

## Stalinists Put To Flight By UAW Board

Frankenstein-Browder Combination Collapses Completely; Union Errs, However, In Supporting Governor Murphy

## PROGRAM GETS UNANIMOUS VOTE

DETROIT, May 16.—Not since the collapse of the frame-up campaign in the Minneapolis Corcoran case have the Stalinists been put to so complete a rout as at the current Executive Board sessions of the United Automobile Workers of America.

The report of President Homer Martin and his twenty-point program was accepted without a dissenting vote.

The grand strategy of Richard T. Frankenstein, supported by his Communist Party allies, to outlaw the democratic rights of groups and caucuses went a-begging for supporters, without a single soul doughty enough—not even Frankenstein—to present it to the Executive Board for consideration and action.

To cap the climax, every member of the Executive Board, including those previously associated with the Unity Group, acting voluntarily and with no compulsion or coercion of any kind brought to bear upon them, affixed their signatures to the program presented by Martin.

### On Fractionalism

In his report to the Executive Board, covering numerous topics ranging from contractual relations with the employers to the internal condition in the union, Martin struck a fighting note in his discussion of the mooted issue of factionalism:

"Our union," he declared, "is and must remain a democratic organization. Just as all members should participate in making decisions, so all members should participate in carrying out these decisions once they are made. There should be freedom of discussion and opinion in our ranks. This is as it should be. However, democracy is not confined merely to freedom of discussion. Democracy also means that out of this discussion and exchange of opinion, a cause, a program and a policy is agreed upon, which all unitedly support. This is the real meaning of unity. This is the only way for democracy to function and the only basis upon which an enduring organization can be built."

### Real Democracy

"Let us state again that there can be no danger to our union when free discussion is not only permitted but encouraged. The danger to the union lies in the degeneration of healthful differences of opinion on the basis of real issues into chronic opposition for the sake of opposition itself. Real democracy in a union demands the rights of minorities to freedom of discussion and expression and their protection from arbitrary repression. Factions and factionalism cannot be eliminated by decree. Factionalism can be eliminated only through the adoption and execution of a constructive program and policies which every active union man and woman will support."

It is quite obvious that this statement flies in the teeth of the Frankenstein program. Despite this fact, Frankenstein and the other miserable C.P. and Unity Group leaders cast their vote for it. It is rumored, however, that one of the opposition—evidently as a face-saving move—proposed an amendment (1) to abolish all factions. Rumor also has it that his hand was the only one which went up for the amendment.

### Economic Crisis

Further on in Martin's report there is another very thinly veiled slam at the mythical "sit-down strike of capital" theory advanced by the Communist Party. In discussing contractual relations with the corporations Martin declared:

"Some of the criticism directed against the union has been based on a false estimate of the economic situation. These people would cry that there was no economic crisis (only a 'sit-down strike of capital'—Ed.) and hence the union could adopt exactly the same tactics which it followed in the spring of 1937. Later, when forced to admit that the crisis was a reality, they turned the tables and argued that the union was going down to defeat."

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## PROGRESSIVES SHOW GAINS IN PAINTERS' POLL

### Get Majority In Three Locals In Union Referendum

NEW YORK.—Awakening opposition to the Weinstock regime in the New York Painters' Union resulted in important gains for progressives as voting on the "maintenance proposition" proceeded in the locals this week.

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In three locals, 261, 1011 and 874, the maintenance proposition was defeated by comfortable margins. In Local 905, where progressives had reason to expect victory, the Stalinists are charged with outright swindle in the balloting.

### Where Stalinists Scored

Where the open ballot was used, as in Locals 848, 892, 905 and 442, the Stalinists were able to roll up big majorities for Weinstock's proposition. On the other hand, in the locals where the secret ballot was used, the opposition was able to score victories over the administration.

The contrast reveals the reasons behind the desperate fight against the secret ballot in the last referendum. It is clear that in a secret ballot, free from intimidations and gangster methods, the membership would make short shrift of such mis-leaders.

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## "NO RIDERS!"



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## U.S. Imperialism Shows Aerial Might Over N. Y.

### Japan Envisioned In Maneuvers As Actual Enemy In Coming War: Air-fleet Defects To Be Used As Lever For More War Appropriations

NEW YORK.—The aerial might of American imperialism was put on display here this week as the maneuvers of the Army's General Headquarters Air Force ended exercises which extended over a week, following closely the navy exercises in the Pacific.

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## COAST SAILORS VOTING ON AFL ENTRY PROPOSAL

### Stalinist Wrecking Drive In CIO Forces Seamen To Seek Support

SAN FRANCISCO.—Faced with the onslaught of the combined Stalinized C.I.O. maritime groups, the Sailors' Union of the Pacific voted last week to place the question of affiliation to the American Federation of Labor before the rank and file for action and decision in the coming weeks.

The question will be placed before the membership for four consecutive meetings of all branches. The first week's voting resulted in overwhelming support for affiliation in all branches on the West Coast.

On the West Coast, where the strongest section of organized labor is in the A.F. of L., the militant seamen seeking to maintain their unions against the splitting drives of the C.I.O. unions under the domination of Harry Bridges have consistently received support from the major A.F. of L. unions.

The move for affiliation comes as the tactics of the Stalinist union-busters have reached the stage of open warfare. Picket lines of the S.U.P. are being broken by force, as Bridges & (Continued on page 2)

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### Headed for War

It is thus obvious that, in the first place, the aerial maneuvers, wrote Hanson W. Baldwin, military expert of the New York Times, "have demonstrated a great improvement in the army's aerial efficiency, but have also revealed considerable weaknesses... Not the least of these weaknesses is the fact that the army really has as yet no air force, but merely the good beginnings of one."

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Roosevelt has no doubts, even if the pacifists have, that U. S. imperialism is headed for war—not a simple war of defense in which operations would be restricted to preventing "aggressors" from invading the continental United States—but a war of imperialist aggrandizement.

