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tation from "all interests," the Na-

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ipants in such a farcical set-up, it

Department of Labor.

Workers

Not Fooled

fill all vacancies!

No. 15

Ry James C. Rayne

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1937 BAY DISTRICT faritime Labor And

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.-A strike of the WPA workers of the The Guffey "maritime mediation" bay area ended officially last Sunbill is even more vicious than the day when strikers at a joint meet-Copeland bills. The Copeland bill ing of the Workers' Alliance and vitally and immediately affected the American Federation of Goveach and every individual maritime ernment Employes at Fillmore Hall

was comparatively simple to arouse fered by the WPA administration. The concessions in brief are as

strong and militant they can resist tion "will not recommend" any re-

the step in this direction ing at undermining its basic foun assigned jobs "up to the quota" al-

3. No worker to be separated for fields "unless it be determined he is physically fit for such work." into the fields.

The Guffey bill would create a 4. The administration agree that complex machinery around a cen- they "think a plan can be worked on boards and other tral "Ship Labor Board," all of it out whereby a worker may phone" to be closely dove-tailed into the to some central location to deter-Railroad Labor Act. In fact, the mine whether a project will be open Railroad Labor Board is slated to that day or whether inclement he effect of this legisla. play an important role in the whole weather has shut the project down. ks it can brazenly thumb system, and many clauses of the 5. Meetings will be arranged with repeated attempts of the bill splendidly amend clauses of the supervisors at which representatives from the union will be 'per-

> 6. All workers leaving WPA for private industry will be immediceived to give labor representatives ately replaced with SRA clients "up only a minority vote. Under the to the quota."

stated and allowed to make up time ers Organizing Committee signed tional Ship Labor Board (and, cor- lost due to strike activity. Before 51 steel companies to union conrespondingly, the four regional a worker is laid off he must be boards) will be composed of the fol- given 48 hours' notice.

unions, 16 from shipowners' organ- strike committee included a gen- 492 lodges of the new steel union izations, 4 from shipbuilding comeral 10 per cent raise in wages as functioning at present in all the panies and 4 to be chosen by the recommended by the National WPA. steel centers of the nation. collective bargaining rights for the Workers' Alliance and the AYGE, as well as no deduction in monthly Workers are not fooled that the pay for inclement weather. These nominees of the shipowrers, the main demands were supplemented the mechanism of boards shipbuilders and the government with the demand that no worker be will represent "different" interests! sent into the agricultural field un-They see that their representatives less he is registered as an agriculare definitely in the minority. More tural workers that all workers on ing the "bresk" by U. S. Steel in (Continued on Page 3)

> State Relief Official is provided that the Railmard Media-Pronounced 'Unfair' tion Board can appoint nembers to

Ellis Patterson, assemblyman from Monterey County introduced. But there is so one section of the a resolution in the State Assembly Guffey bill which can be singled out | condemning Mr. Harold Pomeroy, under the hypocritical for special attack. The bill is a State Fielief Administrator, for dicbringing "harmony" on closely keit whole which must be tatorial and un-American activities at, the Guffey bill, now fought intransigently by all work in abridging the political and rivil gress, would place a ers-vaterfront and inland alike. liberties of the SRA workers and obstacles in the way Labor Action has constantly ham requesting the Governor to refleve ective bargaining be- mered on this point: that the Cope- Mr. Pomeroy of his position as

Mr. Pomeroy had appeared beworkers in their bar- part of the government and the fore the Social workers of the SRA he workers have been evolved to a higher and even more SRA workers were prohibited from. a new militancy and a be killed-for in the minds of its sending communications or petiof industrial solidarity instigators and supporters it is is. tions concerning pending legislaconcessions from the tended as the death knell of mid- tion to legislators on the grounds that it was impossible to separate himself from his official position. This action of Mr. Pomercy was the immediate cause for Assembly man

> Mr. Panterson stated, that Mr. lief Administrator ha had, west

CIO Committee Hit "Western Worker"

goved the officers for lines, and summerially removed the O. Committee passed at resolution other than the word of mouth backcarry out William afficers who obeyed the mandate of condemning the Western Worker, ing initiated by the men themselves Rumors that the marter had been a "dishonest attack" against the revoked by Tobica sould not be verify chairman, of the local committee, brought to the steel workers in coercion or infini dation. It will d teamsters voted to fied. Charles V. Real, the any of sand voted to continue functioning: money alone was shown by a report the lines manned by ficer of Local 70 who tacked Green, as a coordinating body for C. I O of the American Iron & Steel Insti-

mat advocating central bodies for nually, highest in history, as me unions affiliated to the T. I O and result of the increase of appraiunions; not amiliated to the A. F. 3 mately \$150,000,000, on March 16, quaire protection for any employer. L. was splitting the labor nowe when union contracts became af against strikes," stated John L. nent. The resolution "that all C. I rective. protesting the dishonest attack on ceed the 1929 average of 35.4 sents tracts provided a way to discipline the chairman of this conference by an hour 35 28 per cent, the firsti- workers who siglate an agreement." RK - With 58 textiles Local 3 includes textile norkers the Western Norker; organi of the tute reported. The latest informa-

> representative from each Interna two months of 1937. all local mions: who have been ne-

in the Minneapolis Strikes of 1934" will be the subject of an open educational meeting to be held by Local San Francisco of the Socialist Party Wednesday evening, April 28, 8 p. m., at 236 Van Ness Ave.

The discussion will be lead by a comrade active in the Minneapolis strikes, and the roles played by the Farmer-Labor party, and the Communist party will be contrasted with the role of a revolutionary party.

The heroic struggless of General Drivers' Local 574 and the part of revolutionary workingclass leadership in those strikes provide Jessons of vital importance to all interested in trade unionism and revolutionary pol-

A graphic survey of the Minneapolis strikes can be found in "American City, a Rank and File History," reviewed on page 4 of this issue of Labor Action.

Men Rush Into Steel **CIO Union**

Company Unions Crumpling As Workers Reach For Wage Rise

Pushing ahead with its historymaking campaign, the Steel Worktracts, in the mouth following the

Bethlehem Steel and Republic Steel made voluntary statements that they are willing to bargain with representatives of the S. W. O. C. "for those of our employes

over, since the drafters of the bill relief be given W.FA jobs, and that Regotiating a contract with the S. W. O. C. Prove the total far pass the 200,000 mark. A close check on this point showed that in check on this point showed that in the 10 days following March 2 there were approximately 35,000 new members signed.

ALLEGHENY STEEL SIGNS

Among the late signers of companies under union contract are Allegheny Steel Company, one of the most important of the "specialty" nills; the Diesel naking Buda Company of Harvey, Il., and the huge tool-making Henry Disston Sons Company, of Philadelphia.

Workmen at both plants of Allegheny Steel staged a few hour chrysler and John L. Lewis have for collective bargaining. strike to prove to management their rights, but all other steel signed a peace treaty maning to wards of 50 companies where contraces are being discussed.

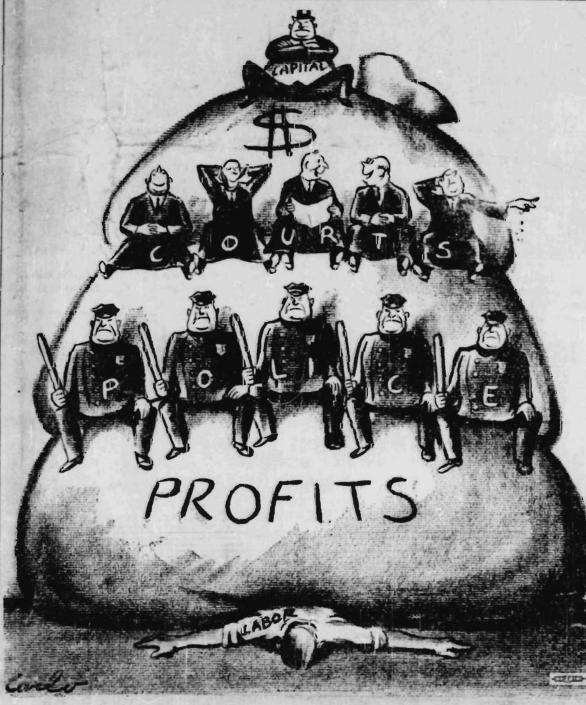
jobs pending negotiations between The elements of this agreement are S. W. O. C. official's and manage-

CAPTURE COMPANY UNIONS Ir the Bethlehem mills followers. wers 150 3. M. O. C. man elected. Cr. 100 liestance was black a nam-ganization or group like a company paign in the part of f. W. O. C. union.

tute. Payrails of the industry now The Western Worker charged are at the rate of \$1055,000,300 an-

ers were averaging about 415

Minneapolis Striker To Discuss Parties L. Trotsky Cross-Examined Before Impartial Commission A "Legal" Sit-down By Carlo Recounts



Hotel Crafts

Hotel workers of six crafts voted

overwhelmingly for strike in San

Francisco, as regotiations with

Vote Strike

Sit-down Concluded

Lewis Promises No More two nonths of parleys. Steppages of Work

LANSING, Mich. - Walter P. city, with the owners refusing to

The Thirtsier Corporation agrees signing of cormusts. to bargain with the Inited Automo-

The union agrees not to solicit nempership on the corporation's

ingness in support the strike whole A sontract with the C.I.O. is "ade-Lewis as le promised punctilious.

NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED Testimory of Tarmer Joan Bod new contacts were made. possible," with no discrimination son against Koci was of such con- Forums

HOUSTON, Texas. Workers in against strikers," and in accordance tradictory and obviously fabricated A symposium on the president's circo. nature that even the Immigration proposal for the reorganization of A NIGHT 'N MEXICO will be Inspectors could not accent it as the Supreme Court will feature the presented by the Young People's Sopowerfull rew industrial mion those C I C unions which are non The Huston beal is prepared to From 35,000 men and truth. The case has been dragged forum for April 18. Sol Silverman, cialist League Saturday, April 30. covered by this agreement. The out for almost a year, with numer prominent attorney; will speak in Dancing, refreshments, and enter-

unions voting; be strike; are Coots'

call 30, and Waitress Lecall 48.

Koci Deportation

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ected when the strike is called,

tuit they have all indicated a will-

New Local Chartered

hotel owners were broken, off after The strike rote came as the culployes Initiated at mination of a successful drive to Meeting organize the lamous hotels of this

3000 enthusiastic department store sel in the Sacco-Vanzetti and other Revolting against long hours, employees and retail clerks were famous labor cases. workers in their barthe workers in their barthe fight has now and pronounced an oltimatum that
the their employers. In employers. The fight has now and pronounced an oltimatum that tors readily signed or are in the Chrysler sit-down strike. Governor hotel workers have been flocking local of the Retail Clerks Protec. American Committee for the Dein inches the control of the recall control At the present time there are up nounced that the strike at the Reo trades instituted am organizing night at Scottish Rite Hall. Em- that a formal invitation had been plants, also a six-down, which had tampaign several months ago demands of the department stores in San Francisco ment, through its ambassador in A strike at the Lebanon, Pa, been in progress 28 days, had been men wave placed before the San nominated candidates out of which Washington, Alexander Troyanovplant was settled by agreement, settled in a 3-hour conference with Francisco Hotel Dwners' Associative representatives from each sky, to send representatives to the with all workers returning to their the Chrysler agreement as a basis. Sion. Hasic demands are preferen- store are to be lected next week to hearings with full rights of cross-

> unions within At days after the largest single block of initiates the flar invitation to the Communist International has ever taken in Party, which supports the official The unions regotiating commit will be ready to present its de version of the trials," Novack bile Workers of America are the see, with Walter Cowan as ahair mands to the employers within two stated. "Finally, in case the offiof the steel union strtually cap-cared the company entens. It is astimated, that of a possible 256 interfere, discriminate or in any when the awners ratused to accept work week and improved conditions and it impossible to appear, we representatives in the bury big bership in the union; and not to of the hotel workers.
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bell-boys and naintenance nen, Brown, discharged from Wool- in cross-examining Trotsky." Local &i. Miscellaneous Local 110, worth's for union activities last. The Stalinists have refused to Bartenders' Local & Kaiters Lo fall, 4000 applications have poured present their charges at the hearin during fre last two months. ing.

40 Years In Cause

Stalinist Bureaucracy Fails To Present Shired Of Evidence

MEXICO CITY, Mexico.-Headed by professor John Dewey, the delegation of prominent figures in American public life opened its preliminary hearing before Leon Trotsky in its investigation to determine the truth of the charges levelled at the revolutionary exile

the first witness in the ten-day hearing at Mexico City. He opened his defense with a dramatic recital of his 40-years devotion to the cause of socialist revolution.

attorney, who is acting as counsel for Trotsky presented the five main accusations levelled at the Moscow

1. That he prepared terroristic acts against Soviet leaders.

2. The he organized industrial sabctage to weaken the nation's

3. That he instigated other acts, such as explosions and mass assas-4. That he maintained secret re-

lations with German fascism and Japanese militarism to defeat the U. S. S. R. in war time and dismem-5. That he sought to destroy so-

cialist economy and re-establish capitalism in the U.S.S.R.

"The fact that Mr. Trotsky has personally denied these charges is not of itself a matter of concern to the commission," stated Dewey. 'That he has been condemned without the opportunity to be heard is a matter of utmost concern to the

Besides Dr. John Dewey, the commissioners who are making the preliminary inquiry are as follows: Benjamin Stolberg, well-known labor journalist; Suzanne La Follette, author and former editor of the "New Freeman": Dr. Otto By Clerks the "New Freeman"; Dr. Otto Ruhle, biographer of Karl Mark and a leading German Socialist now and a leading German Socialist now a refugee from Hitlerism; Carleton Beals, author of numerous standard 3,000 Department Stors Em- works on Latin America; Carlo Tresca, editor of 'Il Martello" and a leader of the Italian anti-Fascist movement in this country; and John Finerty, associated with the SAN FRANCISCO-More than defense of Tom Mooney and soun-

all workers to join their respective | The new union, representing the "We have further extended a simexamine Trotsky. In the event none Through the intensive afforts of of those invited wish to appear, we Carmen Lucia, Millinery Workers' have asked for any material the ganized almost 90 per sent. Other Union organizer, and Marion prosecution would want to present

Intensive Activity Marks Party Growth In Frisco

May Be Dropped method of raising funds for Labor sinus at 8 p.m. at International Hall, of the San Francisco branch of the is 25 cents, unemployed free. SAIN FRANCISCO .- Deportation Socialist party. A house party ar- South San Francisco. proceedings agains't Frank Koci are ranged by all Booth and Florence expected to be dropped soon, as the Wyle proved successful in avery San Francisco brought lifteen fel-Government has helhated it will way: \$12 was meared after all ex- low-workers to the headquarters for not agriously rely on the discredit penses were paid, twenty people en last Sunday's forum. All of them ed test imony of their stair witness. joyed a snappy afternoon, several active trade unionists, they are anx-

SAN FRANCISCO. - Arranjoyadle the Supreme Court. The forum be-Action was discovered by members 2365 Van Ness Avenue. Admission

ious to organize a branch of the Socialist party in South San Fran-

International Hall, 236 Van Ness

and other plants at which the C. I.C. is building in the A. F. of L. affiliates set up a C. I. questis me made. O. Organizing Conference ion the send our speakers in case any re- Reo settlement covers about 3,000 ous postponements by the Govern- favor of the plan. Frank: A. Bucka- tainment in Cabaret Style will be textile industry. "It is planned aventually to purpose of coordinating their or interested in the Socialist move more. free Loci. The defense is being lew from the League for Supremo featured. les, Inc. Louisville, merge axisting beals of the United ganizational activities." ment should get in touch with the Foremen, time keepers, mant pro- in raising the necessary bond to Court Independence will oppose the The performance will be held all ently signed with the Textile Workers of America with The committee is empowered to organizer of the Socialist party by tection men, and confidential salplan. make up most of the make up most of the of Local 20 Local

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has taught workers how tant unionism in America.

e removed from office last Monday by Joseph tional Organizer for & under the direction of three grizes in any man bureaucin International Presi- racy, combined their efforts to appointed trustee of proe the men through the picket

tions to pass through the rank and file. established by I L A

at several Dakland remains as accretary-treasurer pro- organization in this area. Tobin and Casey, tem.

Tile Drive Launched; TWOC Announces Policy O. affiliated anions to an record!

Organization has becharters to rewly or

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of Local 32.

brought under employed by the Schlege Manufac Communist: Party," was passed 26 tion to the Institute was that worksince its drive be- turing Co. and when conceuns at to 6. Workers Organiza. Rochester, N. Y., while Lucal 4 hass The committee, composed of one hours di work at week in the first once on all supplementary matters, of the Committee been chartered at Buluth, Minn.

"It will be the solicy of the T. tional affiliated to the T. I. O. re-VI. O. C. to charter new bealts communded "that all local unions whenever settlements are many and apply at once for affiliation with HOUSTON LOCAL an, chairman of the agreements are entered into with the Central Labor Touncil. That announced the issu- employers," Hillman declared.

"There T. W. O. C. locals will mised or are refused affiliation with and around Mousiton. Beaumont, with the seniority rules of the cor-C. to 4,000 carpet form the basic structure of the the Central Labor Countil and Galveston, and Port Arthur who are poration now in effect."

Stalinite Strategist Works tain their rights, the employers are While Unemployed Picket

workers-which explains why it voted to accept the concessions of-

It is theoretically true that as follows: long as the unions can remain 1. The State relief Administra-

the blacklisting drive which the ductions during April or May from the present rolls of the various But the Guffey bill hits directly projects. allroad Labor Act was the at the heart of the union itself, aim- 2. Workers now on relief will be

great mass of railroad dation stone: as the instrument ready in force. w only too well. The whereby exploited workers can l right to strike against raise their living standards and refusal to work in agricultural

No "skilled" worker will be sent

The Ship Labor Board, the cenmitted to speak." co Chronicle of last tral mediation board for the maritime industry, is carefully con-

7. All strikers are to be rein-

lowing: 16 nominees from labor Demands as presented by the

is and employers. The land bill was only one small frem in State Relief Administrator. always been stacked the labor-smashing strive on the

Parterson a resolution.

LOS ANGELES .- The local C. 1 organ of the Communist Parts, for in the mills.

as follows:

SIT-DOWNS OUT

What the rew steel union has plant or time, and to use to neither cause to rallow any member of the union to take part in any stoppage of works or sit-down strike during the term of the agriement:

The average tourly samings ex observance of contracts. "Our con-

Negotiations will be resumed at

and those not covered by the main agreement. All court proceedings are to be dismissed. Men are to be put back to work as fest as

Resolutions Go Left

Convention Repudiates Disrupters

CHICAGO, Illinois .- Crushing the campaign of the Communist Party to oust militant members of the Socialist Party whom they attempted to stigmatize under the epithets of "Trotskyism" and "counter-revolutionists," the special convention of the Convention came to a successful conclusion after running its full schedule from March 26 to March 29, inclusive.

