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A. F. L. THREAT

Int'l Unions Decide To Stay Away From The Council Meeting

Holding that the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. is without authority to suspend or expel international unions, the Committee for Industrial Organization, meeting in Washington this week, decided to take no action whatever on the threat of the Executive Council. The C.I.O. expressed the opinion that it was "inconceivable" that the Executive Council "would commit any act to split the labor forces of America in the midst of the campaign in the iron and steel industry and in the face of the arrogant ultimatum issued to the entire labor movement by the American Iron and Steel Institute."

The individual unions making up the C.I.O. have decided however, to ignore the "show cause" letters sent to them by the Executive! Council and will not put in an appearance when the Council gets to have Mooney and Billings mass into session this week.

The C.I.O. welcomed into its ranks two new international organizations-the United Automobile Workers and the United Rubber Workers Union.

work of this session of the C.I.O., John L. Lewis pointed out that in the steel industry it is the Institute that is trying to precipitate a strike, and that as the campaign progresses the Institute will be approached for a conference to discuss labor problems. The C.I.O. also decided, Lewis stated, to back the organization campaigns of the Auto workers who now have 60,-000 out of 350,000 workers in the industry organized, and the Rubber workers who have organized 28,000 workers out of 108,000 in the industry.

R.C.A. STRIKERS BATTLE THUGS

strikers around the RCA manufac- ish enemies of labor in an attempt turing plant here engaged in a to smash the labor movement of pitched battle after being set upon San Francisco and on the Pacific by the scabs and armed thugs of Coast. restored in Camden as well as in has become the concern and the Philadelphia, to which the battle cause of the entire organized laspread when many of the scabs | bor movement in America. For crossed over by ferry.

A number of those arrested during the fight and found to be bearing arms claimed to have been deputized by the company.

Justice Frank T. Lloyd of the State Supreme Court rushed to the assistance of the RCA Manufacturing Company by ordering the Camden County grand jury to investigate the resort to violence. "We should soon have anarchy in a community," said the RCA judge. "if the right of persons to safety and the right of property to protection were not given."

The strike is being conducted by Local 103, United Electrical and Radio Workers of America.

C. I. O. IGNORES Iron & Steel Institute Declares War on Unionism

WORDS

DEEDS

"There are many disturbing indications that the promoters of the campaign will employ coercion and intimidation of the employees in the industry and foment strikes.

"The steel industry will use its resources to the best of its ability to protect its employees and their families from intimidation, coercion and violence and to aid them in maintaining collective bargaining free from interference from any source. AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL INSTITUTE (from a full page advertisement printed in 375 daily papers thruout the nation.)

"But Mr. Weir was not alone in his determination to crush the threatened steel strike by gunfire, Published accounts show that among manufacturers supplied with ammunition, including tear gas, bombs, guns, bullets, and machine guns in May and June, 1934, were Carnegie Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh Steel Co., Jones & Laughlin, Illinois Steel Co., Republic Steel Corporation, and others, with total orders connected with the threatened strike amounting to hundreds of thousands of dol-WILLIAM GREEN, Pres. A. F. of L. (before a Senate Subcommittee on Interference With Rights of Labor. April 14, 1936.)

ILGWU TO CALL MOONEY MEETS

New York Unionists To **Demonstrate For Tom** Mooney and Billings

The International Ladies Garment Workers Union is planning meetings in many parts of the country on Sunday July 26 and Monday July 27, to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the imprisonment of the two California labor martyrs.

In a letter addressed by Presi-In a statement summarizing the dent Dubinsky to all locals and Joint Boards of the International, they were instructed to get in touch with other trade unions in their localities to organize such protest meetings and demonstrations. In New York City such plans for a demonstration are under way now.

> Such protest meetings the letter points out, are particularly important now because the Mooney-Billings case is reaching a climax as the appeal of the defense lawyers is soon to go back to the United States Supreme Court for final examination and decision.

> The following are excerpts of President Dubinsky's letter sent out on behalf of the General Executive Board:

"On July 20, twenty years will have expired since Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings have been imprisoned in a California jail upon a dastardly frame-up con-CAMDEN, N. J.—Thousands of cocted way back in 1916 by fiend-

> twenty years this unbroken struggle to liberate Mooney and Billings from the Dungeon into which they had been sent by a prejudiced judge upon prejudiced evidence, a struggle during which the prisoners themselves have displayed indomitable courage, a marvelous will and determination to vindicate themselves and the labor movement, has thrilled the hearts and try in the world." minds of every member of the great working class family in our pledge of help and cooperation. little to deliver"

11,000,000 Unemployed S. P. OLD Says A.F.L. Survey

Washington.- The American Federation of Labor estimates that unemployment in the United States now stands at 11,259,-000. The New York Sun (Republican) making an independent study insists that, excluding agriculture, domestic and personal service, professional service, public service or fishing. the number of unemployed is now 3,500,000.

Secretary of Labor Perkins said the truth lies between the two figures and maintained that there is no exact or reliable method of estimating the number of unemployed.

BLUM EXPECTS NEW OFFENSIVE

No sooner did the strike wave begin to subside than the Nationalists, headed by the recently dissolved Croix de Feu, began to keep France in a state of great nervous tension. Demonstrations of thousands of the fascists take place daily, clashes between them and the police are frequent. In the course of huge fascist demonstrations fighting broke out in several cities during the week end with many deaths resulting.

