our office does not wait until the fruit season is upon us, but several weeks prior to the season I have set up a temporary office in the midst of the effected area and have gone there perschally, never leaving night or day, in a sincere effort to contact each worker personally, giving him 6 hearty handclasp and a happy emile. As worker personally, giving him a nearly handclass and a mappy emile. As the season begins, I don my working clothes and go out on to the ranches, picking a little fruit with each worker or giving him a happy smile --in my boyhood days I was a farm boy myself, and I realize the value of a saile given to the fruit worker under conditions which he operates, and in this way we tend to inject contantment and happiness.

You may be surprised to know that in the past several seasons the fruit workers at Brentwood have actually been proud to possess a card of registration and there has been not the least sign of labor trouble in the district — understand me, it is liable to happen at any time in these unrestful days, but I find that constant vigilance on our parts and a con-scientious desire really to do our jobhas given us the material assistance mecessary to realise our fond hops of 'peace on earth - good will to men'. If one just wishes for pace and then does nothing personally about it, no results can be expected, and it takes the fair judgment of not only the farmer and the worker but the authorities as well, and I believe herein the farmer and the worker but the authorities as well, and I believe herein lies your troubles in many other counties, for without critician, let me say frankly that many of the peece authorities do not get to work until the fire has burned dom the building — here we merely try to stapp out a fire before it gets too much of a head start, and while we have been successful in the past, all I can do is to sincerely hope that cur efforts will meet with the same cooperation and success in the future.

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John A. Miller, Smeriff Contra Costa County

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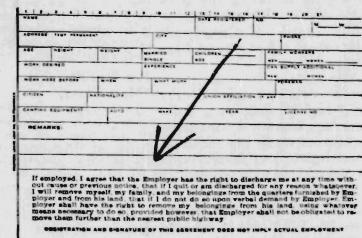
Gentlesess

oncerning your letter of November 28, please be advised that we have forwarded to you in prior comministions a specisen of our registration system which you asked for.

egarding outside organizers who come into the territory, this office feels they have a right to come in and talk to individuals or they have a right to hire a hall to speak to them, but where they get up on coap boxes and address a group from a street corner or in the open, the people of Brentwood take the position that these people are inciting rict and are disturbing the peace of the residents of the community, and so therefore they swear out a warrant upon that basis.

It is upon the serving of the warrant and the method used that the pence officer either makes or breaks the case, and if an arrest is usde at the time that the somp box orator is in the midst of his cration, the pence officer immediately juts every last one of the heavers against him, and therefore the peace officer blows up the entire situation. We stack the matter in an entirely different way as follows: the reflect seens out a warrint for disturbing the peace; our officers keep the scap box curtor under surveillance during the peace; our officers keep the scap har orntor under surveillance during the time he makes the oration; we allow him to finish; we match him carefully, and when he jets alone scattere analy from the scane, we make him under arrest and take him to the County Jail. You will note that this is an entirely different type of procedure than most peace officers use, but by employing it, we absolutely eliminate the belligerent attitude of the mob and in this way the psychology of the entire proceedings is to mave the mob with you rather than sgainst you. (That is a survey chell is the secret of our success at Erentwood some than (That in a nut shell is the secret of our success at Brentwood more than anything else)

> Very truly yours, John a Miller



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San Francisco Activity is being organized to make full use of the new Socialist noon on Saturday, February 20 Headquarters at 236 Van Ness to noon on Monday, February 23 Avenue. The second Forum in in either Berkeley or San Franthe regular Sunday evening serv. cisco (exact place will be anices will take place January 24 nounced later). at 8 p. m. Erich Rix, member of the German Transport Workers' lowed each local a basis of loin a German Concentration Camp, will speak on the subject: "Under the Iron Heel-How Fascism Comes, How it Acts, and How it Looks from the Outside."

slight adjustments in figures will be made, owing to discovery of figures for January and February, 1936, not available at the Other activities are the regular time averages were figured. Lo-Monday evening class from 7-8 cals should check their own recp. m. in Socialist Fundamentals, ord of dues stamps bought and with Millie Goldberg as instructor, which will continue for six than January 27 of any error in notify the State Office not later weeks, from the opening, Janu- the average.

ary 18. The last day for registration will be January 25. Another Monday evening class, titled to the following number of from \$:30-10:00 p. m., takes up delegates: Bakersfield 2; Berkethe "History of Socialist Thought," ley 5; Berkeley Finnish Branch 2; under the instruction of Ernest Capay Valley 2; Fresno 1; Los Norback. Thursday evenings, for Angeles Branch Central 6; Los a period of fifteen weeks there will be a class from 8-10 p. m. on the "History of the Three Internationals (includes Paris Commune, the International Workingmen's Association, Blanquism, Convention Proudhonism, Marxism, etc.) Beginning January 21, with January 28 as the last day for registration, this class will be conducted by Barney Mayes. Every Saturday night an in-

formal social will be held at the headquarters. A special Italian Social will be held January 30with Italian orchestra and refreshments.