Wrote Baldwin of the air maneuvers: "The present problem... supposes that 'Black' coalition of European powers is attacking our Northeastern states while the

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### Not An Abstraction

But actually, Trotsky's review demonstrates, it is not a question in the abstract of the end justifying the means, but rather of one and the other flowing into each other and changing places, as illustrated in the drama "Franz von Sickingen" by the German, Frederick La Salle.

.....Show not the goal  
But also show the path. So  
closely tangled

## Chamberlain Seeking New Status Quo

### Wants Understanding With Germany At The Cheapest Price

Great Britain's drive for a new "status quo" is being conducted with irresistible vigor. In Geneva Lord Halifax emerged as victor—though with little glory. The cases of Ethiopia and Spain have been dropped, according to the dictates of British and French diplomacy.

The course of the session of the League of Nations Council proved, if such proof was still needed, that treachery and violation of the weak is far from being the prerogative only of "fascist" imperialists. Ethiopia, China and Spain demonstrated irrefutably that not only the "ideals" but also the legal stipulations of the League demand their defense.

### "Democrats" vs. Aggressors

The cold rejection of the appeals from these victims of imperialist aggression by the representatives of democratic England and France proves only that the latter's real conceptions of "law" are not at all different from those of Mussolini, Hitler and the Mikado.

Only through the miserable deception of the masses perpetrated by the Second and Third Internationals can it be pretended that collective security is anything but a cover for the maintenance of the world autocracy of the Versailles imperialists. If the latter preserve the bankrupt League, it is only to use it in case of war as a means of social patriotic mobilization.

Without losing any time, Britain continues to change the map of Europe. Now she is preparing to break the back-bone of another League member, Czechoslovakia, whose president was one of the outstanding lackeys of Geneva. No doubt, once everything is settled, London will once again demand post factum sanction from the League.

### Hold Secret Talks

Over the head of official Czech diplomacy, London has started secret discussions with Konrad Henlein, leader of the Sudeten German Nazis and uncrowned ruler of Czechoslovakia. As far as Jan Masaryk, the Czechoslovakian ambassador to London, is concerned, the bourgeois press reports, as a kind of consolation, that he has at his disposal in London the "best organized intelligence service," which keeps him informed of the latest moves of Chamberlain and Henlein.

The aim of British diplomacy is to pay the cheapest possible price for a transitional understanding with Germany. More precisely, Britain wants to build "peace" on the broken backs of others. What she desires, above all, is to prevent Germany from being forced to subdue Czechoslovakia with violence.

To be sure, Chamberlain hopes (Continued on page 2)

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### Out Next Week

The June issue of the New International is being rushed for publication and will be out in a week. Party Branches and Y.P.S.L. Circles have been notified concerning the special article and are placing increased orders in anticipation of an exceptional demand.

Single copies are 20 cents; wholesale rates are 14 cents in bundles of five upward, and the subscription rate remains at the low rate of \$2.00 per year. Address all letters and checks or money orders to The New International, 116 University Place, New York City.

The foregoing remarks indicate in fragmentary manner the subject matter of this significant article.

## Mexico Ends Its Relations With Britain

### Action Follows Insolent Demands By Britain; American Unions Must Give Strongest Support To Mexican Workers

## FASCIST REBELLION FOMENTED

Following the reception of an insolent note from the British government, in which the latter dared to dictate the domestic affairs of Mexico as it does to countries under its own colonial administration, the Cardenas government last week severed diplomatic relations with Britain. Great Britain was compelled to recall its minister from Mexico City.

Thus the conflict with private oil companies now assumes the form of an open conflict between states. The U. S. State Department, which so far has attempted to remain in the background, will now have to take a more straight-forward position.

Many symptoms indicate that there was a division of labor between Washington and London in the offensive against Mexico. While Britain tries to encourage the audacity of the Mexican reaction through provocative diplomatic acts, the American imperialists have chosen the method of economic strangulation.

Naturally, the last word lies with the United States. To be sure, Britain is her most dangerous competitor in Latin America, and the Anglo-Mexican tension can become a splendid opportunity for American imperialists to shut the door to the British in the name of the Monroe Doctrine and the "good neighbor" policy, as well as to subdue Mexico still further under the pretense of saving her.

### Broader Considerations

But elements of broader international policy might as well enter into the picture. The secret dealing between London and Washington in respect to the Far East and joint "defense" of the Atlantic, plus the added pressure of Standard Oil, might well force Roosevelt to postpone the Latin American strife and to make common cause with Britain against Mexico, at least for the time being.

In this case the main line of action would most likely be the policing of Mexico in the internal conflicts which threaten. The economic situation of the country is rapidly worsening. The reserves of the state bank are dwindling. The peasantry is in dire need. The employers, who would like to see a more reliable representatives of their own class at the helm of government, are closing factories and reducing wages. In answer, the workers' organizations have threatened to break the truce forced upon them by Cardenas.

Concentrating Against Cedillo

Among the students, who are always an important thermometer in gauging the political temperature of a country, riots have broken out at the University of Mexico City. In San Luis Potosi, the seat of the reactionary General Cedillo, who has at his disposal

# Stalinists Routed At UAW Executive Meet

Browder-Frankenstein Combination Flops Completely

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by accepting certain agreements because prosperity was "right around the corner."

The stand of the auto union against the dangers of imperialist war found prominence in the report of the president. Here again the advocates of collective security took a sound drubbing:

## Opposes War

"Our struggle against the reactionary legislation of the type of the Sheppard-Hill Bill or the May Bill has been based on the fact that Labor sees in such plans the danger of bringing Fascism into our country, which will lead to the destruction of our unions and the undermining of our standards of living. Labor has learned that it must struggle against the industrial and financial plutocrats in order to earn better wages and to work under decent conditions. Labor is not deceived by propaganda to the effect that it must go to war to protect the money bags of these same interests who are trying to undermine American working conditions by employing coolie labor in far-off Asiatic countries."