It was clear from the beginning that the employers were giving ground in the first days of the tidal strike wave only because of the great fear of the aroused masses. That they would seek the first chance to strike back was cist offensive to begin their own counter-attack against the workers. Minister of Interior Salengro made it known that he has information that the employers have accumulated a huge "war chest' to be used against the trade unions and the People's Front Government. He said the government was prepared to meet this offensive.

country and in every civilized coun-

Organize Peoples Party As Step To Merger With Labor Party

The Old Guard of the Socialist Party of New York, ousted at the Cleveland Convention, has now taken steps to place itself as an independent force in the coming parliamentary fight-Meeting in New York the Social Democratic Federation organized itself as the Peoples Party. However, even this decision did not come unanimously for there was a strong tendency for merging into the Labor Non-Partisan League for Roosevelt.

The attitude to Roosevelt plagued the delegates. Altho those who opposed the endorsement of Roosevelt won out the victory is a hollow one. According to the decisions of the conference the People's Party stands ready to merge itself into a state Labor Party planned by the New York state supporters of the Labor Non-Partisan League. The admitted purpose of such a state party is to corral the maximum number of labor votes in support of Roosevelt for President and Lehman for Governor. The convention elected a delegation consisting of Waldman, Lee, Claessens, Gerber, Hendin, Levy, Goldberg, Cassidy and Karlin to open negotiations with Luigi Antonini the state head of the Labor Non-Partisan League, for the admission of the Old Guard.

From the debates on this quesin which they will feel much more labeled socialist. In answer to his critics who claimed that Waldman was anxious to ditch the new organization, Waldman declared: "If Socialists must make a choice between going with the trade union movement or staying with a little sterile group, we will go with the trade union movement." Answering the charge that he was delivering the Socialists to the Democrats, The letter closes with a renewed | Waldman declared "there is very

Strike Breakers, Arms **And Munitions Ready** Against Workers

The American Iron and Steel Institute has declared war upon the trade union movement and particularly upon the Committee for Industrial Organization which not only talked of organizing the steel workers, as the A. F. of L. Council had done so many times, but actually went out and began the job. In a full-page advertisement printed in 375 daily papers thruout the country the steel industry made it known that it "will oppose any attempt to compel its employees to join a union." However, the statement declares that the "Steel Industry believes in the principles of collective bargaining, and it is in effect thruout the Industry."

The latter remark is quite misleading, for what the Industry has in mind is the instrument of collective bargaining which it has itself created for that purpose—the company union. These are organizations created in the image of the steel trust, dominated by it thru handpicked leadership, boss influence, company espionage, the threat of the blacklist, and numerous other devious methods which its well paid staffs of personnel managers and industrial relations engineers have been able to perfect.

The degree of subservience of these company unions to the will of the masters of the industry can be fully grasped by the very figures released "from the office of the American Iron and Steel Institute." These relate to a secret ballot covering 275,000 employees in 30 steel plants who allegedly voted overwhelmingly for the candidates of the company unions to the extent of some 254,000, thus, according to the Industry, proving conclusively that they are opposed to "outside unions"-meaning legitimate, free unions. The Steel Institute is proud of its showing: 85% of all the votes in 1934, 90% in 1935 and 92% in 1936. We fail to see the reason for their pride. With similar electioneering methods Hitler secured 99% of the German elec-

A Case of Nerves

But these figures create a false picture of security and none knows that better than the Steel Industry. The Industry knows well that the last year has seen any number of revolts in the ranks of the company unions resulting, because of tion it became quite clear that the the objectionable organization the company at quitting time. It was several hours before calm was liberation of Mooney and Billings the employers will utilize the fasthe Old Guard into a Labor Party is because the steel barons are nervous and unsure of the outcome at home than in any organization | that they attempted to take the wind from the sails of the C.I.O. first by the announcement, some months ago, of heliday arrangements for many workers, and more recently of pay increases. In order to strengthen the company unions as a competing agency against the legitimate unions, these concessions to the workers are being credited to the account of the company unions.

> Additional evidence in this direction are the frantic warnings against unionism by such giant subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corporation as the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation. Benjamin T. Fairless (an appropriate name for a steel company pres-

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EUROPE TODAY

Causes and Results of French Strikes

THE course of the tremendous strike wave which started in the Paris metal industry and engulfed all of France is well-known. We are mainly interested here in its causes, results, effects, the role of the political parties, the trade unions, the government, the classes.

There is no doubt that the strike movement was of spontaneous origin. The immediate cause was obviously the tremendous demonstration of 600,000 at the wall of the Communards in memory of the Paris fold: first to analyze and expose respondence). The powers of the the imperialist bourgeoisie, who Commune. This demonstration inspired the workers with confidence in the capitalist system as such, and, Supreme Court are not, as a have passed the greatest armatheir own power and gave them new hopes. They were encouraged by the establishment of trade union unity and cherished a sincere belief that the People's Front government would improve their conditions—a the masses to struggle for such bourgeois democracy itself, the is mentioned of the connection of belief which they attempted to realize not thru watchful waiting but immediate demands as will raise Constitution. But, of course, if this war budget with the existing thru their actions. The phrase "everything is possible" coined by the level of their class-conscious- the party believes that the strug- administration—the most com-Marceau Pivert expresses the mood of the masses which led them to ness and must culminate, eventual- gle is between democracy and fas- plete collapse of revolutionary op-

The exact time to strike was determined instinctively by the masses. The Sarraut government was about to resign; it would not and could mands which are obstacles to the communist propaganda and expose the American-Japanese struggle not interfere with the strikes. The Blum government, about to take over the government, could not begin its term by opposing an elementary strike movement of the masses.