An educational meeting will be held Wednesday, January 27 at 8 p. m. on the topic of "Interna- Los Angeles ional Affiliations and the So- A social will be held at Socialist Party." Glen Trimble will cialist Party Headquarters, 1164 be the speaker. The Young People's Socialist January 30. The public is in-League will hold an open meeting vited. Friday, January 29, at 8 p. m.

Referendum Passed

Labor Action The Business Manager of La-The referendum to suspend Ar- bor Action starts this week on a ticle XVI. Section 2 (last line) tour of California to build up inand Section 5, was passed by a terest and circulation for the vote of \$1-53, with some locals paper. Locals will be notified of not voting. This means that So- the schedule and members are cialist Party members who have asked to cooperate to the fullest been in the Party in California extent to make this tour a sucfor six months are eligible to run cess.

Western States Federation Of the Socialist Party

Red Special

work. Tentatively the plan will be for Comrade Anderson to stop in San Bernardino where there Comrade Anderson, on his way seem to be good possibilities for through New Mexico, writes: "We organization work, and from there have just finished more than two go into the Los Angeles and weeks' travel in the large state southern area. Detailed plans, of Texas. Street meetings with both as to routing the truck and the use of the sound equipment, for its use in connection with and local meetings of comrades Comrade Ernest Erber's tour will in ten cities. Everywhere the urged to send in suggestions as new emphasis of Socialist work in to use of the tour in their locality with great enthusiasm. Texas is a basis for working out detailed ripe for the mass organization of plans. Information must be sent workers, farmers, and the unem. to the State Office in regard to ployed. Our Socialist comrades local ordinances in connection are taking up in earnest the ele- with use of sound equipment in

Page Three

for election as delegates to the

State Convention, to be held from

The number of delegates al-

lowed each local has been tenta-

cal dues stamp purchase average

for the year of 1936). Some

Under Article XVI, Section 2, of

the Constitution, locals are en-

Angeles Jewish 2; Los Angeles

Polish 3; Oxnard 2; Palo Alto 2;

San Diego 1; San Francisco 4.

Owing to a slight delay in issu-

ance of instructions from the Na-

tional Office, the number of dele-

gates allowed California is not

yet known. As soon as this in-

formation is received, the ballots

will be sent out with the nomina-

tions received in the State Office

which were mailed from locals

West Ninth Street, at 8 p. m.

on or before January 20.

Delegates

Tour for

On Farm Labor At Federal Hearing Will Play For

ities maintain control, the best tinued from Page 1) ding federal camps for machinery in the world will be orkers from the present to twisted to their objective of ee hundred necessary to terrorizing the workers into seasonal housing. These

ive Damning Facts

utal cottages and gardens recognize that planning must be tionists and anti-fascists. gratory farm workers, undertaken on the basis of the workers' unions, is op- Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New collective farms which administration of the plan must and to lower seasonal in- be on the same area basis, not delegated to local or state au-

sugrantee of the right of thorities, and the growing farm bargaining for the agri- workers' unions must be recognized and given a full voice in workers' unions. planning and administration." E KEY QUESTION Reactionary "Associated Farkey question." Trimble out, "is not, however, that mer" speakers made little imhery for aiding the ex- pression and no serious suggesfarm workers, but THE tions at the hearing which was L of that machinery. So completely dominated by labor

lown and county authori- representatives.

36--A Year Of Labor **Progress In Minneapolis**

Mapolis Labor Review. oint statement President of progress and in the Workers. will bring even greater BIG YEAR FOR DRIVERS the organized workers

ity as a whole." General Drivers Union, Local 544, unionization of its employes. Council, No. 32 (Minneapolis): nance of the Minneapomovement in the last there is every reason indicates the greatest progress in fruit and produce, liquor, taxi,

to do so."

" Hilliard Smith of the was the restoration of internal fer, and scores of small groups for them." Walter Frank, business shadowed ealy by the general August 1, 1936."