The convention which was held at the LaSalle Hotel, was marked by the progressive attitude of the left wing and the healthier atmosphere since the Old Guard left for the happy hunting grounds of class collaboration.

The frantic hope of the Daily Worker and other Stalinist publications that their campaign of villification would end in expulsion for the "Trotskyites" fizzled miserably. The issue was not even brough, upon the floor of the convention, a crystal clear demonstration of the contempt the Socialist left wing bears toward the insincerity and splitting maneuvers of the Stallnist machine.

Delegates, representing a crosssection of the most militant elements of the American working class, devoted themselves to more pressing problems facing the work

was passed and the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism indicated as the only possible solution for the working class to the fascist

The People's Front, as exemplified in full and poisonous flower in Spain and France, was condemned by the delegates and its function as a tool of imperialism thoroughly exposed despite its stream-lined

The League Against War and Fascism was condemned by the convention, and the attitude of the Socialist Party toward a United States-Soviet Union war alliance more clearly defined.

Considerable time was devoted to the trade union question and the relation of the Socialist Party toward the trade unions was embodied in concrete resolutions designed to implement greater participation of the party in this field. The C. I. O. was endorsed as opposed to A. F. of L. attempts to bind the trade | The tone of the whole congress. union movement within the craft set by the Stalinists, was one of forms, although a critical attitude "unity at all costs," without the was taken toward the leadership slightest realization on the part of

On the Farmer Labor Party ques-On the Farmer Labor Party ques-tion, the delegates defined exactly spiritless and mechanical manner, tions. Specific features of the conwhat kind of combination they resolutions were presented and would participate in, pointed out the hopelessness of such a party in leading the workers to power, and re-affirmed the necessity for a A resolution proposing American revolutionary party of the working participation in a collective secur-

The organization of the party was centralized to some extent, tying branch activity closer to the national office. At the same time provision was made for the publication sition from the delegates of the Soof an internal organ for democratic cialis: Party. They pointed out that discussion among the members of the party over the issues which constantly confront an active group. This organ will be avail- Peaceful able to all members of the Social- Capitalists

firm position against the disruptive fying the democratic countries to short-wall machines. has already been made to some of the branches detailing the conven- war, would lead the people into an- for agreements in other areas.

lie Goldberg, and Clarence Rust returned last week. Comrade Ward that the road to peace and the fight tions of miners and the displace. building of a genuine working class larged National Executive Commit-different path. tee stopped off at Denver before returning to the Coast.

Comrades Crary and Glen Trimble have not yet arrived as they

The convention as a whole was progressive and a distinct step to sition to the resolution become that ment expires. ward the left. Especially encourage the Stalinists withdrew it coming was the contempt for the splitting maneuvers of the Communist defeat on the floor. Party. Already in the branches a renewed spurt of activity has resulted from the convention.

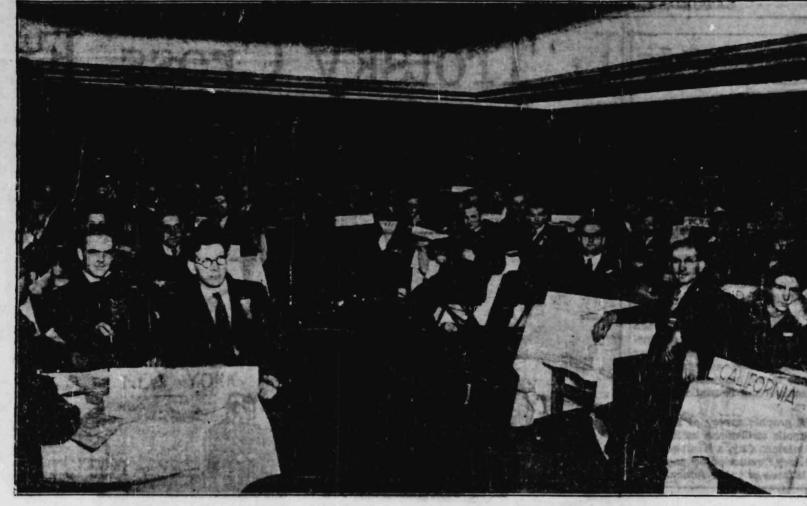
but in its articles of pseudo-pro- it a felony for any group to form gressiveness runs an uneasy cur- separate militias. The Socialist rent that is much like the quaver delegates opposed this on the of a hired assassin who has failed ground that it could be applied to his paymaster. Browder and Fos- workers when the time became necter may yet find themselves con- sary for them to form workers milfessing to an alliance with the Jap- itias of trade unions to protect anese secret service and the Nazi themselves against a fascist attack. Gestano.

being prepared for distribution to presented no effective program geles branch of the Socialist Party Saturday evening, spent the night government had refused to give the the membership of the Socialist against war and fascism, nor

New SP Members

LOS ANGELES .- Application for charter for a new local of the So-Minneapolis news item: "Andrew cialist party at Venice, California, Anderson, first beneficiary under discuss joint action with the So- in which all participate, follow the im contact. They were preparing answered many of the questions had asked of the comrade who ac- degree where you are came as a direct result of the par- the social security act, received a cialist Party unless it could censor speaker. Friends and party mem- us for the success of facism in which had caused me such confu- cused me of Trotskyism, ticipation of Socialists in the re- lump sum payment of \$16.41 on his the committee elected by the rank bers, especially the younger ones. Spain. I, as Educational director, sion. cent strike activity of the aircraft s5th birthday."-- Now he can retire, and file Socialists to prepare for are cordially invited to attend and was assigned to deliver an educa-

Delegates At Socialist Convention



Delegates to the special national convention of the Socialist Party seated at their tables during one of the sessions at the LaSalle Hotel, Chicago. At the rear of the half are party members and members of the Young People's Socialist League who attended as spee

A strong resolution against war Coal Miners Obtain Favorable Contract

"Fascism vs. Democracy" Slogan Fails

LOS ANGELES-Whether or not fascism should be considered a felony or a misdemeanor seemed to be the main controversy of the American League against War and Fascism. In a series of round table discussions held here over a period of two days. Not one of the vital issues of war and fascism were discussed in a serious and funda-

ent what that cost might be. In a passed, dealing with only the most superficial aspects of the burning problems of the day.

ity pact with France, England and

all the democratic countries, in-

cluding the U. . S. R., against the

fascist countries as a means of pre-

tion was in direct contradiction to

"Democracy Against Fascism."

The congress of the American

against any of the evils confront-

ing the working class today.

such a proposal.

Workers'

Militia

tract are: A flat 50 cents a day increase for day wage workers, raising the old \$5.50 rate in the north to \$6 and the \$5.10 rate in the south to \$5.60.

A 70-cent a day increase for men working on mechanical loaders and

30 hours at the start of negotia-

Wage Boost Averts

Need For Strike

Action

ian soft coal operators re-

corded substantial gains for

An increase in the pick mining venting war, brought violent oppo- rate (piece work) of 9 cents a ton. ing rate (piece work) of 8 cents a ceived the endorsement of this exthe Socialist position on this ques- ton.

> An increase of 1-cent a ton in the cutting rates for short-wall ma-

An increase for workers on track-By placing the fascist countries mounted cutting machines equal to in the Los Angeles labor movement. The California delegates took a in the role of warmakers, and puri-

attempts of the Communist Party make them appear as innocent capto split the only revolutionary italists longing for peace is to igforce in America. A partial report nore the root causes of war. This ood men directly represented, as Craft plant, has found itself unable to organize organ policy, rather than preventing a the Appalachian scale is the basis to stomach such an arch-reaction- is being paroled Friday, April 16. war again.

other war under the slogan of A union demand for a joint committee to investigate the effects of dates for office, the Socialist party The Socialist delegates contended mechanized mining on the condi- is the only voice advocating the against fascism lay in an entirely ment of workers, was granted in party for immediate struggle the agreement. The provision calls against capitalism as well as the Immediately the Stalinists jumped for the establishment of a Mechan. ultimate struggle for socialism. to their feet and attempted to sup- ized Mining Commission, consisting press the opposition. However, the of eight representatives from the Yipsels Set Goal congress had realized the logic of union and eight from the operators, were forced to hitch-hike back from arguments of the delegates, and within 60 days. A report is to be many of them rose to defend this brought in March 14, 1939, two viewpoint. So strong had the oppo- weeks before the present agree-

pletely, rather than allow it to meet in forcing the union to drop propo- district committee. New members, ment. sals seeking a two-weeks holiday for the fulfillment of quotas for both So, when we were told by the questions even to my own satisfactory from this erroneous policy flowed cause of the accusations miners, and a guarantee of a year- "Labor Action" and the "Challenge party that the best that could be tion. I could not understand why all the other erroneous and Un- me with Trotskylam. The Daily Worker professes to be A proposal was brought up on the originally demanded assurance of putting the district office on a of Democracy, it led to a great were giving their lives to uphold a revolutionary movement of the WHITHER FRANCE and disappointed over the convention, floor asking for legislation making 200 days work each year for all stable financial basis, and other deal of misunderstanding and ques. State which had practiced such world to the Franco-Soviet Pact. I crecy of my room (floor asking for legislation making 200 days work each year for all stable financial basis, and other deal of misunderstanding and ques.