Two points of the program concretize these remarks by stating definite opposition to the Sheppard-Hill and May bills and favoring the passage of the Ludlow amendment. As on the other points of the program, no articulate opposition was heard from the known sponsors of Roosevelt's quarantining program. In other words, Wyndham Mortimer is now committed to go before the workers with a program he took public exception to in the "United Auto Workers" about two months ago. He stated in a letter to the paper that his vote on the war resolution, adopted at the last Executive Board meeting, was falsely reported in the paper. In this letter, among other things, he opposed that section in the resolution which called for the withdrawal of U. S. armed forces from the war-torn waters of the Far East. Let them remain there, he wrote, as long as Japan keeps her gunboats in the same area. This meeting of the Executive Board was Mortimer's opportunity to correct false impressions. He failed to take it. Apparently principles are not the strong point with these people.

## Reasons For Retreat

What accounts for the helter-skelter retreat of the "union saviors" who were going to rescue the U.A.W. from a "crisis deeper than that of the current economic recession"? One month ago they were adopting resolutions for the "removal of Martin and his gang" and the calling of a special convention for this purpose. One week ago, the Detroit District Council of the U.A.W. was presented with a resolution from a Toledo local calling on the local to cease paying per capita to the International if Frankensteen's anti-democracy proposals were not adopted at the Executive Board. After all this preparation and campaign, it was only logical to expect at least a little firework. Instead, the Executive Board sessions found the "crusaders" stricken utterly speechless. Your correspondent can venture two reasons for this change of heart. In due time, no doubt, their full strategy will come to light.

1. The Stalinists and Frankensteen were banking on a split between Homer Martin and John L. Lewis. They believed that Martin's critical and independent position on the question of C.I.O.-A.F.L. unity would push Lewis on the war-path against him. Here they thought was the perfect set-up for the little crucifixion party they had been planning since Martin's campaign against their violently pro-war policy.

2. With Frankensteen a respectable front and peace and an end-to-factionalism the tender theme song, the Stalinists had hoped to capture control of the union with as little publicity as possible. The membership was to be treated to the spectacle of a very quiet and very orderly revolt against the "factionalist" Martin.

## Both Misfired

In both cases their calculations went awry. Firstly, for various reasons which space does not permit dealing with in this article, Lewis refused to throw his influence on the Frankensteen scales. Instead, the two representatives sent to the Board meeting showed a strong pro-

## UAW Adopts 20 Point Program of Activity

The following 20-point program, submitted by President Homer Martin, was unanimously adopted by the International Executive Board of the United Automobile Workers of America.

1. Recognition by all members of the International Union of the responsibility and authority of the International Executive Board and the International officers, subject to the Constitution, which is the basic law of the Union between conventions.
2. The guarantee of democratic rights of local unions, consistent with the Constitution and the welfare of the membership of the International Union as a whole.
3. Maximum responsibility in carrying out joint agreements with employers.
4. Cooperation of all officers and members of the Union in the prevention and elimination of wild-cat stoppages and strikes.
5. Continued effort to elevate standards of living, improvement of working conditions, and reduced hours of work.
6. Mobilization of the entire union against wage reductions and undermining of the gains already achieved.
7. Vigorous drive to obtain closed shop contracts in all plants within the industry.
8. Launching of comprehensive drive to organize competitive plants.
9. Full mobilization of the Union in support of all legitimate authorized strikes.
10. Intensive activities in behalf of federal and state legislation in the interests of Labor.
  - a. Federal Wage and Hour Bill.
  - b. The Wagner-Healy Act.
  - c. Federal housing legislation.
  - d. Federal appropriations for relief.
11. Opposition to anti-union legislation such as
  - a. Sheppard-Hill Bill or May Bills.
  - b. Amendment of National Labor Relations Act.
12. Strengthening of drive to organize aircraft workers of the nation.
13. Active prosecution of Ford organization drive on nationwide scale.
14. Intensification of campaign to organize W.P.A. workers.
15. Building of strong local and International treasures as a reserve of strength to the Union, by avoidance of all unnecessary expenditures, to provide maximum available funds to carry on organizational activities.
16. Maximum participation of all local unions in Labor's Non-Partisan League. In Michigan, support of Governor Murphy for re-election.
17. Pledge of continued whole-hearted support to the policies and principles of the Committee for Industrial Organization, including regular and prompt payment of per capita tax as a fixed obligation of the International Union.
18. Constant resistance to war propaganda, and cooperation with all sincere efforts to keep America out of war. Support of LaFollette-Ludlow Amendment as a guarantee of Labor's democratic right to determine whether or not it will wage a war of aggression abroad.
19. Program of close cooperation between organized industrial workers and organized farmers. Encouragement of bona fide cooperative movements.
20. Assumption by all International officers of full responsibility for carrying out the program and policies of the International Union.

## Vigilantes Attack WPA Picket Lines

CAMDEN, N. J. — Vigilantes, armed with shotguns, rifles and clubs, last week, drove striking W.P.A. workers from the municipal gravel pits at Lindenwald, twelve miles southeast of this city, as the strikers attempted to pull W.P.A. gravel workers off the job.

The vigilantes, about 160 strong were summoned to the gravel pits by a pre-arranged siren blast, sounded when the strikers appeared. Fifty special officers were sworn in and borough officials said 60 others were available.

About 3,500 workers are on strike in the Camden area, protesting against a staggered work week that needlessly forces men to work Saturdays on W.P.A. projects.

Efforts to coerce the strikers back to their jobs are being made by the W.P.A. administration. Henry D. Young, District W.P.A. Administrator, has threatened to dismiss all workers not on the job by the beginning of this week.

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## STALINIST THUGS BUSY IN AKRON

AKRON.—Taking a page from the book of Mayor Hague's police and the Ford Service Department, a crowd of 30 Stalinist hooligans descended upon three S.W.P. handbill distributors last night as they were passing out the Open Letter to Communist Party Members in front of a C. P. state convention mass meeting here, and tore up 400 leaflets condemning the gangster murders of the Russian Old Bolsheviks.