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"The new union, Local 544, was Los Angeles Branch of the Work- that a certain fairly numerous immediately challenged by the or- ers Defense League is attempting section of the population conganized employers, and after a to secure their release by a writ siders Santa Ana to be unjustly "as a year of great labor agent of the Lathers Union re- smashing union victory in a seven of habeas corpus in the Federal distinguished by being the host in Minneapolis, accord- ports for the joint organizing weeks' strike against the whole- Court in Los Angeles. New Year's summary in committee of the Lathers ond sale grocery employers, the bosses On their first day in the hos- members of the working class. other building trades unions: were completely convinced that pitable bastille of Orange County What else can you do about it? "There are 700 more members in Local 544 was made of the same the Sheriff took time off from We need money to carry on this and Vice President Boer. the Carpenters Union alone." stuff as old Local 574. On the his pinochle game sufficiently appeal. Send us a dollar or five the Minneapolis Central Such is the tenor of the reports heels of this victory came a flood long to come over to Velarde and or ten. Maybe you or your union of Sander Genis of the Amalga- of negotiations with employers, Espinoza and smirk genially, organizer will he the next to be of militancy that has mated Clothing Workers. Peter and each week has seen new con- "Well you s.o.b.'s we've finally called a "vag." Help us to smash Warhol and Luff Anderson of the tracts signed and placed in the got you in." The worst cell in the California Vagrancy law. Send ready carried them along Upholsterers Union, and Kelly union files. Among the signers the place was reserved for our your contribution to Non Partisan and Aslasson of the Miscellaneous are the department stores of the friends; for, you see, they were Labor Defense, Room 303, 124 W. city, including that of the Dayton guilty of the most heinous crime 6th street, Los Angeles, Cali-

Company, which for too long a of any in jall at the time. Pick- fornia. Farrel; Dobbs, secretary of the time had successfully opposed the pockets, drunks and peeping-toms are fine upstanding citizens in ates that "judging from reports for the Teamsters Joint "Local 544 now holds contracts Orange County compared with covering a wide group of local these two leaders of the workers. NEW CHARGES HINTED

"A review of events during 1936 industries such as coal, grocery, One of the officials of Orange that in 1937 it will many years among the unions af furniture stores, package deliv- County, was heard to say: "Those even greater triumphs, filiated with the T. J. C. Never ery, greenhouses, newspapers, s.o.b.'s (that is Orange County by increasing member- before has there been such a spring water, cold storage, auto language for union organizers) and power Minneapo- broad and consistent development accessory, building material, sand think we're through with them are making bright among all the drivers unions. The and gravel, excavating and grad- now after they have served their abor history and will most important single event of ing. prepared concrete, lumber ninety days. But wait, we will the year in the driving trades and wrecking, waste paper, trans- have another surprise in store

Union, Local 382, re- peace through the amalgamation and miscellaneous individual en- It is not clear if these words adid progress of both of locals 574 and 500 into the new terprises. The members of Local mean that a criminal syndicalist more in the anti-labor and in their only protection. and 1313, the latter General Drivers Union, Local 544. 544, which numbers in the thou- indictment is being prepared for the reactionary Chicago press as Thamental Iron Work- The significance of this is over- sands, has almost doubled since Velarde and Espinoza. But one regards their own workers and thing is perfectly clear. The au- their ditorial policy.

Red Orchestra Labor Organizers Are 'Bums' In Orange County Bonus System

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Labor organizers are "bums"- thorities of Orange County will in Orange County, California, leave nothing undone to keep Veproof of this can be found on larde and Espinoza from organizthe sheriff's records of December ing the agricultural workers of Unions Taking Strike mass organizations has been met so that the State Office will have Ball to be held on January 30th at 31st in the county jail in Santa California. In jail they are very to be controlled by the cheap and "contented" slavery. International Hall, 236 Van Ness Ana, California. Here the entry valuable to the squires of the ural unions, just as the "If the Government has any se- Avenue, will be supplied by A. An- appears: William Velarde and citrus industry. They stand as a e unions control their hir- rious intention of attempting to tonelli's Red Orchestra. This unique Joe Espinoza; charge-vagrancy; warning to anyone who attempts to help the Mexican, American program for providing off problem in the southwest, it must in the West, is made up of revolu-The circumstances are well and Filipino field workers of that Agricultural Unions (Mexican, among these groups. Although known. Driving along a public district.

