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#### America Intervenes in 5,000 Walk Out European Conflict

HITLER DANCES TO ROOSEVELT'S TUNE. ORGY OF "PEACE" TALK PREPARES NEW SLAUGHTER AND ATTACK ON U.S.S.R.! MOBILIZE FOR DEFENSE OF THE WORKERS FATHERLAND!

a hectic development of the poli- strong twist of the American noose delphia. That day 5,000 waist and tical tension on the European con- around Europe's neck. the German nationalists tied to comedy of armed pacifism. their strings-led to increasing boldness on the part of Hitler on disarm-is hardly likely. That forced to concede, were withdrawn. the foreign front and served as the Hitler will, therefore, continue Work had to be taken home. It cause of something which is being equipping German military forces was a spirit of resentment against described by the universal press as up to France's level-gradually, to such slave conditions which brought a "war hysteria comparable to that be sure, and on the "MacDonald on this upheaval. of 1914."

was undecided, as long as it was The race of armaments will go on fact that for about half of those not certain that the proletariat of as fiercely as before. The final out it is their first strike a novel that country would not rise against word will, however, rest with experience. All categories-operathe Fascist monster and institute Washingtion, its own rule, the ruling classes of France, England, etc., not only had no objections to the Nazi Storm ted his determination to stand by that were issued, one by the In-Troops but regarded them as war- the Four Power Pact of Mussolini, ternational Ladies Garment Workriors in the defense of "civiliza- The direction of this pact-against ers Union, the other by the United

clear that class struggle in Ger- war against the workers' fatherland Workers Industrial Union. The many had for the time being, de- is just as imminent as before. Only part played by the Left wing cided by the passive submission of the preponderance in this looming NTWIU is a sorry one. The rethe workers-betrayed by the social- attack against the fortress of the sponse was overwhelmingly to the ists and kept divided by the Stalinist bureaucracy-the allied cap- decided. italists immediately saw the menace of German "rearmaments" in these same Brown Shirt forma-

of the Versailles victors to solve over the fact that Litvinoff's de- to prevent a walkout. At the genthe German crisis by maintaining finition of "aggressor nation" has eral strike meetings on Wednesday, their stranglehold on Germany on been accepted by Geneva, can only Pres. Dubinsky admitted that the a new plane—showing a Fascist have one meaning: To support all Germany to the forefront of war for the extermination of Soviet Russia, where it could make gains only as an agent of all of the powers of Western Europe and only to the degree to which they consented Civil war in Germany would have left Hitler no other choice.

With the inexpensive triumph over his internal enemy, the Nazi chieftain naturally gained inspiration to drive for a much better bargain-for a place among the equals in the family of robber cap- three weeks ago expelled two more italist nations. Now, if he is to of its members on the charge of attack Soviet Russia, he wants to "Trotskyism." Herman Gladstone, make sure that he will have the member of the Y. C. L. for two force behind him to dictate his own years, and Perry Mayers, member terms and to turn the balance in of the Y. C. L. for six months, were favor of Nazi Germany in any case. The lack of proletarian resistance "party democracy." within Germany itself facilitates his devlish game of flirtation with the sions was laid at a recent district U.S.S.R., which is a club in his membership meeting held by the hands for the purpose of shaking Y. C. L. on the German situation

Hitler's excursions into Austria, and growing Fascist strength there, only served to further alarm his Allied opponents, whose aim is, of course, to hold on to that balance of power which they have held so tirhtly ever since Versailles. Therein lay the reasons for all the talk about 'sanctions and preventative war" that so swiftly threw all of Europe into a frenzy last week.

It was at this point that Wall Street's "New Deal" president interefered. The heavy billions of American capital investments, of war debts and private lcontracts which constitute the economic basis of America's world begemony were at stake. "Isolation" policy, which under the pressure of financial and Young Plan) had shrunk to the Heroic Sacrifices Mark P. M. A. size of a flimsy formality, was definitely thrown overboard.

Retaining the traditional hypocrisy of imperialist U.S. "pacifism," President Roosevelt addressed himself to the nations of Europe with dered! Peaceful miners shot down West Frankfort. at their homes or on the strets! Henry Arnold-shot in his home. something that amounts to a political ultimatum. Money talked Relief headquarters smashed! Wo- James Attis-shot at the home of and all the high and low politicians | men--wives and mothers of miners of Europe listened.