NEW METHODS OF STRUGGLE

The new form which these strikes took, namely, the idea of staying in the factories, was surely not premeditated. It was applied by the New Deal clearer. The platform, and assembly, and the right to ormass of workers because it insured united action. It must be remembered that these workers were largely unorganized at the beginning of existence of the Democratic Parthe strikes. Furthermore, it prevented the employers from resorting to ty-there is only a man named lock-outs and made it impossible for the police to arrest pickets in the Roosevelt. The Republican Party,

The initiative emanated primarily from the masses even during In general, it warns against a rethe strikes. The trade unions, the political parties, the government fol- action to come under the Republowed the movement of the masses, but did not lead it. Nor can one lican Party, while ignoring Capispeak of the genuine leadership of the masses by the trade unions or talism's rule through the Demoby the Communist Party as such. It is true that the organized workers cratic Party. were active in their factories and that they assumed a certain amount of leadership but they did so not as members of their trade unions or Constitution And Supreme Court political organizations but as the spokesmen of their fellow workers and of the broad masses themselves.

The progressive role of the government was in its negative act—in refusing to eject the workers from the factories forcefully. It is charis, undoubtedly, the Supreme is given to the bourgeoisie. Our As a matter of fact the "M" Day

actoristic that the employers themselves did not attempt to use force acteristic that the employers themselves did not attempt to use force, Court. Here the two parties of business is not to demand that fasknowing that if they did factory equipment would suffer. The Blum government also served as an arbitrator between the employers and the party or parties of the workthe workers—according to its own statement. Thus the government our business is to mobilize the tions. But it certainly is not our business is to mobilize the ling class. And this means not our business is to mobilize the acted as a mediator particularly on the question of wages. Finally, the government, having a majority in parliament embodied the fundamental demands of the workers in a general law.

RESULTS OF STRIKES

The immediate results are significant. At one blow the following demands of the workers became law for the entire country: recognition | Platform of the Class Struggle: of trade unions, establishment of works councils,-these are bona fide bodies with great powers, a wage increase of 12% on the average, States was drawn up by the bankthe introduction of minimum wages, paid vacations of two weeks, and ers, big landowners, and rich merthe 40 hour week. The trade unions estimate the increase in real wages chants of 1787, admittedly against to be approximately 35% considering the shortened workday and paid the working masses. As Madison, vacations. Such decisive progress was accomplished in the past only in the 'Father of the Constitution', a revolutionary period: 1905 in Russia, in the fall of 1918 in Germany. put it, the Government ought 'to

The far-reaching results of this strike wave are yet of greater protect the minority of the opusignificance. The workers have gained consciousness of their own lent against the majority'... strength. The occupation of the factories has given them the feeling that they are the "lords and masters." The workers proved to the public showing how the Constitution perand to themselves that they could, overnight organize their maintenance petuates class rule by "checks and food supply for themselves and their families. Immediately, the idea and balances"; how small the elecsuggests itself that the workers might also be capable of organizing torate actually is, despite all talk production without the employers. The government may repeat again of the right to vote; how meanand again that as a People's Front government it will operate within ingless all bourgeois freedom is the following: "Instead of ever Roosevelt, is cheating the sharethe framework of the capitalist system; the masses of workers have when Big Business controls halls, shattered these limitations in their own minds; they have begun to papers, presses, the radio, etc.) orientate themselves, at least instinctively, toward the perspective of a thoro socialist transformation of society.

For the first time, there will exist a genuine, broad trade union organization in French large-scale industry. Already, the metal workers and conscious betrayal of the sale or delivery of goods, or the schools must be abolished. union of Paris and surrounding numbers 50,000. Before the strike it BIG BUSINESS DEMOCRACY union of Paris and surrounding numbers 50,000. Before the strike it had but a few thousand. In these trade unions, progressive young elements dominate. The old trade union burocracy is nothing but a thin top layer. The trade unions as such have greatly increased their pretop layer. The trade unions as such have greatly increased their pretop layer. The trade unions as such have greatly increased their prestige among the working class as a result of the strike; they have certainly gained more than have the political parties. The near future will
gained more than have the political parties. The repeated declarations of the trade unions that they were independent of the government
are worthy of note.

NEW STRUGGLES ON THE WAY

DICTATORSHIP OF THE CAPITALISTS. The 1928 election platform of the Socialist Party which
accepts the present Constitution
as a basis and demands only a
'modernized Constitution' is thereby the present capitalist State and
the perpetuation of the oppression of the working class'.

Peace Pact."

This is undoubtedly the most a foreign
policy presented outside of a peace comes clear, the grave and tragic
dangers of the opportunist line
communists. Breaking it down into its three component parts, we
will find the following: America
will find the following: America
should ally with the Soviet Union;
should ally with the Soviet Union;