Their purpose is to aid the work- highway in Velarde's car during In Orange County they think Diego County, are taking a strike state, the Socialists are loyal and togram, supported by the entire area of farm labor migra- ing class struggle for liberation, the strike in Orange County last that Velarde and Espinoza are Federation and the agri- tion, which includes California, Comrades and friends who attend- summer these men were picked just two burns picked up on a Growers' refusal to negotiate the Socialist organization there. ed the Labor Action banquet in up and charged with vagrancy. vag charge. They don't know that further for an agreement for the More power to them! that of off season indi- Mexico and Arizona. Control and November will remember the lively Velarde has part interest in a behind those bars are marshalled harvest of the celery crop and "We are now traveling through the Western Federation of the dance tunes and revolutionary grocery store and both the men thousands, hundreds of thousands, other vegetables grown in the New Mexico. We spent two days Socialist Party, Labor Action has had small sums of money on their of workers who stand in spirit county. The Celery Growers, in Clovis, enjoying the cordial been officially endorsed as the Besides music and dancing, a persons at the time of arrest. But behind these two "bums." They fearful of the recent organiza- hospitality of the Duncans and organ of the Federation. The mospecial program is being prepared more important, and this really don't realize that Velarde and tional drive initiated by the the Powells-faithful and loyal tion made by Comrade Paul S. by the committee in charge to con- constitutes their crime, they are Espinoza are hostages from a unions, have announced that they leaders of Socialism in this state. McCormick, member of the sist of dramatic presentations and president and organizer respec- mighty army and not just two intend to initiate the bonus sys- These comrades and others are WFSP Executive Committee in tively of the Agricultural Work- vags that ought to be put away tem in the fields, attempting to deserving of the highest regard, Colorado, was mailed December for a long time.

TWO APPEALS DENIED What can you do about it? Sit Numerous efforts have been down and write a letter to Joe made to obtain the release of the Espinoza or Bill Velarde, Orange men. Two appeals were made, County Jail, Santa Ana, Califortruck drivers' strike of 1934 one to the Appelate Court of Or- nia. Tell them you'll be glad which changed the whole attitude ange County, the other to the when they get out. Write some of labor to unionization and sent District Court of Appeals now local news of a labor kind. Flood a surge of organizational stimu- sitting in Fresno. Both of these the jail with letters so that the lus through Minneapolis and the appeals were denied. At present prisoners will know; so that the the Non-Partisan Labor Defense, postman and the jailer will know

of two honored and respected

Chicago Printers Want New Daily

Growers Try Vote of Celery

SAN DIEGO .- The Independent mentary work of organization moving vehicles!

Workers

vote this week in answer to the sacrifice a good deal to maintain Labor Action

raise CLUB OVER WORKERS one of the most vicious of the They use it in two ways. One tancia, Santa Fe. Albuquerque, ary 5. seek employment elsewhere if he wants his bonus at the end of

workers' head in order to keep Federation. him in line and to prevent him from going out on strike. It was against this vicious system that the Citrus Workers in Orange The Red Special County struck last year.

STRIKEBREAKING SCHEMES

CHICAGO, Ill .- The linotype strikes. This was initiated in Saworkers on Chicago newspapers linas when the growers, during Arriving in Lowell, Arizona, on have come out for the establish the lettuce strike, offered a 25 January 18, Comrade Anderson WFSP Executive Committee in ment of a liberal Chicago daily, cents per day bonus to scabs. planned to talk over with the Kansas. The "no" vote was qualiaccording to "Hot Slug" official Those workers who were taken in State Secretary there the possi- fied as follows by the comrade publication of the Chicago Lino- by this promise have not to this type Society. The members of the day been paid and they never society are all in Typographical will. The agricultural workers Union No. 16 and are employed are learning fast and realize that as linotype operators on Chicago the strength of their organizations

ACTION? See the Action Army, sound truck for erganization TION ARMY.

Urganizer Reports At San Diego and local meetings of comrades Comrade Ernest Erber's tour whe

American and Filipino) of San few in number in such a large Federation Endorses

disguise it by calling it a 5-cent for they are giving all they have 18 to the members of the general in time and money to maintain executive body of the affiliated the Socialist organization here states, with the announcement The bonus system has proven against the greatest of obstacles. that the decision would be made

California Awaits

If this first type of bonus is cause the organization in that meant to forestall strikes, the state is not extensive, very few Wyoming did not submit a vote. second is supposed to break plans could be made in advance California voted three in favor of for extensive use of the truck. bilities for work in that state. three weeks' time. Locals in the system of 'official' papers."

state are urged to cooperate in every way possible to make the Do You want to build LABOR tage of the opportunity to have a the way to build see the AC-