Los Angeles Plans May Day Meeting cle, and "We're on our way."

LOS ANGELES .- With James P. memorating May Day.

A mass meeting will be held at of "the big trees." But it did do a great deal to- Walkers Auditorium, 730 South An educational meeting is held mission is 15 cents.

the May Day demonstration.

C.I.O. Tries New Set Up For Chicago

CHICAGO.-In answer to the emergency situation created by the tremendous strike wave in Chicago, the Committee for Industrial Or-NEW YORK-A new two- gantzation has set-up as an experiyear contract negotiated be- ment, a regional office in Chicago tween the United Mine to handle union organization in fields not already covered by es-Workers and the Appalach- tablished C. I. C. unions.

Frank Rosenblum, organizer for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and director of the Cleveland over 300,000 miners in a West section of the United Textile dozen states. The agreement, Workers' organizational drive is reached after seven weeks of dis- the new director of the office. Ascussion by a conference of 300 rep- sistant director is Douglas Anderresentatives of the miners and the son, I. L. G. W. U. organizer, re operators, was signed after a day's cently leader of the Taxicab driv- Criminal Syndicalism stoppage of work that affected the ers' strike, and former State secresoft coal industry throughout the tary of the Illinois Socialist Party.

the majority of the delegates pres- to hours, although operators asked for the majority of the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the total the majority of the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the total the majority of the delegates pres- to hours, although operators asked for the total the majority of the delegates pres- to hours, although operators asked for the majority of the delegates pres- to hours, although operators asked for the majority of the delegates pres- to hours, although operators asked for the majority of the delegates pres- to hours, although operators asked for the majority of the delegates pres- to hours, although operators asked for the majority of the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the union asked for the delegates pres- to hours, and the hour

LOS ANGELES. - John Anson Ford, vicious anti-union politician has been endorsed by the Communist Party for mayor of Los An-

An out and out capitalist candidate, too brazen to don even the protective coloration of a Farmer-An increase in the machine load- Labor party disguise, Ford has rerevolutionary party.

> The strike-breaking record of Ford is notorious. His present appeal for working class support has been rejected by every progressive dorsed the district attorney candi-

Denouncing all capitalist caudi-

ly minimum wage. The union had To Youth," national YPSL organ, hoped for in Spain, was the victory thousands of the workers in Spain Marrian tactics. It handcuffed the in securing a copy workers covered by the agreement. measures which will generally im- tioning. This confusion was fur. severe exploitation. This and many was inclined to regard these state-

Games, hikes, singing, swell food, cists. and plenty of fresh air and sunshine We could not understand any seph Piecarpo's cabin in the midst the fascist attacks.

participate.

Oregon Wipes CS

SALEM, Ore.-Oregon's vicious mittee of the A. S. U., spoke for the of blindness and of criminal tolercriminal syndicalism law was wiped U. S. P. C. He proposed that the ance. Its duty is to call upon the from the statute books when Gov- peace meeting be exchanged for the masses to be at attention. The ernor Charles H. Martin signed a genuine strike against war. He sug- leadership of the POUM commitrepeal act previously passed by the gested a program as follows: 10 ted a second grave error by enter-

similar to the Montana act that Spangled Banner and Our Sturdy shoulder with other parties, it is served as a model legal cloak for Golden Bear led by the cheer leader not necessary to assume the rethe violent repression of militant and the band. A five minute March sponsibility of a false governmenttrade unionism and working class of Time reviewing the past events al policy with these parties. Withpolitical parties during the reaction of the year, and four five-minute out weakening in the least the mili-

The repeal campaign received added impetus when the United States Supreme Court reversed the conviction last January.

Law Under Attack

Anti-Unionists Law, will be presented by Assemblyman Paul Ritchie, before the YPSL Propose Strike Crime Problems Committee on Tuesday, April 20, at 7:30 p. m. in Sacramento.

the Committee at the time of the strike.

Statute Off Books

Chances of favorable reception of viting all groups that would rethe bill by the reactionary Crime spond. The Y. C. L. refused to Problems Committee are meager. If enter this united front for a strike ists, who determine the course, ening and fortifying the the bill is defeated in committee, for fear of losing their unity with have thrown out the formula to front, to break the pol however, Ritchie will make a mo- the administration pacifists. They which the president of the national lage of the Soviet burea tion in the assembly that the bill much prefer the censored meeting. council, Francisco Largo Caballero, ing to the masses an au be removed from the committee. In this way the Young Communist has also adhered: "In the first cial program, bringing to Ernest Besig, A. C. L. U. director, League, and its satellites, have place the military victory, and then the inexhausted and ine advises all those interested in the worked hand in hand with the ad-social reform." I consider this for-springs of the enthusiast repeal of the California Criminal ministration to prevent the stu- mula tragic for the Spanish revolu- masses, and by these me

state Senate and Assembly.

The notorious anti-labor law, following the World War, was used speeches on the following subjects: tary front, it is necessary to know to sentence Dirk de Jonge to seven legislation, such as the California how to politically unite the masses years imprisonment for making a Youth Act and Nye-Kvale bill; fas- under the revolutionary banner.

lective security pacts. During the forenoon, clowns through the quad.

Sproul Peace

Meet Stops

UCLA Strike

LOS ANGELES .- There will be

no strike at U. C. L. A. this April

22nd. Instead the student body is

going to have a peace assembly, in

actuality censored by the adminis-

d that a peace assembly be held.

The administration hoped by this

Open With Hymns

23, the Y. P. S. L. proposed to the Y. C. L. that a strike be called, in-Syndicalism Law to appear before dents from actually going out on tion.

As a reminder of the far reach students mighty weapon against grams, the working masses, and ng effects of the Law. Caroline war in order to keep the college above all the peasant, fall into in-Decker, one of eight convicted of out of the Hearst headlines and to difference. In these conditions. Criminal Syndicalism in Sacramen keep them under the ideological fascism will win inevitably because to in the fall of 1934 for attempts control of social-patriotic doctrine the purely military advantage is more wholeheartedly

Dangers Of Class Collaborationist Polis Pointed Out; Defeat Threatens All Human Culture

Fascism States Trotsk

By LEON TROTSKY

(During February, Comrade Trotsky gave the fall ing interview to a representative of the newspaper to Havas, and made the following statements. This art translated from a Mexican paper, the IV Internation Translated by C. C.

Have I given or have I not given instructions to spe President Sproul himself suggest- the republican front through volunteers? I have not instructions to anybody. In general I do not give

tions. I express my "opinion" ind method to rid itself of the publicity articles. To refuse to support the the university has received from the Hearst and Chandler papers. Spanish republican forces could only fascism. Sproul himself held a patriotic as. be done by cowards and traitors sembly at Berkeley the day before or agents of fascism. The elemenwar was declared in 1917. Today he tary duty of every revolutionary is to struggle against the bands of is attempting to rob the students of their mighty instrument in the Franco, of Mussolini and of Hitler.

Spanish Victory Will End

fight for peace, the strike against governmental coalition, and in the A United Students' Peace Committee had been formed, including many liberal, pacifist organiza- skyist". I have criticized on many tions, religious societies, the Amer. occasions its policies in spite of my ican Student Union, Young Peoples' Socialist League. Nationally the with which the members of this A. S. U. program calls for strike, and the Young Communist League, in control of the A. S. U., supposed-

ly supports such a policy. This ror of participating in the electoral committee did all the groundwork combination of the Popular Front. for a strike including the printing General Franco prepared, with imof 5,000 handbills calling for a punity, in the course of many months, the insurrection which at the present time is dyeing Spain

When the committee of the A. S. with blood. U. C. L. A. met with the U. S. P. C. A revolutionary party must not a Y. C. L,'er. Andrew Charles, mem- assume, either directly or indirect- and social victory ber of the national executive com- ly, the responsibilities for a policy minutes singing of patriotic hymns, ing the Catalonian governmental America the Beautiful, The Stars coalition. To struggle shoulder to

cism and war; neutrality and col- Principles Must Dominate Strategy In civil war, incomparably more so than in ordinary war, principle dressed as soldiers were to parade determines strategy. As an army

leader Robert Lee was surely more The YPSL present at this meet talented than Grant, but the pro- gimes of Mussolini and ing fought against such a program, gram of the liquidation of slavery Thanks to their totalitat but the committee of the university assured the victory of the latter. | metically sealed character student body felt that the meet- In our three years of civil war, cist regimes produce an ing proposed by the Y. C. L. would the superiority in the military art of unbreakable firmness be more amicable to the wishes of and military technique was great- ity at the first serious tes the college administration. As a ly on the side of our adversary but

Assembly Bill 311, of which 23 compromise a Y.S.P.L. speaker will it was the Bolshevik program victorious Russian revol assemblymen are co-authors, and talk on the Capitalist Causes of which at the end triumphed. The dermined the regime which would repeal the 18 year old War, but he must turn in an out- worker well understood for what lern California Criminal Syndicalism line of the speech before the meet- he was fighting. The peasant hesitated a long time; but comparing tion will undermine the through experience the two regimes Mussolini and Hitler. he finally adhered to Bolshevism. cause of this victory of That afternoon, Friday, March The Formula "First Win the War ers and of the peasants and Then Make the Revolution" would reveal itself as is Tragic for the Spanish Revolu. factor for peace.