The hoodlums, shouting "Don't read the Trotskyist poison" and even going so far as to snatch leaflets out of the hands of their own party members, threatened to beat up our young comrades while shoving them around in the gathering crowd.

The Akron-Times Press the next morning carried a front page story on the Stalinists' vicious attack, quoting partially from a S.W.P. statement that "this is a good commentary on the type of democracy in which the Communist Party believes." While the hooligans were doing their anti-working class work outside, the C.P. orator inside was calling for immediate severance of diplomatic relations with Germany and Japan—i.e., for the immediate launching of imperialist war!

## N. Y. Teachers' Union Fights Council Edict

### Unionists Have Duty To Back Move For Reinstatement

NEW YORK.—Recently the Executive Board of the Central Trades and Labor Council, meeting in executive sessions, suspended Teachers Union, Loc. 5, with a membership of over 6,000, from that body on the ground that the local had "upset" the power of the Central Trades and Labor Council and overstepped its authority in calling a conference of A. F. L. locals for the purpose of discussing ways and means of attaining unity between the A. F. L. and the C.I.O.

The Teachers Union was not informed of the action pending against it and hence had no opportunity to present a defense. Furthermore, the Council's Executive Board action was ratified at a meeting of the Council, when only a handful of local delegates were present, in the form of a motion to accept the minutes of the Executive Board—without debate and without an opportunity for the defense to be heard.

That the action of the Central Trades and Labor Council was illegal and undemocratic was tacitly admitted by its Executive Board, which later permitted the representatives of the Teachers Union to present its case after the suspension had been voted.

### Reinstatement Sought

At present, the question of the locals' reinstatement is pending before that body, and it is important for all trades unionists to realize what issues are involved. First of all is the question of the right of local bodies to discuss the unity of the F.B.A.'s place. A Ford worker knows that the bosses are not interested in him. But what can he do about it? The F.B.A. has done nothing for the Ford worker. Neither has the U.A.W. He knows the F.B.A. is a company union. But is the U.A.W. a workers' Union? Only this lies unanswered in his mind.

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## Ford 'Union' Refuses To Leave Scene

### Workers Vote Affiliation To U.A.W. But Company Union Lives On

DETROIT—Wm. S. McDowell, Sr., attorney for the Ford Brotherhood of America, company-controlled union, announced recently that the brotherhood had proposed to the Ford Motor Co. a \$1,500 minimum wage for Ford workers. Several weeks previously, the "brotherhood" held the only meeting since its inception, where a motion for affiliation to the United Automobile Workers was carried and corporation-controlled officers removed. The National Labor Relations Board in its "cease and desist" order to Henry Ford, condemned the F.B.A. as a company-dominated union.

But the F.B.A. has not faded from the picture. Neither motions for U.A.W. affiliation, nor N.L.R.B. decisions, nor removal of officers have made the original officers veer from their planned course.

### McDowell Contradicted

McDowell's contention that his union "was recognized as a bona fide labor organization in the decision of the National Labor Relations Board on the Ford Motor Co. case" last December is emphatically contradicted by Harold R. Cranefield, regional attorney for the N.L.R.B.

Says Mr. Cranefield, "Mr. McDowell's remarks are directly contrary to," and "he distorts the language of the decision."

The Board's order was to condemn the F.B.A. as not representative of the employees because it was dominated by the Ford Motor Co."

A worker in the Ford plant has little trouble deciding whether the F.B.A. is company-controlled or not. Last summer, leaflets of the brotherhood were distributed on Ford property—at the gates of the company. No riots or beatings occurred. There was no attempt to hinder the distribution. No unusual number of service men were present. The company expected no trouble. On May 26, however, U.A.W. men came to distribute literature.

### Slugged and Beaten

The distributors were slugged and beaten. Pictures taken by reporters were, where possible, destroyed by service men. And yet the distributors, as well as those who came with them—parson, N. L. R. B. officials, leading U.A.W. people—had every interest in preserving order. But the company expected trouble. They expected to provoke trouble in the hope that John L. Lewis gave to Hillman's approach to the unity question when Lewis spoke at the convention, indicates that the C.I.O. will continue making efforts to achieve unity.

Hillman made a bid for White House favor when he introduced a resolution giving complete support to Roosevelt's policies. It was passed unanimously.

### Philadelphia SWP Activists Confer

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Delegates from seven Socialist Workers Party branches in this area attended an active workers' conference held here last Sunday to set up a provisional district organization.

B. J. Widick, labor secretary of the S.W.P., reported on the plenum of the national committee, and the discussion on trade union work also was featured on the agenda.

Branches represented included:

Philadelphia, Allentown, Quakertown, Sellersville, Baltimore, Reading and Williamsport.

Thirty-five persons attended, including special youth representatives.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### NEW YORK

PINS AND NEEDLES! A theater party for the SWP to Pins And Needles will be held on Wed. eve. June 1, and

Tuesday eve. June 7. Tickets, all at \$1.65, can be secured from Miller or Paine by leaving an order at the City Office, 116 University Place.

### TOTAL ..... 47

By the way, before we forget, Sam Friedman won first prize in the last Appeal sub drive, with Freddie (Tom-Boy) Drake running him a close second.... One of the Twin Cities, Minneapolis, finally came to life, but what's happened to the other one?.... With the Appeal running those splendid articles on the auto union situation, we should have a heap of subs pouring in from the auto cities (Cleveland, Detroit, Toledo, etc.).... Our aim is to hit an average of 50 new subs per week. Let's start right in!

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# U.S. Workers Must Give Strong Support to Mexican People

## Powers Foment Fascist Revolt

Insolent British Notes  
Get Sharp Reply  
From Mexico

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of the present silent but effective economic blockade of Mexico by the British and American imperialists.

### Revolutionary Position

In this issue there can be no doubt about the position of revolutionary Marxists. Without renouncing for a moment their principled opposition to all capitalist governments, they stand firmly behind the concrete anti-imperialist moves of the Cardenals government, ready to defend them with the methods of independent proletarian mass action. Each step forward in shaking off the imperialist yoke, every inch of retreat on the part of the imperialist conquerors, is an aid to the emancipation of the proletarian and peasant masses.