With a vote of nine to one by "We expect to stop at the fol- on the basis of votes received on California Growers' weapons, lowing places in the state: Es- or before mailing date of Janu-

is the yearly bonus, paid only at Hot Springs, Lac Cruses, from The vote by affiliated states the end of the season by each in- whence we move on into Arizona. in good standing on the motion, dividual employer to all employes "We are proud of the privilege "that the Western Federation of who have worked steadily for the of representing the Socialist the Socialist Party endorses La-Association and only them during Party in Sound Truck No. 1-the bor Action as its official organ the entire year. This means that Red Special! The comrades with the understanding that such after a worker has been working everywhere rejoice when they see endorsement shall continue until for any one grower for a month this bright red truck on its way such time as, in the judgment of or so and a slack in the work across the country with its mes- the majority of the WFSP Excomes, as a result of an imma- sage of hope to the exploited ecutive, the policies of Labor Acture crop, the worker may not workers of country and city." tion and of the WFSP shall no Comrade Anderson reports en longer coincide," was as follows: thusiasm on the part of comrades The three Executive Committhe year. Like all bonus systems in New Mexico for the organiza- tee members in New Mexico all it is used to hold a club over the tion and plans of the Western voted in favor of the proposal. Two members of the Colorado Committee voted in favor, and the other member did not vote. Only one member from Minnosota voted (a favorable vote), Early this past week Comrade since there had been at the time Anderson entered Arizona Be- no official action by the SEC appointing the other two members. the proposal. The only "no" vote came from one men er of the voting: "I might add that this Probably the Red Special will is no criticism of Labor Action, arrive in California in about but that I object to the entire

> For Socialism in Our Time tour a success and take advan build the Socialist press. For

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The Only Road

The project of the Socialist Party to aid volunteers who want to go to Spain with the Debs' Column of the International Brigade continues to stand as the central issue in the radical labor movement. And rightly so. Nothing for many years has made such a strong appeal to the genuine militants. And no issue has made such a sharp, clear and unerringly just division between the genuine and the spurious advocates of international labor solidarity. The Debs' Column presents the acid test of internationalism and the struggle of the workers against fascism ...

Is the civil war in Spain of any real concern to us in America? In our opinion it is of the most vital concern. A victory of fascism in Spain would depress the whole labor movement of Europe and of the whole world. It would increase the isolation of the Soviet Union and tremendously accelerate the movement for a united attack of world capitalism against it.

A victory of the Spanish workers on the other hand, would inspire the French workers to smash French fascism and carry their revolution through to victory. The revolutionary struggle in France would lift the German and Italian workers to their feet and start a counter-offensive against fascism in its centers of power. The labor movement in the United States, stimulated by the world resurgence, would move forward with giant strides. Yes, we have a vital interest in the outcome of the civil wer in Spain.

. . . .

Would the sending of 500 men to Spain in the Debs' Column exert any influence on the Spanish struggle? Or, would it merely be a theatrical gesture, of no military significance? On this question we will give the floor to a correspondent on the ground in Spain.

Louis Fisher, in the Nation of January 9, writes as follows from Alicante: "The International Column was thrown into the breech to save Madrid. It saved Madrid."

But it is obvious, from the small numbers involved, that their influence was primarily moral. Their presence on the fighting lines inspired the Spanish workers with the assurance that they were not alone, that the international proletariat was on its side, not in words only but in deeds.

Who can doubt that the arrival of 500 fighters from America, under the banner of Debs, would inspire the Spanish workers with new hope and courage? And, besides that, the careful sifting of applicants, from a military and political standpoint, insures the selection of volunteers who can shoot straight-and in the right direction. The Debs' Column will undoubtedly play a good part in the fateful struggle in Spain.

The campaign of the Socialist Party to finance the Debs' Column is meeting with furious and many-sided resistance. We must analyze this resistance and learn from it. But we must not yield to it.

The Roosevelt administration is against the daring enterprise of the Socialist Party. Why? Because American capitalism, fronting the Socialist Party in which the Roosevelt administration repre- 1937. Most of these deal with sents, is a thousand times more afraid of a party relations to other groups socialist Spain-the only possible outcome and reorganization of party maof a real workers' victory there-than a fascist Spain.

of this stripe, are against the Debs' Col- unmistakable answer to a pre- thing else. They ceased to think umn. But that is because they have no vious question: "What is the Socialist Party?" This answer idea whatever of a real struggle against should include a realistic esticapitalism, against the fascists, or, in fact, mate of what the party has been, Farmer-Labor Party and prayed against anybody but revolutionary social- is at present, and should be. We ists. Their opposition is a tribute to the cannot judge either our own wisdom of the New York organization of groups without such a perspecthe Socialist Party in initiating the plan tive and yet we must begin by for the Debs' Column. It shows that the recognizing that at present there split with the Old Guard was a good split is no general agreement among -simply the throwing off of excess bag-fundamental point. gage.