It is clear that as soon as an opportunity arises, the French work-sion of the working class". ers will strike another blow at the ruling class. The appetite of the Now such an analysis, despite Such an alliance would exclude the mediate demands but to analyze masses will grow as their feeling of strength and their organizations certain indications of "leftism", building of the American army the basis of these demands, an exgrow. The present works councils are genuine and broad mass organs. is basically correct, emphasizing and navy; the Kellogg Peace Pact, posure of the ruin and misery

ment; in fact, they deplored it. But at the given moment the entire tution as a reactionary document military terms, is to be trans- ondly it was the custom to stress bourgeoisie realized that the Blum government offered the only pos- intended to stifle mass discontent. formed into a working-class cri- that the issue is between commusibility of relieving the situation. The bourgeoisie will certainly prepare directed against the workers and terion to discover "war guilt". In nism and capitalism, between the a careful counter-attack. At present, it is receding, and is making a farmers. It is the business of the other words, if America's imperial- workers and employers. In this number of concessions, not being able to avoid them. It is working in Communists to stress this. What ist interests against Japan, force platform the Communist Party two directions: first, it is attempting to transform the People's Front has the 1936 platform to say? government into a brake on the mass movement. This will eventually result in the loss of prestige of the People's Front in the eyes of the masses. Secondly, it is building up fascist organizations and giving them a certain political orientation. The Croix de Feu has for the first time appeared in the role of social demagogue attempting to outdo the "Marxists" in their demands. The bourgeoisie is, furthermore, the Supreme Court. We demand tary alliance of France and the exerting pressure to devaluate the franc—thus attempting to nullify that Congress immediately reas- Soviets, suddenly end the military some of the concessions which it has made.

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C. P. PLATFORM FAILS TEST

The 1936 election platform of attainment of that end. It is not necessary here to de-

tail our criticisms of the Party's attitude towards Roosevelt, save to note that each succeeding document makes the capitulation to the for example, doesn't recognize the alone, is the tool of Wall Street.

The issue around which it is est class-conscious forces in 1936 capitalist society enough freedom manufacturers and the fascists. most possible to rally the clearcapitalism must part ways with cists be given liberties, that the ment show that much more is to merely on the question of a con- working masses to drive these business to pave the road for the stitutional amendment, but on the people off the streets, off the ra- reactionary military dictatorship evaluation of the Constitution. Be- dio, to illegalize them. And this that is being nurtured by Roosefore dealing with this point in the is quite different from calling on velt's War Dep't. With such de-1936 platform, let me quote from the "people" to do this. The only mands the Communist Party serves the 1928 platform, called "The organized class force that will neither the interests of the Amer-

"The Constitution of the United in the fight is Labor.

(Here follows a whole section

"Under such circumstances to

The Radical Socialists were not enthusiastic over the strike move- the historical role of the Consti- which defined the aggressor in brought about by capitalism. Sec-

amendment to put an end to the wars apparently, are to be fought dictatorial and usurped powers of by the Red Army! Did the milisert its constitutional powers to budget of France? No, France enact social and labor legislation still has her imperialist game to

Thus, the role of the Supreme the Communist Party, based on Court does not appear as part and forces. the totally false premise of "De- parcel of the reactionary rule of mocracy or fascism, progress or the capitalist bourgeoisie, a role reaction", fails to carry out the provided for in the Constitution, tasks of the class-conscious sec- and intended precisely as a check we must systematically expose the tion of the workers in an election on "dangerous" legislation (See role of Roosevelt and the Democampaign. These tasks are two- the Federalist or Hamilton's Cor- cratic Party, representatives of correspondingly, to agitate for whole, usurped-they are vested ment budget in our history-who communism; secondly, to call upon in it by the documentary basis of are preparing war. But not a word ly, in the revolutionary overthrow cism, progress or reaction, then it position to war that could be imagof the capitalist system—not de- is impossible for it to carry on ined. Will it effect the nature of the reactionary character of bour- for domination of China and South geois democracy.

Free Speech For All

"We champion the unrestricted freedom of speech, press, radio, ganize and strike. We call upon the people to safeguard these traditional liberties."

From this we are to assume that the fight the Party made to al- as a whole. This demand, which low Father Coughlin the use of springs from the petty bourgeois Soldier's Field in Chicago is not notion that the private manufactan isolated error but an integral ure of arms creates war, strengthpart of a whole policy. Since when do communists fight for "unre-lows logically from the non-Marx-stricted forests of the CI that stricted freedom of speech"? We ian conception of the C.I. that fight for the right of free speech | wars are the machinations only of restricted to the workers and working class organizations. In really fight and give leadership ican workers nor their brothers in

Keep Us Out Of War

The second important section of the platform is entitled "Keep der a fairly good agrarian pro-America Out Of War By Keeping gram, no demand is listed for the War Out Of The World." Not smashing of the AAA burocracy, one word is said about the imper- which is a weighty weapon in the ialist character of a war fought hands of the Democratic Party by the American government, nor over the farmers. Yet it is this the peculiar American form of apparatus which oppresses the war-mongering-"neutrality". The farmers. But of course that might old and unadulterated support of create the impression that the imperialist sanctions is repeated | Democratic Party exists as a capiwith a new twist. The foreign pol- talist vote-getting machine; that icy of America they say should be the Democratic Party, headed by greater armaments, we believe that croppers and poor farmers. And America should develop an Amer- that, a la Lewis, might be an "emican Peace Policy in close collab- barrassing" admission. prate about "democracy" is hypo-oration with the Soviet Union,

should ally with the Soviet Union; not merely to set forth certain im-

her, for imperialist purposes, to turns its back upon both. make a military alliance with the Soviet Union, then America be-"We support a constitutional comes a peaceful nation, whose

the People's Front, continues to expand its capitalist army and air

For Efficient War

In the face of the war danger, America, which has been going on since 1927, if in 1940 one or the other happens to fire the first

Not content with this the Party demands the "nationalization the munitions industries"-a demand perfectly in line with the policies of the Roosevelt Administration and the capitalist class

A Populist Platform Two minor issues remain. Un-

There is also a demand that

If we compare this platform

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In CP Analysis

THE leading editorial in the L Daily Worker of June 29, 1936, is devoted to an appraisal of President Roosevelt's acceptance speech. What it has to say is extremely significant in emphasizing the present political orientation of the Communist Party.