The enemy is powerful. Neither the Mexican government nor the Mexican working masses can win the battle if they remain isolated and without aid. The task of organized labor in America is to forge a fighting solidarity with the Mexican drive toward liberation.

Every trade union must protest against the arrogant provocations of British diplomacy!

Every trade union must unite labor organizations throughout the world, and especially in England, to organize demonstrations in favor of Mexico!

### Cease the Blockade!

Every trade union must call for the immediate sending of a broad labor commission to Mexico by the Trade Union International, to unmask the actions of the imperialist exploiters of Mexico labor!

Every trade union must call for immediate dropping of the demands for "compensation" of the foreign oil and agrarian magnates who have plundered Mexican soil for decades!

Hands off Mexico!

## Chamberlain Works For Cheap Deal With Hitler

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that "there would be either no resistance or such ineffective resistance that France would be faced with a fait accompli before she could mobilize." But since this hope is too uncertain, everything must be done to permit German conquest of Czechoslovakia "without force at all—either by a treaty of agreement or slow economic strangulation." To assure this course, Chamberlain, heading a government devoted to the League, now favors a surgical operation which would give Germany the rich and fortified regions of Sudeten Bohemia.

However, this dictatorial behavior of Britain on the Continent only flows from her steady retreat within her own empire and the shaky situation in her internal social life.

**Empire Cracking Up**

Britain's dominions, above all Canada, Australia, South Africa and Egypt, manifest increasing tendencies towards independence in matters of foreign policy. In China and Latin America the British lion is under heavy attack. Even after the Anglo-Italian agreement, the Arabian movement in Palestine—apparently directed against the Jews, but in essence a revolt against the imperialist yoke—continues to operate in full force. In India, civilizing British bombs rain heavily upon the heads of the colonial slaves. To gain a free hand within its empire, the British bourgeoisie throws to its competitors the bones of Ethiopia, Spain and Czechoslovakia. It must be added that Britain's material as well as "moral" rearmament lags far behind. The productivity of the armament industries, despite a gigantic propaganda machine, develops only at a straggling pace. Even the collaboration of the trade unions in the augmentation of exploitation meets with no enthusiastic response from the workers.

Numerous attempts to launch a voluntary mass recruitment for the army, navy and civil

## World Bank Hits Myths Of New Deal

### Reports Shows Futility Of Planning Under Capitalism

In all the by-elections of recent the Conservatives lost out against the Labor candidates. So far as the latter are concerned, they serve to transform the reformist pacifism of the masses into the imperialist pacifism which strives for "armed peace." They have adopted as their guiding spirit none other than Anthony Eden, former foreign secretary who for his part scrupulously avoids any active opposition to Chamberlain's new course.

Thus, for the present, there exists a perfect division of labor between the right and "left" conservatives, the liberals, the laborites, and the insignificant but noisy Stalinists. But even this clever scheme does not suffice to check the vague, heterogeneous but powerful mass resentment against the approaching imperialist war.

### SHACHTMAN TALKS AT BOSTON MEET

BOSTON—Two well-attended meetings, one held in Roxbury and the other in Boston, with Max Shachtman as the principal speaker, climaxed an energetic anti-war campaign conducted by the Boston local of the Socialist Workers Party during the past three months.

During the campaign, several thousand copies of the party's anti-war manifesto were distributed to workers at forums and trade union meetings. Regular Sunday night forums of the party were devoted to the fight against imperialist war, and anti-war pamphlets and copies of the anti-war issue of the Socialist Appeal were widely sold and distributed.

## Is Bluecher the Next On Stalin Death List?

### Purge Hits Closest Aides and New Batch Of High Officers; Judicial System Found Filled With Criminals

### Elections Show Trend

The Marxist contentions that economic planning is impossible under capitalism, that national economic self-sufficiency is an illusory utopia in the modern world, and that the current "recession" is in actuality a major down-swing in the economic cycle, received authoritative recognition in the annual report of the Bank for International Settlements (the "World Bank") issued last week by its new president, J. W. Beyen.

It was learned in Moscow on May 17 that Bluecher was being provided with a new chief of staff, Army Commander Stern replacing General Vassentsovitch, a new political commissar, Chulga replacing Mazepov, and a new commander for the Maritime Siberian district, Gen. Podlass replacing Gen. Levandowsky.

### New Army Changes

This was the same process

followed prior to the liquidation and shooting of Marshal Tukhachevsky last June. Since that

shooting many of the generals and admirals who formed the court martial for Tukhachevsky and the seven generals shot with him have since trod the same path. Will it now be Bluecher's turn?

Sweeping changes have once

more been announced in the commands of key military districts throughout the Soviet Union.

These posts have changed hands three or four times during the past year and even during the past few months.

Generals Khozine, Kovalev,

Katchev, Tumelny and Apasenok were appointed to replace Generals Pavel Dybenko, Bielov, Gribov, Kuibichev and Petrovsky, in the Leningrad, White Russia, North Caucasus, Transcaucasia, and Central Asia military districts. The purge of Dybenko and Bielov has been known for some time.

The executions were carried

out by firing squads commanded

by military chiefs who are now

designated as fascist spies.

In a word, according to the

Stalinists, the Old Bolsheviks and other blood-purge victims were

framed, tried, sentenced, and

executed by arrangement among

Hitlerites, Japanese spies, per-

verts, thieves, drunkards... and

the Beloved Leader!

## On Mothers' Day C. P. Corrals Sons For War

### Stalinists Deny It

The Daily Worker, interestingly enough, was compelled to claim

that accounts of this report pub-

lished in the N. Y. Times were

a fraud and forgery. The World

Bank's cold and impersonal con-

clusions, written up for the be-

nefit and guidance of interna-

tional finance-capital—and there-

fore scientific and accurate with-

in the assumptions of a continu-

ing capitalism—contradict flatly

the major theoretical props of

Stalinism: the theory of social-

ism in one country, which denies

the interrelationship of modern

world economy; and the theory

of planning and progress under

democratic capitalism which is

the necessary foundation for the

tactics of the Popular or Demo-

cratic Front.

are bringing action against

Weinstock's henchmen in that

local for the alleged stealing of

votes during a referendum con-

ducted there last Friday night.