The Communist workers are deeply "Mass Party"

stirred by the Debs' Column and, from Let us begin by a review of Somany indications, are warmly sympathetic cialist history in this country. In to it. This is testified to by the fact that the seventeen years prior to Am-erican entry into the world war, quite a few Communist Party members, in the Socialist Party grew rapidly definite attempt to restate and parties in every other advanced by the use of military training ried the following item of California and New York, have applied to and fairly steadily. It aimed at, define the purpose and function country in the world-that a go to Spain with the Column.

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But the leadership of the party, it ap- come the party of the entire Am-erican working class. It was an pears, is against it. Why? Is it because "all-inclusive party" welcoming they are afraid the Socialists, who were almost all applicants from directnothing but "social fascists" yesterday, action syndicalists to "pure" votewill join Franco's troops to fight for fas- catchers and mild liberals. Eucism in Spain? Or, is it because they fear Haywood, John Spargo and Upthat the American Socialists, led astray by ton Sinclair upheld their widely Only Two the slogan of "Socialism versus Capital- different and often conflicting Alternatives ism," will fight for a Socialist Spain? Is types of radicalism within the it because the Communist Party thinks boundarles of a single party. So-there are already too many workers in cialists of all varieties were agthere are already too many workers in gressively proud of the party. In Party. We can aim at becoming direct application to are local. the enrollment of last summer. Spain infected with this "sectarian" idea. hobo jungles, union halls and a mass, all-inclusive, party of the direct application to every lesser Or, is the Communist Party opposed to the "pink tea" parlors there were So- working class in the near future problem confronting the dele- ilian aide to the Secretary of masks, which will be Debs' Column because it has given up the cialists expounding the doctrine or at creating a trained and dis- gates. Debs Column because it has given up the claims expounding the doctrine ciplined revolutionary vanguard of idea of really opposing a government of body and everybody to join the body and everybody to join the body to join the body and everybody to j

Mass Party" Or Vanguard Party?

By GLEN TRIMBLE

LABOR ACTION

Note: This is the second of ears of the "mass party" ena series of articles on issues thusiasts, and handfuls of Marxiconfronting the March Convention of the Socialist Party. an revolutionaries began the They are intended as a basis slow, painful process of rebuildfor local and branch discusing on firmer foundations. sion. We are sure that nonparty readers will also find interesting and educathem 'stars" but held to its opposition tional. Labor Action will welto the war and actually increased come articles submitted by its membership. What the war party members on all subjects could not accomplish, the 1919 to be considered at the Soclalist National Convention .--of the radical movement plus Editor.

quent labor conservatism did. Last week's article outlined the problems and opportunities conall of its militants in the split; the remainder were aging, discouraged, robbed of the pre-war confidence. A national party did not actually exist in the '20s-it was no wonder that Socialists

It is impossible to approach supported the La Follette camany of these particular problems paign in 1924-they had not the The Old Guard Socialists, and all others intelligently without a clear-cut, numbers or the morale to do anyof the Socialist Party as THE party of the working class, endorsed the alternative of a mass that labor leaders would take the initiative in launching it soon. Recent developments-the depression revival of working-class radicalism, the growth of the Socialist Party, the clash of the cruits, the sharp right turn of the

Pre-War Socialist

What is less generally recogand confidently expected to be-

basis for action was unclear.

machinery for their governments. | velops. At the Cleveland conven-Illusions came tumbling about the tion, the party Declaration of Principles implies the first alternative while a section of the Labor Party resolution definitely states the second! The fact that both passed proves the confusion which prevails.

In the United States the So-Some comrades justify the concialist Party lost many of its fusion by pointing out that we are not now large enough to be either a mass party or a revolutionary vanguard. Therefore, they say, let us build the party and decide split and subsequent splintering the issue later on.

This pleasant evasion is impospost-war prosperity and consesible. Every decision, large or small, local or national, depends The Socialist Party lost almost on a prior answer to the basic question, "What is the Socialist Party?"

If we are building a mass party we recruit, educate and act in relation to all other groups in an entirely different way then if we are building a revolutionary vanguard. The conception of a mass party under present conditions can only be the conception of a reformist party. Work for a mass party, in present circumstances, must begin with compromise, leniency toward a wide difference of opinion, a minimum of discipline or obligation on the part of party members-otherwise the mass of non-party workers who understand neither the urgency of present world issues, defeatist old guard and the new. or the necessity of a disciplined, instinctively militant, young re- trained group to meet the problems ahead will simply refuse to Communist Party, the ferment and development of the organized

labor movement-are sufficiently Vanguard Party recent to be common knowledge. Only Choice

If, on the other hand, we recognized is that in the course of nize the lesson from the failures these recent events no clear, and of the reformist mass workers' the development of good citizens of the Socialist Party has been "mass party" of this type is too camps was advocated by the gov-

have, consequently, made conflict- must choose the alternative of writer's opinion, it is the only office in Washington. realistic one for the Socialist There are, broadly speaking. Party, requires, first, clear and roll 38,000 men in the CMTC this two alternatives for the Socialist unmistakable statement at the summer, an increase of 7,000 over

Extracts from Letters Of Debs Column Volunteen

"In case I am disqualis, The following are a few excerpts from the many letters by age limit for active say which came in as a result of I sincerely hope that I the call for volunteers to give fill the requirements for service, general or special a practical expression of In-Working Class ternational Solidarity.