"President Roosevelt's acceptance speech", we are told, "made much of the comparison between the 'political royalists of 1776' and the 'economic royalists' of 1936 . . . Yes, our forefathers bore arms against the oppression of the British Crown and its tory lickspittles in the colonies. Your fight, President Roosevelt, inasmuch as it was a fight at all, against The call for such a great war was issued at the convention of the Communist Party.'

The political meaning of these President Roosevelt and the Comthe Republican-Liberty League re- with their hopes. actionaries. Roosevelt, unfortuin this struggle, whereas the C.P. ally the only criticism that the of- competent minds have been doing ficial communist spokesmen can level against the President is that No longer is it labor, supported by

Is it not clear that, in the pursuit of its new opportunistic

June 23, 24, 1936, points to the end

Class Lines Lost The Communist Party's Jamboree

part of the discussion of the Communist Party Convention to which we herewith throw open our columns. Contributions will be welcome from members of the Communist and Socialist Party as well as from trade unionists.—Editor.

By D. SWIFT

The Daily Worker is still in-

But it is not my purpose to disencies, or to bring to the fore deadis determined and militant. Basic- ly historical analogies. Far more

his fight has not been sufficient- other sections of the toiling people, ly "brave" nor sufficiently "un- arrayed against the hosts of capicompromising". But this, obvious- tal; it is now an amorphous "peoly, is the kind of criticism you ple", inclusive enough to embrace make of uncertain allies, or va- Roosevelt and the New Dealers, cillating elements in your own aligned against a handful of "recamp, certainly not of an out- actionary monopolists", the "ecounderstanding of class struggle? | familiar petty bourgeois model!

but for their adherence to party The publicity given the South-, since removed from Palestine, have principles. The Communists disern liberals gathered at the been led to believe that they pensed with this basic tradition.

of the Communist Party's slogan of Self-Determination of the Black W. W. Alexander, for years buried in fogvism under the belief that Race Relations should be dealt with without raising economic

emphasizes an important truth:

leaders of the Jewish people, long tion of Ethiopia as well as the role heaval.

University of North Carolina should advocate Zionism to the through the New York Times of Jewish masses of many nations.

economist points out the indisput- from the automaton delegates, ranks of the bourgeois parties send Clubs in Worcester." Whe-

-is giving greater recognition to politicians.

'SELF-DETERMINATION' SCRAPPED for their good looks or sociability

> Roosevelt or Browder? by about 2,000, while white manner of a court-martial. Clartenants increased by more than ence Hathaway read it, Permanent 200,000." [Dr. Rupert Vance]. | Chairman Weinstone asked for a Rupert Vance, a Southern liberal vote, there was a shout of Yes politics is beginning even in the leader and organizer of the Town-

questions, comes to a ripe old age questions, comes to a ripe old age 1,091,000 white tenant farmers and of Garveyites and Father Divine take a dip in the muddled waters. supporting Lemke, in order to rewith amazing rapidity. Alexander 698,000 colored cotton farmers. in Harlem life. Let there be no What does this do to the stupid deliberate misunderstanding: The Bob Minor went out of his way, not say. "The best thing to do about assertion by many C. P. function- rise of the upper class colored during his nomination peroration, race relations is to forget them aries that the colored farmers are voters even to the level of Jews to inform all and sundry that Wiland begin thinking about the the sole bottom of the economic and Irish does not mean the libera- liam Z. Foster suggested the can- undying love for Comrade Browvolved in the business of living All this points to the coming liberation will not come separate that very reason it seems to us fellows. which affects both Negroes and death blow to Self-Determination. from the liberation of the white that Bob didn't tell half the story. whites, and cannot be solved by The Democratic Party—in spite of sharecroppers who do not advance one to the exclusion of the Browder's ill-concealed blessings with the recognition of Southern

Dr. Alexander, at present a the Negro. In the North the Negro The Communist Party has been tamie" and somehow we were unfunctionary of the Farm Credit is being sought as a voter. Mrs. Administration is confused as Roosevelt has been photographed theories. Such yarns as the much of the beard. usual in his economics, but from with Negroes on numerous oc- repeated one that the Black Belt the angle of tactics, Dr. Alexander casions. This does not mean the is "not being counted" is absoluteis sound. In fact, he is more sen- coming of the Revolution. It does ly worthless and meaningless. The Americanism" read a banner in in Camden and how the workers, sible than the C. P., which believes point to the coming of the day count shows that there are many the convention hall. That's what on the alert, are watching the that the race problem of the South when the class divisions of the more white sharecroppers. This we call taking the war to San plant by land and water. And down can be solved by encouraging American Negro will become ap- upsets the Black Belt theory, but Simeon. Negroes to long for a Black Na- parent even to the Daily Worker, does not alter the need for a comtion in the same manner that many at present muddled in its evalua- plete social and economical up- Bob Hall called James W. Ford vention, goes the whisper: Two if

D. Swift is the pseudonym under which a prominent journalist and Age. My Fach, as the Germans a word of discussion from the floor. political observer prefered to write the article below. Though a Communist sympathizer, he has never been and is not now a member of the Communist. The Communist sympathizer we have a general idea of political trends to practice my profession ably. My the platform is a word of discussion from the floor. Say, is somewhat removed from the complications of political conflicts, though I must have a general idea of political trends to practice my profession ably. My the platform is read it. The lack of discussion on practice my profession ably. My the Communist Opposition. We practice my profession ably. My the platform is particularly signipresent his impressionistic view as purpose in this brief piece is to ficant. I don't believe there is a present the impressions of what I single human being in the United like to think is a decent, well-dis- States who really understands it posed, unaffiliated left American I have read it five times, and can't make head or tail out of its "Irrelevant Blather" major plank: for whom to vote.