In Spain, the Catalonian nation- ists of Spain are: while

Not seeing in reality the radical and reinforce the cause They have bargained away the difference between the two pro- Only on this rests the represent the most powerful funda- -General Franco.

the Policies of Ebert and man During the Ge

Hitler and Mussolini Wi the Spanish Proletariat

· The tasks of the true

Why I Quit The Communist Part

By RICHARD LOREE Educational Director, Los Angeles Branch, Communist Party

In League Drive Spain. To the rank and file mem- able and gave the lecture. YPSL activities in San Francisco was naturally greeted with hope was a difficult task to answer the pact, could not come out for prole to submerge these dol are centered about the March-May that the Spanish Proletariat would comrades' questions as to why we tarian dictatorship in Spain. From ever, I was not satisfied The employers were successful organization drive instigated by the be victorious in a workers' govern- were fighting for Bourgeois Democ- this followed their policy of main- catholic approach to the

prove the League in the state are ther emphasized by Russia signing other doubts filled my mind. Then ments as attempts to slander the read this so-called "c the goals of the drive. Quotas have the Neutrality Pact and her half. I had a conversation with a com- C. I. but they persisted in remain- tionary" work. already been set by the S. F. cir. hearted support of the workers who rade who was a member of the So ing in my mind because of their

were the inducements which took policy which declared for its aim S. P. were either Social-Fascists or with some of the comrades, the volutionary policy. Ut Cannon and Ward Rodgers listed the "Yipa" on their recent outing the maintenance of the People's weak reformists who believed in next thing I knew, I received a the policies of the Soc The resolutions in full are now League Against War and Fascism among the speakers, the Los An- to La Honda. The group went up Front Government in Spain. This class collaboration. completed its preparations for com- and all day Sunday at Comrade Jo- workers arms in the first days of

DESIPAIR IN C. P. tional at the branch. I read all reformist policy, the Communist In- ome for enlightenment. Confer- Party of America.

bers of the Communist Party, this During the course of my talk, it ists with whom they had a war faith in the C. I. and its were fighting to overthrow the fas. cialist party. It had always been strong logic. the literature of the C. P. that the I started discussing the question determining what cons

As the days went on, and the Spanish situation, which was quite a man who somehow or other came policy the C. I. was to wards preparing the people for a Grand St., at 8 p. m., under the aus- by the Karl Liebknecht Circle every fascists gained more and more ter- different from that given by the C. into the Russian Revolution quite whose protests have Apply For Charter new world war to defend "Democ- pices of the branch. Music will Friday, at eight o'clock sharp, 236 ritory, coming within sight of Ma- P. Following this conversation 1 by accident, served a very minor smothered by fear of expenses. give variety to the program. Ad Van Ness. Speakers are generally drid, an attitude of pessimism and attended a series of lectures given role and then turned Counter-revo- the label of Trotskylsm. rescruited from the ranks of the circlespair pervaded the party and all by James P. Cannon under the aus-The Communist Party refused to cle, and discussion and questions, of the leaders with whom we came pices of the Socialist Party. He bureau the same questions which I have not been intimidate

Civil war had broken out in the party literature that was avail- ternational in order to retain the ences with him were friendship of the French Imperial isfactory, as he told m racy. I could not answer these tenance of the bourgeois state, and Besides I had become my belief, and one strengthened by At the next meeting of the unit It gave to me the corr

summons to appear before the I decided it is the on bureau. I was accused of Trotsky- tion to which a revolu-I had difficulty in overcoming my ism. At first I was too stunned at long. prejudices and listening reasonably the charges to reply. We had al- 'To my former comrad to this comrade's analysis of the ways been taught that Trotsky was P. who expressed decreased

They were unable to answer call upon you to join

"Frankly speaking the British

government . . . would not object

to the Insurgents winning with

German help." Their objection is

to "the prospect of a lasting es-

tablishment of Germans on Span-

"Thus the British seek merely

for German guarantees against

this possibility, and in turn Brit-

ain and her ally France will co-

operate wholeheartedly in im-

posing on Spain a regime com-

"Ner have the millions of for-

mer 'Left' Socialists and Com-

munists of the older generation

quite forgotten. It has been

found that the anti-Boishevist

propaganda campaign, with pic-

tures and descriptions of the

Spanish struggle, cuts both ways.

it affers a prolonged glimpse,

however distorted, into the do-

ings of working men in an out-

side country . . . and it pro-

vides material for discussion

"Despite the National Socialist

efforts of the Hitler Youth,

some of the younger workers are

apparently growing up with

something like the international

socialist ideas of their fathers."

Augur remarks that Germany,

will they be successful.

that had been lacking."

mitted to capitalism."

International Capitalism

By CHARLES CURTISS

billion pesetas, gold, has been given to General sisco Franco by a group of international capitalists. the roster of those who are bolstering up Franco in-Juan March; Sir Aukland Geddes; the House of ild; the Penarroyo interests including the French giving birth amidst the present

financiers, Herteaux, Mirabeau, Ledeux and Homercourt; Aufselcha-DISTRICT ger; Alfonso XIII; and others. Standing at the head of the group is Juan March, a Spanish

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capitalist, naturally protecting his potash, his oil, tobacco factories and lines of navigation. But March olic faith. But what is at stake is does not stand alone. In order to not Catholicism, but the private finance such a costly, unpopular ownership of the means of producwar even March's millions are not Sir Aukland Geddes, president of

the Rio Tinto Corporation, is a large scale financier of France. The Rio Tinto copper mines along or selling the wealth of Spain to internationally. The struggles of with other holdings in copper and the high grade, low-phosphorous content iron ore are very important shibboleths are merely bait to catch luthonary socialism among the important to Britain.

The Rio Tinto mines are very can government of 1873-74, the rather than give up 1 per cent of minister of finance of that govern- his economic holdings. manner in which relief apment sold at a ridiculous sum "for Common and WPA workers have perpetuity" the mines to the Britandled by the WPA adminish concern.

The mines have steadily inthen refused relief. Work- are worth at least 20 million dol- of democratic France and of Eng-18 years of age and those have been denied relief and yielded the following dividends: in the Nazis, Franco has promised to from the projects on 1923-35 per cent; 1924 to 1927- cede the Spanish West African stiating committee of the cent, \$1929-20 per cent, and from Germany is also to get the Canary ned with the Workers' Al- 1930-34 per cent (Stock Market Islands while Italy will get the attempting to stop lay-offs Annual).

The company, which not only to secure the 10 per centi controls the mines at Rio Tinto relation to the social revolution which the Administration but also those at Nerva and Zala. and counter-revolution now going Even the younger generation is af mit this act can only be a misdedirected to give. A vote mea, has always bitterly exploited on in Spain is very interesting. was given to the com- their workers, as can be seen by More than 90 million dollars of the growth of strikes in spite of be tried under the general conthe high rate of profit. Their treat U. S. capital are invested in Spain, repression: Stalinists, con-ment of the workers provoked one These investments include telemean "strike action" and of the most bloody of Spanish phone, sulphur, oil and other holdstriking certain projects strikes in 1920.

ch were almost totally un- already had large amounts of cap- American-owned firms. ed and which could not in- ital invested in Spain has increased. re than a small percentage its influence over Spanish economy pany. The Rothschild interests also charge that numerous American inrike committee, continued directly or indirectly control the terests are involved in the financ- ested in keeping the workers of geles Merchant's and Manufacturentire inercury of Almaden, the best and ing of the preventative countermost abundant source of mercury revolution of Franco. in the world, and a very important In the American Spectator of is in effect working for exactly the efforts of the C.I.O. to penetrate is status would not be en- prominent supporter of Franco.

firance, is seeking to secure a trust man company controlled by Ameri- struggle between two forms of police measures; this was the flist over the lead in Spain, after having can interests. In this article Rand capitalist mule: the fascist and the instance of the use of indictments Levere. This was termed secured control of this commodity also points out that the powerful "democrattic." es such as Ben Legere, they of the entire world output.

bing thoroughly discredited president of the company, Mills Flight Over actions, that the commit- bear, Ledeux and Homercourt, Sports alled a joint measting of the mames well known in French linante. ers' Alliance and the AFGE,

it ru explained that the Business Is were not "well enough or Business

d to continue their action." problem of organizing the have no qualtus of conscience in moment of the division of the imperialism the right to exploit the from both C.I.O. and A.F.L. unions red is just as a cute as ever. conducting their business cheek by spoils. Latest news dispatches at copper mines and miners of Spain were present, and has publicated face of this strike action, jowl with Aufselhager, one of the the time of this writing point out "for perpetalty" he thought the case through the pages of Plane without consulting the rank most important owners of the war that France and Germany are at capitalist system of production Facts, the official origin of the lofie, improperly organized, industries of Germany, and an im- odds over the right of Germany to would be eternal. The working cal U.A.W.A. unions. M mass support, is a terrific portant financier of France. Lead, like mercury, besides being colonies.

o future organization of the thaneless and despicable ac- is also a basic war metal.

these mis a ders in calling And Alfonso XIII, erstwhile King capitalism will put aside its differ a new society free of parasites and Grand Jury for their actions in this action on projects which of Spain, is financing France also entes when it comes to attacking paupers, of war and crisis, of case. The committee is endeavorand affect their jobs person, through various individuals such the workers. Nazi Germany, fas- hunger and oppression-Socialism, ing to bring Homer Martin, Nationtontinuing to work while as the Count of Romanes and the cist Italy, democratic France, Eng. Opposed by the powerful capital- at President of the U.A.W.A. to Pretended to plan "strike Marquis of Villanayor.

an with which Stalinism plays virtual control of the chemical Spanish workers. in the labor movement. products findustry of Spain, its Light is thrown, therefore, upon the Spanish workers!

electrical plants, railroads and the statement of "the unofficial tramways.