"I am glad to rec Mr. for the Debs' Brigade 1 "I have been watching the papers hoping to hear that that he is determined nurses would be recruited. I all he can in the fight to

"I want to be in the

"I hope you can send me

"I saw your article

for Spain . . . I am

anxious to go help my S

Brothers in their strugg

Being in syn

CHRISTMAS

bor Action" about

am very much in sympathy liberation of the worker the world and especially with the Loyalist Cause . . . have been doing public heaith in Spain." nursing for several years." "A newspaper article recently stated that Famil

"I pledge my life to the Sovolunteers with necess cialists of Spain. I was a secknowledge will be take ond lieutenant in the Cadets, am a trained nurse and Rifle and Machine Gun, 28th like to offer my servi Division and Gunner in the the Spanish Lovalists. 10th Artillery."

"I have always been inter-Brigade to fight for the ested in the problems of the ish Working Class. working class and have ten years of aeronautical engineering training and experience Sphin to help the Wa that I want to put at their dis-Class there defeat the posal.' cists."

"I am very glad to see that you are sending men to Spain because my working class is fighting for its life there. I want to get back to Spain. which I left a month before the revolution started . . .

with the Spanish Workers "Your organization deserves having military experience the salute of all class consci- friend and I want very ous workers for mobilizing aid to go to Spain. We an for Spain against the Finks of members of the Teams Union. Fascism."

Army Officers Want GAS MASKS FO More Cannon Fodder

CHICAGO .- A sharp increase in unwieldy, too loosely hung to erning committee of Military all: We have been so engaged with gether, too undecided itself, to Training Camps Association in Christmas bonus are being detail that we have failed to act decisively and correctly in their annual meeting held here this year to municipal tackle the essential problem and revolutionary crisis - then we recently. Attending the meeting of Kapovar in Southern ing decisions because our whole building a party trained and pre- were several army officers, in- The Burgomaster has inf pared for just such an emergency. cluding Lieut. Col. Victor V. Tay- officials that owing to That decision, and, in this lor of the Adjutant General's shortage of cash the

> The meeting laid plans to en- Christmas bonus. Charles Burrel Plke, chief civ. ployes and their relati

The Manchester Weekly ian for December 18, 1 on earth and good gas-m "Gas masks instead

not be able to pay out

"Instead the town co decided to distribute am

Yet the numerical strength of the Interrational troops was not great. Says Fisher: "The first International Brigade reached the front in the early days of November with a full complement of 1,900 men. The second brigade got to the front on November 14. Its strength then was 1.550. Today these are the only foreign units which have borne arms in the cause of Spanish democracy-3,450 soldiers. Yet they have appreciably influenced the military situation."

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According to all reports the International troops fought bravely and effectively.

Hitler Commands American Citizens

Spain!

"May we therefore also today

Indeed, the convention of an

And the representative of the

On April 22, 1936, in the Lin-

"America Needs a

Hitler'

By E. RIX The government officials of the Third Reich and the Nazi organizations in the United States stress again and again that National Socialism is merely a philosophy for home consumption in Germany.

The organization of Nazi charac-Weckruf," June 25, 1936-the ter in the foreign countries, they official organ of the Amerikasay, are independent organizadeutscher Volkusbund.") tions which simply admire the On the fourth and fifth of July, greatness of the new Germany. 1936 the fourth "Gautag Mittle-

At the party convention of the west" of the "Amerikadeutscher NSDAP in Hildesheim, Germany, Volksbund" was held at Cleveon June 14, 1936, the Reich propaland. As the representative of ganda minister, Dr. Goebbels, exthe Third Reich, Mr. Kassler of claimed: the German consulate of Cleve-

"National Socialism to us is not land was present at this meeting. for export but, on the contrary, a The tendency of this national sonatent article which is used only cialist meeting is exposed by a within Germany." quotation from "Gauleiter" Fro-

This declaration can have only bocse: one meaning: National Socialism is limited to Germany. However, take home the conviction that the fact is that the present rulers although we have emigrated, alof Germany export carloads of though we have become citizens national socialist propaganda lit- of this country, we need one thing erature to foreign countries; also, more than anything else, namely, the organizations of American citia strong mother-country which is bund" in the spirit of National zens are founded in the USA at the able to represent powerfully the Socialism is not limited to an inorder of the German government. German prestige in the world."