That the membership is up

in arms against this type of

"democracy" may be ascertained

from the vote on a referen-

dum for the use of the secret

ballot on all questions, sponso-

red by several locals recently.

With all its job favoritism,

with all of its control of the

union machinery, the Stalinist

administration managed to de-

feat the use of the secret ballot

by a majority of only about 400-

500 votes among a membership

which they claim has reached

the 15,000 mark!

A large section of the rank

and file of the Painters Union

thus expressed its distrust of

and opposition to Stalinist "trade

union democracy." And no

wonder. Two years of Weinstock

rule has completely disillusioned

them.

### Union Divided

From the unanimity that pre-

vailed in 1936, the situation in

the union has developed into one

that sees the membership divid-

ed over serious questions affect-

ing their every-day life. Normal-

ly a healthy discussion could

easily re-establish unity in the

ranks and bring about an accept-

able solution to the problems

facing the painters. With the

Stalinist leeches on their backs,

the members of the Painters

Union have a far more difficult

task. By bureaucratic methods,

that have seeped into the union

like a vicious poison, by sup-

pression of democracy, by inti-

midation and gangsterism, the

Weinstock machine is threatening

the very existence of the

Painters Union.

In coming issues we will ex-

amine these methods in detail,

show how they flow from the

general policy of Stalinism (the

Communist Party and its Moscow

bosses), how they have been

fought in other unions and how

they can be fought in the Painters

Union. The organization of the

progressive forces of the

Painters Union.

Meany's orders.

The attitude of the A.F. of L.

bureaucrats in seeking to smash

the A.L.P. is thoroughly re-

actionary, since it comes as a

blow from the "right." Militant

unionists have consistently fought

to turn the A.L.P. into an

instrument of independent poli-

tical action for the workers.

The future course of the Ameri-

can Labor Party will be deter-

mined partly by this withdrawal

of A.F. of L. support, and the

forthcoming action of the

I.L.G.W.U. towards the C.I.O.

generally.

The new contract grants paid

vacations of two weeks each year.

The former pact gave only one

week. Formerly employees had

only five days paid sick leave

under the new agreement they

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MAX SHACHTMAN  
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S. STANLEY  
Business Manager.**The Wages and Hours Bill**

The victory of the Roosevelt yes-man, Claude Pepper, in the Florida primaries, has suddenly reminded large numbers of Congressmen of their social consciences. The reminder becomes especially poignant when the Congressmen contemplate the billions of dollars which the new Relief Bill will give the President for irrigation purposes in next autumn's electoral fields.

Three days after Pepper's triumph, hundreds of Representatives nearly trampled each other to death in their scramble to sign a petition to lift the Wages and Hours Bill out of the asphyxiated chamber of the Rules Committee, where it was being painlessly suffocated, and on to the floor of the House.

The Bill has now a fair chance of passing, though its opponents in the Senate plan delays which might prevent completion at this Session.

Whether or not it will go through depends in large measure on the strength of the pressure brought by labor to demand favorable action.

All sections of the labor movement do, and must, support the Bill. Inadequate as it may be, if it improves conditions in even a single sweat-shop, if it stimulates even one move to wipe out sub-union standards, it will be that much to the good.

It would, however, be either a profound mistake or shameless hypocrisy to maintain that this present Bill is a model of its kind, or that any legislative measure can solve the problem of guaranteeing economic security for the workers. We leave such apologetics to the Stalinist union-busters and the other Roosevelt press-agents.

The present Bill provides, nominally, for a twenty-five cents an hour minimum wage and a forty-four hour maximum week, to be modified over a period of three years to a forty-cents an hour wage, forty-hour week. But even these miserable provisions apply to only a minority of workers. Only industries related to "interstate commerce" are affected. Dozens of fields—agriculture, fishing, domestic service, etc.—are specifically excepted; and general authority is granted to suspend the application of the Bill in the light of "specific circumstances."

An \$11.00 a week minimum, when the Government's own experts say that \$1500 to \$1600 a year (about \$30 a week) is the minimum wage to make possible health, let alone comfort and decent living; and when the most competent technicians estimate that the United States productive plant can today—even without improvement—provide a general minim-

um income equivalent to from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year to every family!

The present Bill makes no provision for the unemployed; and a forty-four hour week is not going to be such a great blessing to the millions of workers on ten to twenty hours part-time.

When a starving man gets a crust, it is sensible for him to eat it; but his aim should be to get a full meal—particularly when the table is loaded with food.

Let us take this Bill, put it under our belts, and then go on toward a real Wages and Hours standard.

The kind of Wages and Hours Bill which labor should demand in this country should include at the very least the following features:

1. It would apply to all industries and occupations without exception.

2. Its minimum must be at least as high as the Government estimates of a minimum adequate living wage: \$30 a week.

3. Its maximum hours provision must be low enough to give jobs to all those displaced by technological advance: 30 hours per week.

4. If it is actually to aid in maintaining and raising the standard of living of the masses, the minimum wage must apply to all workers over the entire 52 weeks of the year, whether they are employed, unemployed, or employed part-time. Supplementary relief to bring weekly income up at least to the minimum should operate automatically and immediately whenever regular employment slows up or stops. Only in this way will the bosses and not the workers carry the burden of unemployment; and only in this way will a wages and hours bill actually protect the standard of living of the workers.

There is nothing either "unreasonable" or utopian in these demands. They are in fact extremely modest when compared with this country's resources.

If U. S. labor fights for provisions of this kind, and fights not primarily through its fair-weather "friends" in Congress and the White House but above all through its own direct organized strength and its own class actions, it will find itself no longer giving thanks for the crumbs, but getting its teeth into the meat course.