This is the group of foreign and native capitalists who are support- Times: ing Franco. They desire to abort workers and peasants of Spain are travall.

Jewish financiers like Rothschild and Cahl Cahen are united with protestants like Aufselhager and Weddes, and with Catholics like March and the French-to defend Franco, who proclaims himself a defender of the Holy Roman Cathtion and distribution of the wealth Rebirth of of Spain against the socialistically Socialism inspired masses.

The "Nationalist" Franco, feels no embarrassment at mortgaging are the workers, both of Spain and foreign capitalism.

Nationalism-religion-all these fish with. To parphrase Marx, workers. Even in the land of conagestake was to militantly valuable. During the first republi- of his religious or national faith Times reports: Franco would give up 100 per cent centration camps, the New York

The motive of Hitler and German ers are laid off work proj- creased in value until today they capitalism is similar to the motive lars. They have in recent years land: profit. In return for aid from 50 per cent annually: 1938-40 per colony, Rio de Oro to Germany. Balearic Islands.

The role of the United States in ings. More than one half of the The House of Rothschild which cars supplied the Spaniards are of

Knowing what we do of the preby entering into the Rio Tinto com- are sure that we can make the France. England, Italy and the

war material. Rothschild is also a October, 1936, Gordon Rend ends his article with an analysis of why Italism in its democratic guise: we of Los Angeles. The group of Penarroyo, whose certain oil companies are aiding refer to the Communist Party and The Douglas plant was the offices are ultrated in Paris, and the fascists in return for promises the old guard Socialists, who see factory in the United States to be which is capitalized at 301 million of an oil monopoly through a Ger- in the struggle in Spain merely a evacuated of sit-down strikers by in other parts. Spain profites telephone company, American conmore than one-half of the lead pro- trolled, is flavoring the rebes. The ants are the advance guard in this duced in Europe and 7.8 per cent anior of their support is curled buttle. To the degree that they be make difficult the use of sit-down

Although international capitalism is opposed to a workers Socialism the Spain, and have united around this I sauce These, as good bussiness men, place between the bandits at the finance, in 1873 granted English March 26 at which representatives take the Spanish West African masses of Spain, in blood, cold and Labor and liberal organizations

very important industrial metal. The cardinal point for all work end to what capitalism thought was have passed resolutions condemning ers to remember, however, is that ever-lasting, and to replace it with the action of Buron Fitts and the

Face Trial spokesman for Britain's Foreign office," Augur, in the New York

Sit-Down Strike Issue Up For Consideration of Court

The trial of the Douglas aero-26 in the Superior Court of Los Angeles county. Unless the mass pressure of the labor movement suche charges against the 355 arrested workers, this will be one of the largest mass trials in the history of ting commands of William Green. the labor movement.

It is possible, according to the attorneys for the defense, that a Left out of the calculations of continuance will be granted in orthe international capitalist class of California to decide an appeal that is to be taken from the dethe Spanish workers have aroused cision of the District Court of Appeals refusing to grant a writ of prohibition that was sought by the defendants.

> The defense atorneys, John Packard, James Carter, and Marshall Ross, are seeking this appeal in order to test the jurisdiction of the Superior Court to try the defendants on the charge of violating section 182 of the penal code, the crime of conspiring to commit a crime, in this case the crime of forcible entry and detainer defined in section 418 of the penal

The accused workers contend in this appeal that the misdemeanor of forceable entry and detainer includes within its definition a con-Nor is this process of rebirth spiracy to commit this act and limited to the older generation. therefore any conspiracy to comfected. The same article reports meanor and the defendants cannot spiracy section, section 182 of the penal code, which is a felony.

If the strikers succeed with this writ, Attorney John Packard declared, this will substantially assist the defense and may result in the discharge of the defendants.

The defense of the Douglas strik Spanish capitalist class are inter- is part of the effort of the Los An-Spain under capitalism. He leaves er's Assn. to terrorize the trade unout one more important group that lonists and to prevent the militant same end, the preservation of cap- into the notorious scab shop area

charging sit-down strikers with the The Spanish workers and peus- commission of Jelonies. The conviction of these men will

only by caution because of the post- come clear on this question, and strikes. The importance of this trial to take action into their

In this last mentioned group we tion of the center of the company reject the Jaise leadership of those warrants the complete and persisting in the midst of Madrid.

Who would strangle the struggle in cent arimort of all labor to the design of the complete and persisting the struggle in cent arimort of all labor to the design of the center of the company reject the Jaise leadership of those warrants the complete and persisting the struggle in cent arimort of all labor to the design of the center of the the bounds of capitalism in its itense of the "Douglas 400." "democratic" form,-to that degree The C.I.O. organizational com-

mittee set up a delense committee ful and well attended mass meeting issue, serious disagreements take. When Echegaray, the minister of at the Pallacenenic auditorium

land and Wall Street's United ists of the world, the workers in Los Angeles later in the month to These financiers, besides, are in States have united to strangle the Spain have only their own class and strangle of the These financiers, besides, are in States have united to strangle the Spain have only their own class and strangle at which State Exec. Comm. to look to for aid. Solidarity with time the eyes of the entire nation will be focused on the trial of the Douglas 400."

forts of the local A.F. of L. leader- the State Executive Committee is the C.I.O. unions in Southern Cali- Angeles on April 17 and 18. the ship of about 50,000. One of these this case which effects all labor. held in conjunction with the Sico The C.P. has added to the diffi- meeting.

carrying out its activity under the attend.

Air Craft SPLIT DEEPENS, Union Men REACHES RANKS

Violence Occurs In Green's Craft Jurisdictional Squabbles

violence on jurisdictional picket fund. lines scattered throughout the nararily accomplished on other fronts on that basis every single readeras central bodies defied the split every sympathizer and party mem

The Georgia Federation of Labor challenged Green boldly by refus ing to carry out his demands that the resignation of A. Steve Nance, president of the Georgia Federathe proximity of C. I. O. offices.

in pitched battle as members of the A. F. of L. attempted to cross C. I. O. picket lines in order to enforce jurisdictional claims of the reac- leader and a clarifier in the day tionary craft leaders. Fists were to day struggles of the workers, comrades who believe in Labor Ad swung and heads were cracked as Every militant trade unionist should the struggle between industrial un- be reached by Labor Action reguionism and craft reaction reached larly, down into the rank and file.

that the C. I. O. organizing drive threatened to give the unorganized Minneapolis Unionists Decisions threatened to give the unorganized union movement, Green and his co. Whip Anti-Labor Co. horts sent "organizers" to disrupt and sabotage. The most effective weapon uti-

lized by the American worker in of the owning class.

conference or committee. This workers. move, absolutely necessary if the

serve as the basic structure of a Terms of the agreement include such activities. national organization, should the

the local membership and leader rablished throughout the plant. ship were willing to face the threat of suspension and defy the reigning is being depleted almost daily. Toguided by Bill Busick and Steve A. F. of L. bureaucracy. In New day there is searcely a plant of any the inevitable process of centralizathe organizing of the unorganized

hunger are now fighting to put an throughout the Los Angeles area more throwing the reactionary ized in crafts or in the still unutouched industries, are choosing to back the kind of unionism that car benefit the workers as a whole.

Convenes At L. A.

Following the plans and resolu-The work of the defense committions formulated at the National ee has been hampered by the ef- Convention of the Socialist party, ship to prevent the organization of holding a special meeting in Loss

ch follows the policy of to communists, socialists and libthe follows the policy of to communists, socialists and libthough the policy of to communists, socialists and liband which embraces allerd a meeting Montage April returned to work at union hours
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and a meeting Montage Apr The J.LO. organizing committee day sit-town, 400 hosiery workers can set forth on a riew program when the company, Brownhill & fort to dodge a union agreement.

The Action Army Once more after a delay of three lutionary Socialism. This is the

the necessary funds.

Lacor Action, if it is to go on. must have more solid support. La-The split in the American trade bor Action must get the sort of inunion movement broadened during come that comes from day to day plane factory "sit-downers" is at the past week, with a barrage of work in getting subs, selling bundle present scheduled to begin April words from the top, and physical orders, and building a sustaining

The board has decided to stabilize tion. The restoration of unity on a Labor Action as a fortnightly. If ceeds in securing the dismissal of correct basis was at least tempo- Labor Action is to appear regularly ber must knuckle down and do his With the national convention

over-with the face of the party turned definitely to the masseswith our message becoming an increasingly important factor in the organization of the mass industries. Labor Action plays an in creasingly important role.

The voice of the party, that is the voice of revolutionary Socialism, for Labor Action by Comrades

Build Labor Action by spreading Into the ofl fields, the steel it. Help support it in this critical plants, the shipyards, every place This is no time for retrest or re-

weeks Labor Action greets you. And time for making giant strides foragain the credit is due to a few ward . . . even though that entail sacrifice and self-denial,

Our enemies think that we are through. Schneiderman, state organizer of the Communist Party gloated in a recent issue of the Western Worker that Labor Ac tion was through—that the Socialists were too weak to support it. Our enemies do not want us to continue. For them we have one answer. "You lie!" "Labor Action will continue. The forward march of Socialism in the west will go on."