I was at the Madison Square The first half of the platform says

Garden meeting, way up front, in that the big issue of the 1936 cama position to hear and see every- paign is to defeat Landon and that thing of consequence. I had at- voting for Roosevelt is a good way tended five national conventions of of doing it. The second half of the two major political parties, the platform says that voting for dulging in a bachannalia of super- and had learned to expect only ir- Roosevelt is futile and urges the latives in both its description and relevant blather from them, mixed election of Browder. In other analysis of the final session of the with the steam-roller methods words, the delegates are asked to Communist Party National Con- common in American politics. In vote for both Roosevelt and Browvention held in Madison Square my naivete I expected something der, an obvious impossibility. the tories of 1936 has not been Garden. Party members and sym- at least a trifle different at the pathisers are so jubilant over what first public convention of the Comtook place that they look upon the munists. I was bitterly disappoint- it was all patently manufactured event as a sure herald of a free, ed. The Communist convention was in the manner of the enthusiasm prosperous, and happy America. no different from Republican and at Republican and Democratic Joseph North and Blaine Owen are Democratic conventions, and in conventions. Even more so. Perwords should be plain enough. keeping up their drum-fire of en- some respects far worse. Browder manent Chairman Weinstone thusiasm, and the chances are that and Ford, it soon became obvious, achieved the amazing feat of bemunist Party are, at bottom, fight- they will still be at it long after were forced upon the delegates. ing the same fight, the great the election, no matter what the No other candidates for the nom- and off with the raising and lowstruggle for democracy, the holy results turn out to be. Communists inations were presented, which was ering of his arms. Is this condition crusade against the "economic of the official consecrated stripe very strange indeed, since several synonymous with spontaneity, as royalists" of 1936 in the person of seldom allow facts to interfere influential party members had reported to me a considerable anti- And what earthly sense is there Browder and anti-Ford sentiment in having eight-year old tots nately, is "hesitant" and "yielding" cuss theory, to expose inconsist- among the rank and file. Everything was pre-arranged, just as it is pre-arranged by the Republicans Internationale, yipping "We Want and Democrats. There was abso- Browder," and staring at him, lutely no discussion from the floor.

when they passed the dais, as if The fact is that Browder's ac- they were beholding Jesus Christ ceptance speech was given to the Himself? press two hours before he was | The adoration of Earl Browder nominated, and the same was true was something disgusting to beof Ford's acceptance speech. In hold. He walked about the platspite of this, Robert Minor, in his form with a halo around his head. 1917. Only, he sighs, our People's speech nominating Browder for For a long time, after Minor's Front was destroyed by that ob-President, had the brass to say "nominating" speech, he stood stinate fanatic Lenin, while you, standing representative of the nomic royalists of 1936", the that he hoped his speech "will per- alone on the rostrum, with not a Premier Blum, have the good forenemy class. It is an attitude in- American equivalent of the "two suade" the delegates to name his soul near him within a radius of tune of dealing with communists telligible and in place when taken hundred families", the latter-day candidate. The delegates, of ten feet. He beamed holiness and of quite another stripe! towards a right wing socialist or version of the old, pre-war "male- course, were "persuaded." They accepted the homage paid to him labor party in power but hardly factors of great wealth." The were like the Republican and Dem- by the assembled sheep with a when adopted towards the leading Communist Party is thus busily at ocratic delegates I had seen on papal sanctification. At one point capitalistic party in this country, the government party of American dations of its own existence, exchanging revolutionary Marxism Browder and Ford were nominated form and entrusted to Holy Mo- that it was well for him to follow for the grotesque catchwords of a before the platform was accepted ther Bloor, who then carried the in the footsteps of Earl Browder, long discredited populism, replac- -a procedure unprecedented in fortunate infant to the presence of and he too tickled the child under course, the C.P. is losing all sight ing proletarian socialism by an all- American party politics. In capi- Earl Browder himself. He gra- the chin. The assembled automaof class distinction, all practical class "people's" movement on the talist politics nominees are ex- ciously tickled the child under the ton delegates cheered, and the pected to run on a platform. In chin. Mother Bloor was overcome other words, at least an outward show is made of the idea that a party stands for principles, and that candidates are nominated, not

To come back to the platform, it clusively that when it comes to tin "From 1920 to 1930 Negro was ratified after Browder's and tenants in the South decreased Ford's acceptance speeches in the doff its cap to no one." tenants in the South decreased Ford's acceptance speeches in the doff its cap to no one.