"The Germany Of the Future'

That the American Nazi organizations are influenced officially organization of American citizens regards as their main task "the by the representative of the Hitgovernment, two examples creation of the conditions under may suffice. On June 19, 1936, at which Nazi Germany is able to act powerfully in the world." the Lincoln Turner Hall, Chicago, a "Sprechabend" (evening for discussion) of the "Amerikadeut-National Socialist Third Reich, a foreign government, speaks at scher Volksbund" was held. The this convention of American citi- German day of Hudson County as speaker was Dr. Tannenberg, the zens in an official capacity. He closed his German consul. address saving:

future, and therefore we want you Anderson of the "American Vigiand must be."

At the end of this evening the The report of the "Deutscher sung.

democratic capitalism on any question?

appear . . .

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The "Deutscher Weckruf" of

"Amerikadeutscher Volks-

Taken Lightly

"reds." Throughout the world mass So

Let the opponents of the Debs' Column cialist Parties were the rule very size steam-rollered have their own reasons for trying to stop Their or sabotage the enterprise, whatever they doubt as to their reliability in may be. But for the socialists, and for the ment of socialism in each counlabor militants who have been aroused by try depended only on the mathethe call for the Debs' Column, there is matical problem of figuring the only one road: straight ahead. The pro- rate of past increase in Socialist ject must be carried through. The neces- vote and setting the early future sary funds must be raised. The volun- date when 51 per cent would be Socialist.

teers must be sent. American Socialism must fulfill its obligations of international The World War solidarity to the embattled workers of And After

Then came the war. The great European parties turned themselves overnight into recruiting

that our American institutions are different from the German inman people . . ." stitution and that the former,

Karl Gotz, alderman of the City which in the past have proved to of Stuttgart and member of the be valuable, for the time being, board of the German Auslandsinmust not be disturbed. But the time will come when also in stitut in that city, explained what this "state political activity and America a Hitler will have to work for the German people

The view of the speaker that should be:

the institutions of America for "Today, in the period of na the time being must not be distionalistic thinking, the nation turbed and that a Hitler will have comes first. The membership in to come to America was apthe great German blood commuplauded vigorously and the local nity is the decisive factor. The group leader, Sautter, thanked great leader of all Germans has the speaker especially for his gloriously placed the conception of the co-nationals (Volksgenosse, The "Amerikadeutscher Volks- racial comrade) above that of the bund" which has been founded at citizen."

Hitler's command as a presum In the next paragraph of the ably American organization, as editorial the same opinion is exhave seen, is influenced in pressed again. Evidently the spirit of Hitler's propaganda Nazis in the United States deem official German government it very important when an offirepresentatives in close cooperacial representative of the Nazi tion with native American fasgovernment declares that the American citizenship paper is of mlnor importance. This paragraph of the editorial states;

"For our German native counits relations to the Ger try in the foreign countries, mans in thanks to the change in the conbrought ception of nationalism by national socialism, no about over here. Moreover, the Nazi longer citizenship is the decisive factor, but blood and nation is. sentatives of Germany to Amer- Indeed, the greatness of Adolf

ica to have them declare in Am- Hitler's work lies in the concepof the nation, formed by him, members of the "Amerikadeut- tional community and the comscher Volksbund" are national so- munity of fate of all Germans: cialist Germans in spite of their A community to which also we

Germans in America belong. Founded at Hitler's command. June 27, 1936, writes about the trained by Hitler's official representatives in the USA, urged by emissaries of the Third Reich to

"But what distinguished this consider the citizenship papers as "You are the Germany of the coln Turner Hall in Chicago, Dr. German day from its predeces- a matter of minor importance and sors was the will stressed in the to respect Adolf Hitler and his to be like this Germany will be lant Association" spoke about: speeches and addresses of its ideas more than anything else-"Will Hitler Influence America." leaders to awaken the slumber- this is the "Amerikadeutscher ing forces of "Germandom" and Volksbund," a National Socialist national socialistic Horst Wessel Weckruf" of May 2, 1936, says: to attract them to state political branch in the U.S. under Hitler's ("Deutscher | "Finally the speaker explained activity and to work for the Ger- command.

come a mass revolutionary party guard principle to gift than money could military basis as the revolutionary crisis de lems.