Those who recognize this and have given their answer solidly are the Kerrys of Oakland who raised thirty dollars toward this issue, Comrade Schwind of Oakland, now in Mexico, remembered us and sent another \$25.00; Comrade Brownson of Upland, California, who is recov ering from a recent severe illness sent \$25.00. Twelve dollars was raised at a cocktail party, given Booth and Wyle of San Francisco These are just samples of what

tion will do and what others can do The State Committee at its meeting this week will undoubtedly institute a drive to sustain La.

bor Action. Start that drive new -BUILD LABOR ACTION

With the signing of a union agreement with the Warehouse and gaining his elementary demands, Inside Mens Union, local 20316, one the sitdown, was assailed by Green of the last, and most notorious 'a as illegal, and to be shunned by bor hating companies the B. F. Nel-"loyal" A. F. of L. members. In son Company, paper product manuthat act he directly joined the chor. facturer has been whipped into is raised by the most reactionary line by the organized labor move- Five To Four Majority ment of this city. For years this Where Green's order to "purge" company had been in the forefront central labor bodies of unions sym. of the labor fighting forces here pathetic to the C. I. O. has been car. and thumbed its nose derisively at ried out, the expelled unions have all previous attempts to unionize gathered together in some sort of its downtrodden and terrorized

But all this was changed with the tremendous task of organizing the appearance of the Warehousemens unorganized is to be pushed rigor. Union on the scene, actively aided jurisdiction over activities of comously, is now receiving the official by the militant elements of the lo- merce affecting the stream of intersanction of the C. I. O. Certificates cal movement. As usual, the Drivof affiliation are being issued to ers Union, local 544, rendered steallocal bodies throughout the nation, ing service by refusing to take de-Such bedies, though only formed liveries to or from the plant during therefore the Federal government

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> New Jersey the State Federation of significance in Minneapolls that is tion of power within the capitalist Labor and the C. I. O. both issued not organized or in the process of state. statements that close co-operation doing so The liabor movement is so Five cases is volving the law were and collaboration would continue in well organized that, giver a hour involved in the decision in the case fide strike backet by the employes of the Associated Press, the mil-The sentiment against Green, and themselves, it is practically imposfurther, the realization of the me-sible to lose a strike. Minneapel is one act interfered with freedom of cessity of concrete action in defeate is new, if not a union town, at least the press. ing his splitting plans is more and 75 per cent so, which to all practical purposes (such as winning character of his kind into bold re- surkest is as good as the real thing. Spirella Company Western line, to

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Let Them Tremble!

The refusal of the Communist Party to send representatives to cross-examine Leon Trotsky at the preliminary hearing of the commission of inquiry provides one more example of the craven attitude his organization is compelled to assume before any body that might bare the true facts of the Moscow trials and executions.

In its cringing attitude before this small impartial commission, the Communist Party displays to the world how crushing will be the verdict of history upon the role it has assumed as executioner of the revolutionaries who established the first workers' state.

Trotsky has challenged the Stalinists to extradite him upon whatever charges they may bring against him. The Stalinists have not attempted to extradite him. They have no charges that will bear examination in any light but that lurid glow cast by the witch-burning pyre.

The commission in the full dignity of its task to see that no man shall be condemned without a fair hearing has asked the Stalinists to send representatives to cross-examine Trotsky that their direct accusations might be incorporated in the stenographic report of the hearing. The Stalinists have refused. In place of sending a representative they let loose their entire barrage of invective in the hackneyed garbage can't which distinguishes the style of the Daily A. F. of L. to instigate a raid upon another Worker.

The Stalinists are too cowardly to stand face to face with their lies before the revolutionary who once headed the red army and fiercely defended the first workers' government against the combined onslaught of the imperialist armies.

When Stalin must present facts instead of machine gun slugs his tongue cleaves to the roof of his mouth.

crucified reason. Let them tremble for tive policy. their crimes against the working class.

Claws Only Sheathed

The tributes which certain labor leaders have been paying Myron C. Taylor, chairman of the board of U.S. Steel, whom they met secretly over a period of months prior to the recent recognition of C.I.O. should not be allowed to deceive anyone. A steel baron can afford to be suave and courteous over a morning demi-tasse. He pays out tion to the graft which has made of San good cash for a professional thug to wear the brass knuckles he smashes upon the jaws of his wage slaves.

This dangerous impressison that the tigers who own the steel industry have suddenly lost their stripes and become fairy godmothers to the working class because they agreed to recognize the C.I.O. should be thoroughly dispelled by disclosures of the LaFollette investigating committee.

Recently uncovered are the details of a policy against labor which for sheer ruthlessness cannot be equalled anywhere excepting in those countries where the capitalist system has been forced to openly unveil itself. The guilty companies are the subsidiaries of U.S. Steel which constructed the Pulaski skyway leading into New York City.

An association was formed between these subsidiaries with the sole purpose of maintaining open shop conditions. The first task of this association was the enlistment of the police force as a strike-breaking instrument. This was accomplished through political venality, contributions to police organizations, purchase of beer and soda for the police, and buying of \$1 lunches for the policemen each day.

These bribed police were used to quell labor disturbances with brutal force. Auxiliaries were obtained from the Robert J. Foster Agency to insure violence in case that the police proved "not tough enough" or "hesitated to make arrests." Curtis S. American Bridge Company, admitted that maintaining the system?

contributions to the police department were made regularly "just like you tip a Pullman

The baleful awareness of these tigers to class forces was shown by their paying a notorious strike-breaking guard \$50 a week and a total of \$5,600 during his trial for shooting a worker in the back and disabling him for life. During this same period the American Bridge Company spent \$289,-452 for "labor trouble," yet payment of the union scale would have cost only \$51,-

The history of the steel industry's dealings with workers, outlines in blood the ruthless nature of capitalist anarchy.

That the tiger, grown sleek and fat, has sheathed his claws does not mean that he has been chained and put on display behind iron bars.

The boss is always the enemy of the worker, even when he seems most friendly.

Strip Disrupters

The split in the American Federation of Labor created by Wm. Green and his coterie of disrupters has now been driven into the ranks of the unions and is finding its expression in clashes on jurisdictional picket lines.

That Green was "madman or fool" enough to think that he could prevent unionization of the basic industries was evident from the moment he initiated his splitting action in the Federation. The thunderous reply of the hundreds of thousands in these industries has brought this dream castle crashing upon Green's head.

The organization of the rubber industry, of the steel industry, of the automobile industry, and the looming of larger successes in the future has cracked the fossilized clay of the A. F. of L. bureaucracy from top to bottom. Green's attempt to counteract the blows upon his prestige by hurling worker against worker must be answered by energetic action from the millions now crowding for the first time into the trade Col. Sanborn,

Every agent of Wm. Green, including those who masquerade in the clothing of 'unity"—unity on Green's terms—must be exposed relentlessly. Wherever they crop up they must be stripped and shown in all their hideousness.

Wherever a petty faker takes up the cause of the mercenary bureaucrats of the union for jurisdictional reasons, no matter if he is tatooed from head to foot with liberal phrases, he must be brought as sharply to account as if he were paid directly by the bosses.

responsibility of taking the initiative in organizing those millions whom Green would | The hearing opened last Monday suffer to rot in the slavery of the open shop. with the respondents protesting On Green rests full responsibility for what-The Stalinists have murdered fact and ever may happen as a result of his disruptured to stand investigation for the pitched battles provoked by the

> Those who attempt to block the move- They protested, even though on the ment for industrial unionism deserve no declared the Wagner act constitumore than the crushing blow which up- tional, surging Labor will deal them.

Waterfront Graft

While grand juries are investigating and the capitalist newspapers are screaming that seeks to speak for fascism in unions about the graft rampant in uptown San America. Colonel Sanborn failed Francisco, they might well turn their atten-Francisco's waterfront a racketeer's para- plaining to gasping society ladies Leo T. McMahon, Harry Noland, dise. This is the organized system of cash- and paunchy business men how the Edson Thomas, J. T. Harrington, ing brass through convenient saloons at a ten per cent discount.

Ostensibly the system is a convenience to choose to avail himself of the for- expected to be uncovered about the the waterfront worker. He gives his union um furnished by the Government. activities of the organized farmers book number and the amount due him from the company for which he has been working. The saloon cashier enters this information in his books, takes the brass identification check, and pays the worker ninety per cent of the wages which the worker otherwise could not collect until perhaps a week later when the company makes up its pay roll. The saloon then cashes the brass with the company for its full amount.

Aside from the ten per cent reduction in the worker's pay check, he faces grave was ended in an agreement for a danger of losing his entire wage. Strong 15-day truce, during which negotiaarm men, dice experts, all the harpies who tions for contracts will be coninfest the waterfront drop upon him. Only ducted. too frequently wives of waterfront workers report that the family has been robbed in such a manner of its meager livelihood.

This vicious system has been wiped out erhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, of most of the ports upon the coast, but in and Helpers of America as the bar-San Francisco it is assuming proportions gaining agent for the strikers. which make the uptown rackets look like Guild Victory peanut wagon enterprises.

In Seattle, Portland, and San Pedro the unions themselves took action against this system. Why have they failed to act in San Francisco?

Could it be that the great tin god with three years, and setting minimum Garner, superintendent of erection for the the militant halo has a personal interest in

kind of frames the Old Bolsheviks

this week when the metal shop in day night, but he led me away from victory for Hitler.