Precisely when a revulsion against this form of circus-stunt- Phil Frankfield, "is the recognized

the "new John Brown of Ossowat-

Kerensky Backs People's Front

THE most devastating commentary on the People's Front policy of the Communist International was made recently by none other than Alexander Kerensky, once head of a sort of People's Front government in Russia. In a recent issue of his paper, Novaya Rossiya, he writes, addressing Premier Leon Blum:

"You are entirely correct in saying that, in the France of today, it will not be Lenin who will take over the heritage from the present government. And why? Because the French communists of 1936 are zealous participants in the People's Front; today they defend all democratic liberties and preach the defense of the Fatherland. But Lenin in the year 1917 was a deadly enemy of these democratic liberties, a determined opponent of coalition even with the most progressive parties. During the entire time he worked obstinately for the defeat of Russia. ... With us in Russia, the united front of the revolutionary democracy against reaction was completely undermined thru the fact that it was impossible to come to any sort of understanding with Lenin on questions of national defense and the protection of the democratic liberties won by the people in the March revolution.

Kerensky thoroly approves of the People's Front policy in France -and why shouldn't he when it is essentially the same policy he at-

with joy. She then took the infant (Continued on Page 4)

NOTES ON THE C.P. CONVENTION

By ARNOLD

The nominating convention of the Communist Party proved con- ple of the "the great state of Ala-

As to the matter of enthusiasm

ing able to turn the enthusiasm on

the Daily Worker insists it is?

marching around the hall, with

little upraised fists, singing the

does the C.P. find it convenient to ther or not the good comrade is

tion of Negro masses. And this didacy of Earl Browder, And for der. Politics makes strange bed-Again and again we looked at

Communism is 20th Century of the militant fight being put up

presidency in the name of the peobama." And if you don't believe "One of our comrades," said

onded his nomination for the vice-

tain his leadership, Frankfield did The same speaker expressed his

The convention bristled with

revolutionary traditions. Indicative of this was a painting in colors showing the blending of the Amer-

A young RCA girl striker tells the press table, which by this time —S.C. | "Alabama's greatest son" and sec- by land and one if by sea!

JAMBOREE

(Continued from Page 3) thousands of sympathizers yelled, guided, of course, by the rising and descending magical arms of Permanent Chairman Weinstone. In all the years of my contact with politicians of all parties, I have never witnessed anything so revolting to good taste.

A Major Tragedy I left the Garden in a depressed mood. I had seen the Communist Party complete the circle in its evolution as the 1936 counterpart of the Populist Party. I had seen it succumb to every cheap trick of the American patrioteers, and then add some of its own. My one comforting thought was that many Communists and Communist-sympathisers have been appalled at the recent turn of events on the left. William Z. Foster, the Communist chairman, and one of the very few truly able men of integrity in the party, is probably among them. He sat on the platform in Madison Square Garden in his shirt sleeves-a pleasing contrast to the rapidly-got-up Sunday dress of Browder, Ford, Minor and the other jitney Lenins. He looked sad and lonely and obviously re-

the same grave doubts. And well they might doubt. Fascism and reformism are about to overwhelm us all. In a sense we seem to be entering into another Middle Ages. One had hoped that in the ensuing darkness there would be at least one glorious minority, which would act as a beacon to men of political character, perspicacity, and courage. To tens of thousands the Communist Party for a while seemed to be such a beacon. Many of them are now disillusioned, and as time | pire.

pelled by the cheapness and trick-

ery of what was going on before

him. Clarence Hathaway, to a les-

ser degree, seemed to be having

C.P. CONVENTION goes on thousands more will join their ranks. The cheap-jack leadership of Browder and his onelegged lieutenants has defrauded American Communism of nearly every shred of its pristine magnificence. It is a major tragedy. Radicals of integrity have cause

PROGRESSIVE PAINTERS WIN

Once again the progressive forces among the New York and Brooklyn painters were victorious in the recent elections in which Sam Freeman was reelected as Secretary of District Council 18 and L. Weinstock was reelected to the same post in District Council 9.

In the New York poll the opposition to Weinstock was rather weak securing a measely 700 votes as against 3700 for the progressive candidate. In the Brooklyn elections, however, the gangster and racketeer elements, defeated in a previous elections, made desperate attempts to stage a comeback. They resorted to intimdation and trick ery but to no avail. They were defeated, the racketeer candidates receiving 447 votes as against 541 for Sam Freeman.

Plan Union Drive

Immediately following the installation of the Brooklyn District Council, the union, according to Secretary Freeman, will be thrown into an energetic organization drive for the enforcement of the \$9 scale for the 7 hour day and for the organization of the open shops Freeman was of the opinion that the union would have to overcome serious obstacles in the form of the underworld forces who returned to power in several locals thru shady methods.

The chief aim of the organization, said Freeman, is to prepare for a showdown in August when the agreements with the bosses ex

STEEL INSTITUTE WARS ON UNIONS

(Continued from Page 1) ident) warned the workers against being stampeded into joining the union. At the same time Earl Reed. counsel to the National Steel Company and a leading light in the Liberty League tried to scare the steel workers away from organization because, said he, it "may lead to a general strike of labor unions and, as a horrible example, he pointed to England which "learned its lesson in its general strike."

M Day In Steel

These of course are attempts to create public hysteria and violent anti-union sentiment. But even at this early date sections of the steel industry have passed over to the use of force against the union organization drive. In Portsmouth, to use plenty of it. We have found Steel Company attacked the strik- try to disperse a mob with too liters; In Halliday's Cove, a suburb the gas their efforts will not be sucof Weirton, W. Va., Claude Kra- cessful. To toss a couple of grenmer, organizer for the C.I.O. was ades and gas shells into a fighting kidnapped by 8 steel company mob could not be expected to constrong-arm men and hustled out of | trol it. You have to give them gas town. The Mayor of the town, a messenger boy for the steel company, was involved in this act; Near Birmingham, Ala., gunplay has been resorted to since the beginning of the strike in the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company.