**Untouchables**

The new constitution of the Communist Party, U.S.A., which is to be adopted unanimously at the forthcoming convention of that organization, provides that no party member shall have personal or political relationships with Trotskyists, Lovestoneites or "other known enemies of the party and the working class."

We can understand the disquietude of the Stalinist chieftains. They have been losing those members whom the monolithic party regime has not succeeded in shielding from "dangerous thoughts" provoked by the Moscow trials and the party's political renegacy.

But what a confession of bankruptcy—to write into the party constitution a decree quarantining the followers of Earl Browder against outside ideological influences!

The new constitution also provides that only American citizens, or those who have declared their intention of becoming citizens, shall be eligible for party membership. Next we may hear that only Aryans—or those who have declared their intention of becoming Aryans—will be admitted to this party of has-been internationalists.

**On The Ludlow Amendment  
Statement of the National Committee, SWP**

After discussing the Ludlow Amendment, and the policy adopted toward it by the Political Committee, the April session of the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party came to the following conclusion:

Though the Political Committee and the party press were correct in combatting the pacifist illusions engendered by the sponsors of the Ludlow Amendment and the treacherous distinction between wars of "aggression" and "defense" embodied in the Amendment, they failed to estimate rightly the genuinely progressive character of the popular response to the project of a referendum on war, a response based upon the legitimate distrust which the masses feel toward the bourgeois government, their unwillingness to fight without protest in the threatening imperialist war, and their desire for democratic control of their own destiny.

From this failure, the Political Committee drew the incorrect tactical conclusion of a negative position with respect to the Amendment itself and the general project of a popular referendum on war. Such a negative position isolates the party from the progressive mass movement aroused by the project, and tends to sterilize its active struggle against imperialist war.

The party and its press must therefore alter

their line on this question. They must become the most militant advocates of a popular referendum on war. They must seek to have labor everywhere demand that the amendment be formulated to provide for a popular referendum on the undertaking of any war, be it allegedly "defensive" or "aggressive", and that all citizens from the age of 18 upward, since from that age they are liable to military service, have the right to vote in the referendum.

They must take no responsibility for the pacifist illusions fostered in connection with the amendment and in particular must continue to expose the bourgeois politicians, including Ludlow, LaFollette and Co. themselves, who seek to exploit the honest anti-war sentiment of the masses by introducing a bill in Congress and then either dropping any serious fight for it or so diluting and circumscribing it as to nullify the will and longings of the masses. They must endeavor to extend the struggle beyond the confines of purely parliamentary debate, so that workers' pressure may be brought into play by means of organized mass action. In this way, the party will not only be able to correct its tactical error, but also to deepen and solidify its connections with the genuine and progressive movement of the masses.

**"Preparing the Shot!"**

Without apology, we reproduce this cartoon from the "Daily Worker" of three years ago. Readers of that Stalinist sheet will note that then, in contrast to the present, proclamation of Roosevelt's "peaceful" role was regarded by the Communist Party as grist to the imperialist war mill. It is not Roosevelt who has changed!

**One In Six Depend On Relief, Says Hopkins**

By DAVID COWLES

Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator, testified recently before a House Appropriations sub-committee that six million families in the United States are dependent on some form of public relief. These families comprise 20,000,000 persons and make up one-sixth of the whole population.

They are doomed to unemployment and poverty so long as capitalism continues. According to the New York Post, "Hopkins said he believed the present economic system could never entirely correct the unemployment situation."

The number of unemployed is already unbearably large. The W.P.A. alone is giving work relief to 2,600,000 now. But due to "the present economic system" unemployment is increasing so rapidly that, according to Hopkins, the number of W.P.A. jobs will have to be increased to at least 3,100,000 in the coming winter. He estimated that the Federal government would have to spend \$3,000,000,000 for its share of the year's relief expenditures.

## Drop In The Bucket

This sum barely scratches the surface of the needs of the unemployed. And so long as "the present economic system" continues, the plight of the unemployed will grow increasingly worse.

This is because the workers can have wages, and the purchasing power which wages gives them, only if they are needed in production. However, American capitalism is declining, and it is throwing workers into unemployment. Moreover, to keep up profits, capitalism introduces more efficient machinery, and this throws even more workers out of work. In addition, each year a half million youths come out of school and look for employment in industry. The three sources combine to create a large and ever-growing army of unemployed.

The relief appropriation for the unemployed will not solve their problem nor save the status quo. It is not intended to do the first and it cannot do the second.

By Hopkins' own admission, the W.P.A. funds alone "will not by any means provide the total increase in private employment which is essential..." Private industry must be depended upon to give jobs. But private industry cannot give jobs.

On the contrary, it is declining sharply, its profits are falling, and it is passing on the burden of its bankruptcy to the workers by cutting, not increasing, employment; by cutting, not increasing, wages; and by increasing speed-up. The alternatives face the workers

with increasing clarity: either poverty and demoralization under "the present economic system" or a struggle for a new economic system that will ensure a decent livelihood and will permit human dignity.

## Problem Intensified

The numbers who face these alternatives grow as economic activity slumps down and unemployment goes up. At the peak of economic activity in 1937, there were still 9,000,000 whom private industry could not employ. The current depression has increased their number by more than 5,000,000. Hundreds of thousands of tenant farmers who have been expropriated from agriculture join millions of industrial workers who have been dispossessed from production. Most of them depend upon government relief for a part of their livelihood if not all of it.

Their struggle for government aid has deep revolutionary significance. If the aid is not given, their inability to live within the framework of "the present economic system" becomes vivid with the pangs of starvation and real with all the reality of death. Their struggle becomes not only a struggle against the government which refuses to help them live, but also a struggle against "the present economic system" which dooms them to poverty, demoralization and death.

## Will Cut Relief

If aid is given, it still does not ensure the permanence of the status quo. For the aid must be given in increasing amounts because of the increasing unemployment. If the relief appropriations are not increased, the government will resort to cutting the relief that each unemployed person gets, to stopping the distribution of clothes, and to inventing all sorts of schemes that will spread the misery.