Major P. W. Yeats-Brown reports entist has figured that if dish wa- what he could do, Montigny enteran interview with General Franco: ter were retrieved and refined, the ed the yard. "I love you all," he Lille, France, news item: "Jean "I would have liked to ask the Gen- total saving in soap would be quite said. "And I appreciate what you Destour, who was honored last year eralissimo about the battle of Ma incalculable."-Not to speak of the are doing for me, but it is not the as 'the best workman in France' in drid, reports of which were coming increased supply of soup. . . all of right thing to do. You must obey the yearly competition, lost his job through when I saw him last Tues- which indicates at least one clean the law. I organized your Boy



-Red Baiter, **Becomes Shy**

'Decent" American Fails To Show Up Despite Subpoena

By VAUGHAN O'BRIEN SALINAS.-Six months after a

reign of terror against lettuce strikers that rocked the nation, the National Labor Relations Board brought the instigators of vigilan-On every militant trade unionist rests the tism up on charges of violating the Wagner act.

the constitutionality of being resame day the U.S. Supreme Court

The first witness subpoenaed by the Government was the self-styled leader of 'law and order" during of "The American Citizen." a rag to answer the call, and deputies could not find him. The retired behind a battery of legal talent, bearmy officer, who delights in ex- ing represented by George M. Naus, "communists" incite decent Ameri- Sidney L. Church and William ca workers into striking against Theile. all that is sacred, as yet does not

Savage Fury Of Farmers

HERSHEY, Pa.-Several thousand angry farmers, uniting with scabs and thugs, drove 1,000 sitdown strikers from the "model" factory of the Hershey Chocolate Corporation in a pitched battle that sent 25 victims to the hospital.

The unionists had called a sitdown strike to protest the intolerable conditions of the victous Hershey Corporation.

The farmers finding their daily market for 800,000 pounds of milk suddenly cut off, armed themselves with pitch forks in order to re-open the sale for their product.

Apparently well-planned, the attack caught the sitdowners by into confusion by the savage fury of the farmers who struck indiscriminately at women and children as they fought to overcome the Hershey workers.

the Labor Relations Board, and Richard Gladstein appeared for the

The growers and shippers, charg ed with a long list of violations, hid

Enough evidence is nevertheless Presiding was Trial Examiner against the agricultural workers to Charles N. Feidelson of Atlanta, Ga. attract some unwanted attention to will appoint a committee to the lik-Attorneys Bertram Edises and A. the methods of "personnel manage- ing of the Communist Party they

C.P. Refuses

With Socialist Party

geles on April 1 sent a request to the Communist Party asking for book in mathematics for elementhe appointment of a committee to tary schools shows how the Germeet with a committee of the So- man child is being militarized. Germany and her allies face cialist party to plan a May Day Here are a few examples: demonstration. 280 km. per hour in day time and How many German soldiers

sent by the Socialist party ends:

drive of the Spanish workers and demonstration would be a substantial step forward in the direction of achieving our goal of world socialism."

The refusal of the Communist Party to form a united front came in a letter dated April 6. In this meet with the Socialist party un-

"Committee for negotiating united May Day action shall be comprised of genuine Socialists who repudiate Trotskyites and their disruptive activity. If such a committee of honest, sincere socialiste is appointed we will have a committee from our party meet with it to discuss united action for May Day."

In other words if the Socialists N. Somers conducted the case for ment" in the valleys of California. will deign to meet for discussion.

Craft unions under the jurisdic-

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Two shifts of the A.F.L. craft un-

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300 members, broke through the

overnment troops milled into a

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Los Angeles its workers,, Remington-Rand made and wages are cut. Today a neat little profit for the last nine are told: "You are \$100,000 less than the profit for the **United Front** MILITARIZE TEXTBOOK

The request for united action

"With the upsurge of American unionism, with the victorious peasants, with the oncoming im- Between Cologne and Metz?

240 km. per hour at night. How their life for the Fatherland long would it take to cover the disday? Every hour? every tances between Berlin and Prague? Between Munich and Strasbourg? 000,000 spent 10,500,000. for armed preparedness A squadron of 46 bombing planes Germany with a populat

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A NOVEL FOR UNIONIST Truck Strikes, Core of Book

By ANNE ROSS

One of our bombing planes flies

By Staff Correspondent

Los Angeles County. For years a celebrated scab center, Los Angeles

New locals are springing up ev-

erywhere. The United Auto Work-

ers, starting a few months ago with

Local 188, now has established lo-

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plant in the vicinity of Los Argeles.

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Ray Hyatt, chairman of the or- ing distributed by the

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The American-Hawaiian Steam- without hurting profits.

Teach War With Arithmetic

AMSTERDAM .- A new Nazi text- , many fires will be set if every

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Strikes Fail To Nick Dividends

AMERICAN CITY A RANK AND FILE HISTORY By Charles Rumford Walker arrar and Rinehart N. Y. \$2.50 net.

Walker's recent book, "American City-a Rank and File History", a Scripps-Howard writer comments This is a book which will please neither conservatives nor radicals. It is hard to see just where he finds any basis for that opinion. True, it will not please Stalinists and other so-called radicals. Nevertheless, there is nothing in the book that will not please genuine revolutionaries, and there is much that is interesting, educational, and encouraging in this tale of American The story of the sit-down, Thomas class struggle under the leadership told his audience, is contained in of left-wing trade unionists. Mr. the history of the English kings. Walker has made his book an absorbing and accurate account of Chinese butchers, Homer's Odysan unforgettable chapter in labor ist party, none of

He selected Minneapolis, he says, not because she is in every way a typical American city, but because emplifies more sharply than most the impact of forces that are typical and universal."

The forces of which he speaks are the forces of the class war, and he focuses the major portion of the book on the period of the Minneapolis truck drivers' strikes when the conflict broke through even the indifferent ignorance of the middle class and showed the futility of reformist parties and policies. Takthe whole bundle of individual lives adds up to the life of the city" and that "frequently more can be 2,400 tunnel workers affiliated learned of the character of an in with the C.I.O. Mine, Mill and dividual, a class, or a community in Smelter Workers, successfully ne- a few hours of crises than in a neapolis, a genuine gotiated an agreement at Los An- lifetime of routine living," the au- trade union, oppogeles with the Metropolitan Water thor devotes himself to brief but of reaction, beat the District which includes pay in- comprehensive reviews of the econcreases running from 50 cents to omic past of the city, the factors the concessions thy which led up to this labor conflict, without batttle. Three hundred clerks and en- and the personal lives of certain struggle and cruck gineers were included in the agree key persons engaged in it. Then port the Union Loca mnt, granting them a raise in pay of he moves the picture into a larger from the Rand and scale that the reader may plainly Farmer Labor party see the events, emotions, signifi by the political op

N. J., declared a sympathy strike 1934. importance of a genuine rank and tive in addition.

file union structure and s ganization and the true ro In reviewing Charles Rumford

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Throwing down their spades, 40 cances, and finally the results of Farmer-Labor lea grave diggers at North Arlington, the truck strikes in the summer of book is an import with ten general laborers seeking Most important of the lessons to conclusion as well

PEARLS FROM THE PRESS

Cracow, Poland, news item: "The which he was employed closed."- the maps and talked of the film of Greenwood Park school at West-Soviet government has sent 6,000 That shows where ability can get Bengal Lancer.' To have ques port, Mass., walked out of their human skeletons to the United a worker-under capitalism. And tioned him about operations which States during the past year, receiv- incidentally the way the French are still in progress would have liam Montigny, who was also their ing from \$100 to \$140 each."-It spell capitalism is P-o-p-u-l-a-r been inopportune."-Highly . . . should be interesting to see what F-r-o-n-t.

The 24-day strike of truck drivers and helpers, which brought a short

Sixty-nine companies which operate trucks signed the agreement under which the employers recognize Local 107, International Broth

A one-year contract has been

Truck Drivers

signed by the New York World-Telegram and the Newspaper Guild of New York formalizing the 40hour, five day week which has been in effect on the paper for nearly

The contract covers hours and wages, working conditions, dismissal indemnity, sick leave, vacations with pay and overtime.

Boy Scouts

scout leader, was ousted without harges being preferred.

Scout troops for you and I will still

NOTES UPON STRIKES be with you whether I am a police-joi a venerable tradition.

Most of the students followed him

Confucius and Sit-downs Before a national radio audience

Senator Elbert D. Thomas, erst. AFL Breaks Picket Line while Mormon missionary to Japan. went back to Confucius (600 B.C.) and Lao-tze, founder of the Taoist religion, to find confirmation of the C.I.O. about the Todd Seattle Drytheory that sit-downs are bearers

Plane Begins Unions' Drive

DETROIT, Mich.-An airplane equipped with powerful loudspeakers will be sent by the United Automobile Workers over the world's largest industrial unit, as the opening of ite campaign to organize the world's largest inoustrial unit-the River Rouge plant employing more than 90,000 workers—the plant owned personally by Henry Ford.

Emphasizing that the Supreme Court's decision okaying the Wagner act would give the Ford workers the opportunity they long have sought—the right to join a union free from intimidation and coercion, Homer Martin, president of the union stated that it would be unnecessary to declare a strike at the plant in

order to gain union recognition. "The Supreme Court has spoken, now the U. A. W. A. will act,"

Reject Discussing Action The Socialist party of Los An-