The sanctimonious promise "to protect its employees and their families from intimidation, coercion and violence" is in reality an arrogant advance notice that the steel barons intend to resort to "intimidation, coercion, and violence" against the steel workers who dare rise up and strike a blow for their liberation from their overlords in the industry. Not for noth-

ing are private armies being must ered and armed for the steel industry by the strike-breaking agencies of this country; not for noth ing have these steel companies been investing hundreds of thousands of dollars in providing themselves with tear gas and bombs rifles and machine guns.

Help Is Needed

On July 4 the presidents of the various steel companies may make specches about the common interests of capital and labor but when it comes to organization drives and strikes they know what to do for they are well advised. The Federal Laboratories thus advises its salesmen: "Be sure to advise each customer that when they use gas hio, armed thugs of the Wheeling from experience that if the police and plenty of it."

These are the conditions that 500,000 steel workers will meet in the course of their struggle for organization. It will take the help of every local union and every trade unionist to bring victory in the steel industry.

G.F.M.

Send me more information about the C.P.O.
Name
Address
City State

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The French bourgeoisie and the Blum government are emitting a sigh of relief. The strike movement is approaching its close. The faith of the workers in their own strength has been greatly increased. The trade unions now number 2,600,000* compared with 500,000 before the strike. The prestige of the unions and of the working class has grown tremendously in comparison with that of the workers' parties. The latter influenced the railroad workers and officials not to enter the strike. As a result, these workers did not achieve satisfactory conditions. The statements of the representatives of the Blum government can be summarized by one slogan: Oncebut never again!

The Communist Party has done its own share of attempting to terminate the strikes. Thus, Thorez made a statement in which he explained that the working class must know how to bring strikes to a close. Instead of issuing directives for the next steps in extraparliamentary activity, the C.P. has issued warning after warning asking the workers not to isolate themselves from the petty bourgeois masses and to confine their actions strictly within the frame work of the People's Front.

No action against the fascists has been taken. On the contrary Salengro, Minister of the Interior, has suppressed the paper of the Trotskyites. This action evoked but feeble protests from the C.P. The bourgeoisie has already started its counter-attack by raising the price of foodstuffs, by establishing company unions and by increasing its efforts to devaluate the franc.

Effects In Germany

There are various indications that the mighty strike wave in France and its significant results have had a tremendous influence on the German working class. Consequently, the Nazis are trying to kill the issue by ignoring it completely. It is understood that, in view of the conditions in Nazi Germany, the working class of Germany cannot be expected to rise in a similar manner. The impetus to some action, however, is there and will break out sooner or later.

Japan vs. China

The action of the Canton govern-

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Books of the Age

CREATIVE AMERICA, by Mary Van Kleeck. New York, Covici, Friede. 353 pages. \$3.00.

This book approximates the dimensions of a monstrosity. It is a stream-lined edition of the ideology of the People's Front combined with strangely confused imitations of Veblenism and Marx ism. The author portrays the past present and future through the distorted approach of the People's Front. In place of the class approach of Marx or even of the business-vs.-industry point of view of Veblen, Miss Van Kleeck speaks of the eternal fight between the forces of creation and the forces of destruction. Apparently she considers this the most tactful way of reaching the middle class and the conservative workers. Her method is to sugar-coat Marxism. The result, of course, is neither Marxism nor a comprehensible philosophy of progressivism. The book turns out to be a poor attempt to compete with fascist terminology while struggling, at the same time, to adhere to some form of Socialism or Communism

ment demanding that the Nanking government declare war on Japan indicates not so much the willingness of the Canton government to conduct a war against Japan but rather the fact that it is trying "to save the face" of China in view of the growing anti-Japanese mood of the masses. The Canton government declared thru its minister of foreign affairs that it would not engage in a civil war against the Nanking regime, against Chiang-Kai-shek. The defeat of Chiang-Kai-shek and his clique, however, must be the prerequisite for a war against Japan. This statement proves that the demands of the Canton government are nothing but a gesture. Nevertheless, this gesture indicates the rapidly growing, intense anti-Japanese feeling of the masses in China.

London, June 10, 1936.

"THRU LIBERTY TO SOCIALISM"

"The New Masses" of July 7, 1936 features over half its front cover an article by Joseph Freeman entitled: "Thru Liberty to Socialism-Ninth Convention of the Communist Party". A little taken aback, we turn to the article itself and read:

"As Browder ended his keynote address with the slogans: Thru liberty to socialism . . . the delegates and visitors rose . . . " (Our emphasis).

What is the meaning of this new catch-phrase? Is it but a modified version of the old and discredited reformistic slogan: Thru democracy to socialism? If it is, we can but answer to the opportunists of the old and new school alike: Not "thru liberty (democracy) to socialism" but "thru socialism to liberty (democracy)"!

The present work does not leave

one in doubt as to Miss Van Kleeck's belief in Socialism. She is obviously disgusted with capitalist economy, and has done an excellent piece of research on the coal industry and on the whole question of industrial planning. Her chapters on "Big Business Plans America" and "Production Shackled for Debt"-show that. Other chapters of the book repeat the familiar cliches of capitalist economy by radical critics; but the part of the book which she dedicates to a discussion of social work, politics and subjects related to the problem of democracy and class action are unbelievably bad. These pages are filled with nationalist bias; they betray a complete lack of understanding of American history and show no grasp whatever of the true nature of de-

To those who have followed the work of Mary Van Kleeck, this book must be a keen disappointment.

---Economist

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