These actions will drive the unemployed to sit-ins and struggles against the relief administration.

If the aid is given in increasing amounts, it will still not allay the growing discontent. The go-

vernment pays relief to the unemployed by taking the money from the workers in the form of sales taxes, etc., and from the middle class in the form of higher income taxes. It makes only half-hearted gestures to tax the monopoly capitalists. At the same time, the relief appropriations cannot keep up with the rapidly mounting unemployment.

## Menace of Fascism

These conditions show that the United States is in transition. The workers and middle class are discontented because increasing taxes cut their purchasing power. The unemployed are discontented because their relief is inadequate for a decent living and because permanent unemployment starves them in the face. The big capitalists are discontented because they fear the half-hearted gestures at making them pay higher taxes may become a reality. Therefore, they fight continuously to cut down relief to the unemployed on the one hand, and on the other to pass on to workers and middle class the cost of the decline of capitalism. To control the discontent which may burst out at any time against "the present economic system," which they control, they prepare to introduce an efficient machine for suppressing the unemployed and the workers. This machine is called fascism.

The actions of the unemployed who want to fight fascism must be: (1) Strengthening the unemployed movement for more jobs and greater relief; (2) maintaining the Workers' Alliance as a militant, independent union of unemployed, free from the control of the bosses, the LaGuardia or Roosevelt Administration; (3) emphasizing the fighting unity of the unemployed with the employed workers and tenant farmers; (4) assimilating the truth spoken by Hopkins before the House Appropriations sub-committee: The "present economic system" cannot solve the problems of the unemployed. Socialism alone can solve permanently the problems of unemployment.

Where is the money to come from? Why, from the plutocrats, of course! The Treasury Department report of tax returns received up to the end of August 1937, shows that 61 individuals admitted taxable net incomes, after all conceivable deductions, of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more in 1936. As against the 40,000,000 American people who live in slums there are 18,196 persons in the United States who reported a total net income for 1936 of almost two billion dollars (\$1,875,783,000).

These are the incomes of the individual plutocrats. They do not include the deductions which clever lawyers fix up for them. They do not include income from tax-exempt securities. They do not include, above all, the huge "earnings" of wealthy corporations.

Five billion dollars for housing would be a good beginning. It can easily be obtained. Roosevelt, Ickes, Jackson—all the New Dealers—talk about the "economic royalists." Good! But how about putting the squeeze on these plutocrats? How about making them disgorge a small percentage of their fabulous profits for housing the slum-dwellers of America? How about some Action, instead of Fireside Chats, instead of words?

## NEXT WEEK

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**On Housing**

An Editorial

The housing situation in the United States is a running sore and no serious measures are being taken to cure it.

Let us look at some of the startling figures:

Two weeks ago the United States Public Health Service estimated that about *three million* (3,000,000) urban families have fewer rooms in their homes than there are persons. That is, families of three persons that live in two-room houses or flats; families of five persons that live in four-room or even three-room houses. One million live in dwellings with more than one and one-half times as many persons as there are rooms and 700,000 live in dwellings with at least twice as many persons as there are rooms.

And naturally, as is the custom in our great Democracy, the Negro families, both in the North and in the South, live under the worst conditions.

**6,000,000 Homes Are Needed**

Last November, Roosevelt in his message to Congress said that from 600,000 to 800,000 dwelling units a year would be needed for the next five years.

The American Public Health Association, however, estimated that there is a need *now* of 6,000,000 new homes, and it emphasized that they must be of low cost.

Even the more modest figures of the conservative Brookings Institution say that there is a need of 4,500,000 houses by 1941, or 1,125,000 a year, while the National Housing Commission raises the figure to 1,503,000 a year for the next two years.

In New York City, which only reflects conditions throughout the country, there are more than half a million families living in 64,000 condemned, fire-trap tenements. Flames took a death-toll of 33 persons in these traps in one year; 19 others died under the debris of fallen structures; the annual disease toll is beyond estimate.

**New York's Needs**

Last month, Commissioner of Housing and Building, Alfred Rheinstein, told the City Council Committee that about one billion dollars would be needed to make a substantial improvement in slum elimination and the construction of new low-cost housing.

Former City Housing Authority chairman, Langdon W. Post said that figure was two modest by half—two billion dollars are required at the least. And this for New York City alone!

What is being done about this situation?

Within the past four years the government has provided only 2,318 low-rent dwellings in New York. The immediate need is for 500,000!

The new government plans are no great improvement. Under the Wagner-Steagall housing act, only 5,000 additional low-rent apartments will be built within the next 3-4 years—a drop in the bucket.

And bear in mind what Mayor LaGuardia has pointed out and what was pretty well known without him: The absolute top rent for the slum dwellers is \$30 a month; and eighty percent of them can afford to pay only \$20 or under.

The latest housing bill put through by the Roosevelt New Deal is not, properly speaking, a house-building bill. It is a financing bill. It provides that a government corporation shall guarantee new mortgages on homes and apartments, under certain conditions. It is a boon to the banks for the credit they extend on housing—for it guarantees their loans.

Moreover, the bulk of the homes and apartment buildings erected under this bill, where they are not jerry-built, inadequate, ill-planned, are beyond the reach of the vast majority of the home-needing, slum-dwelling, high-rent-paying workers.

**For A Real Housing Program**

The only serious step that will bring us close to a solution of the scandalous housing problem is a truly large-scale government building program. It must be based on three points: sound construction, low rents, and the payment of union wages to building workers. An *absolute minimum*, making possible a serious beginning, is for Congress to vote a Five-Billion-Dollar Housing program—with the five billion really to go towards building houses!

Where is the money to come from?

Why, from the plutocrats, of course!

The Treasury Department report of tax returns received up to the end of August 1937, shows that 61 individuals admitted taxable net incomes, after all conceivable deductions, of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more in 1936. As against the 40,000,000 American people who live in slums there are 18,196 persons in the United States who reported a total net income for 1936 of almost two billion dollars (\$1,87