The Washington administration mass meetings broken up! All these had been careful beforehand to are regular features of the struggle make clear that it would definitely of the miners of Illinois to organoppose all "sanction" (the occupaize and function within a union of tion of the Ruhr, etc.) but dropped their own choice-the Progressive a gentle hint to Berlin to bide its Miners of America. time. Roosevelt did, to be sure, tell the Nazis that he would not stand for German "rearmament." But at the same time, he just as categorically demanded French disarmament as a precondition for holding Germany in check.

Hitler's Reichstag Speech The Roosevelt message was a bitter pill for the Western powers to swallow but they had no alternative. It takes finances to impose "sanctions" and to insure against possible consequences. Hitler's Reichstag speech, on the other hand, while indicating a turn to a slower tempo in the reestablishment of armed equality with the other powers, nevertheless showed that this was to be done only by cratic "dictator" in Washington. bowing to Wall Street's wishes and not at all on the basis of French or British pressure.

"guarantor of European peace," as a sniper in her own doorway. a sort of super-arbiter. All in all, Joe Colbert-shot by gangsters in sight of both eyes.) a handsome victory for United his own home.

The past week was marked by States imperialism and another

tinent and by whirlwind American It is not strange that the capi- trade, went out on a general strike intervention to allay it. The surpris- talist press in this country has wel- call in their industry. Their workingly easy and rapid consolidation comed Hitler's kowtowing to Wash- ing conditions, never good, had been of the Nazi power in Germany ington. It is not strange that it worsened in the past several years while France and the rest of the now goes into peons of praise for that it could no longer be tolerated. entente had expected a prolonged Hitler, the pacifist. It is only some- Wages of \$8 to \$15 and even lower period of internal strife to keep what ludicrous, part of the general are now current. Regulations as

plan"-is just as sure. The tension As long as the fate of Germany has only been temporarily allayed.

Hitler and the Mussolini Pact the Soviet Union-has been made Front Committee of Dress and But the moment when it became clear before this. The danger of Waistmakers and the Needle Trades world revolution remains to be right wing ILGWU of Dubinsky

amount of flirtation with the USSR of the workers. So little did the —by Hitler or by Roosevelt—can officialdom understand. cover up that danger. To gloat-as It had been the original intention the Stalinist Daily Worker does-(Continued on Page 4)

## Stalinists from

The Young Communist League the victims this time of Stalinist

The basis for both the exputparty in Germany. C. A. Hathaway, in true Stainist fashion.

among the leaders, Hathaway got up and pointed out that "the hour (Continued on Page 2)

beaten and jailed! Local union and

The list of murders and outrages

grows as Lewis gangsters, coal

company thugs, deputy sheriff

gorillas and National guardsmen

with machine gun, bayonet, bomb

and blackjack carry on the fight

of the Peabody Coal Co. to force

starvation wages, slave conditions

and a gangster union on the miners

The casuality lists of dead and

wounded as published regularly in

the Progressive Miner are eloquent

Capitalism treat starving and

struggling workers in the era of

'new deal" and under the bene-

ficient reign of the grinning, demo-

An incomplete list of recent

proof of how the "King Kongs" of skull.)

of Illinois.

casualties follows:

### In Philadelphia Dress Strike

Philadelphia, Pa. - On Tuesday, May 9, the dressmakers rose in rebellion against sweatshop conditions and starvation pay in Philadressmakers, 95 percent of the to hours, etc., which the state gov-That France and England will ernment had in past years been

The extent of the strike and its depth, can be further judged by the tors, cutters, finishers, etc., have struck. This so successful walkout Significantly also, Hitler reitera- was in response to two strike calls and Reisberg. But both unions were No amount of pacifist talk, no taken by surprise at the turn-out

> To the doubtful "credit" of the ILGWU must be added an effort International's office considered conditions inauspicious for a struggle. "We restrained, we cautioned . . but you wanted it." The Left wing, unable to call a strike. They too thought the call ill-timed—it was too late in the season. At the time of the walkout, the ILGWU had registered 1200 workers. Its leaders expected only an additional 600 to come out.

This strike proves the general Communist position, that strike struggle can be successfully waged now, despite a severe unemployment situation. The strike has many

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#### Help Pull The Militant Thru

Our appeal to solve the contradiction between the political advance of the League and the financial situation of the MILI-TANT have met with an excellent response. Since last week's report the following returns have been made by our comrades and friends: Comrade Konikow in Boston paid another note on the linotype machine; the Chicago Militant Workers Club shot in nine dolars; comrade Duell in New Haven sent in one dollar; comrade Koehler in Youngstown, five dollars; Dr. E., two dollars; a friend in Los Angeles one dollar; comrade Kaplan in New York, three dollars; comrade Vomvas of Pittsburgh, one and a half dollars.

In addition the Chicago, Newark, Pittsburgh, Minneapolis, Toronto, Montreal and Boston branches all sent in various contributions. But best of all has been the response of the Kansas City and New York branches which by their efforts have steered the MILITANT through the worst of the breakers. Final figures of the exact results of the respective efforts of these two branches are not yet available. Next week we will give a full and detailed report.

Clear water is ahead at last. There remains one more line of breakers. If we clear this we can say that the response of our entire movement has pulled the MILITANT through the worst crisis it has ever faced. In that case we will have taken a long step forward on the road to the solution of the ocntradiction between the political advances of the League and the financial situation of the MILITANT.

Our belief is that the response of the past three weeks will not slacken but will continue.

Despite the excellent response of the past week the MILITANT appears late this week. That is due to the financial situation which set us back. If all our comrades and friends will continue to make their response prompt, next week's MILITANT can appear earlier.

### **Evictions**

BULLETIN

As we go to press we learn from the evening papers of the savage assault made by the N. Y. Police upon demonstrations in New York at the Home Relief Bureaus where unemployed workers protested the slashing of relief and the cessation of rent payments by the city. The thugs in uniform brutally slugged the workers. Many were taken to the hospital for treatment.

The working masses of New York

are getting their first dose of the Roosevelt "New Deal." Tammany Hall, "the friend of the people," has ordered the wholesale eviction of their homes. Working in cooperation with their election backers, McCooeys, the Currys, the O'Briens and the rest of the honest men in control of the City government their wives and children. Tam-many's brutal eviction order tells ing the Left Opposition. the jobless masses of this city to

of the only half-way substantial form of relief under capitalism— Move to Unify warnings have now become a sinister fact. Relief has either been reduced or eliminated in various parts of the country. New York is now falling in line with new dole to be dispensed to the American workers-the dole of starva-

tion and evictions. gram. Listen to what a capitalist ests of the working class will be Washington letter has to say and seriously they recognize the need draw your own conclusions:

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## Organize Fight Chicago Meet Unifies Against Mass Exictions Chicago Meet Unifies Jobless Movement

NATIONAL FEDERATION FORMED, SOCIALISTS FORCED TO INCLUDE ALL COMMUNIST TENDENCIES IN CONFERENCE. LEFT WING CARRIES PROGRAM AFTER HARD STRUGGLE.

Chicago, Ill.,-The Chicago Un- were, in the main, divided into employed Conference held at Lin- two different positions at the concoln Center on May 13, 14, 15, ended ference as Right wingers and Left America, with the national office in Chicago, and the election of a National Committee of 15.

Huge Representation

Three national organizations, 16 states and 25 cities with 96 dele- adopted unanimously.

Political tendencies from the expack their belongings and to rent trems right to the extreme left atzations. The following political ten- the following objectives: This is the fourth year of the dencies were represented through economic crisis. The masses have different unemployed organizations: watched the degradation of their Republicans, Democrats, Agrarian standards of life with little or no reformers, progressives, Borders' resistance. So long as they were group, socialists, Right wing soable to "get by" on the handouts cialists, militant socialists, left wing of the relief institutions they re- socialists, anarchists, Industrial mained dormant and passive. The Workers of the World, Musteites. Communists warned that even these Stalinists, Lovestonites, Rightpitiful doles would be retracted if centre Communists, ultra-Left comthe workers did not fight for their munists and the Left Opposition. maintanance and for the granting The different political tendencies

## Unemployed

Youngstown, O .- All the organi-The capitalist class is determined zations in the Mahoning Valley to carry out its cynical hunger pro- that claim to represent the interinformation agency, the Kiplinger given the opportunity to prove how of general working class unity in the immediate future. At the suggestion of a Left Oppositionist, the similar committees from the Ausof the participants in the united Unemployed Council for the purpose The official party representatives front not to those which took place gram and issuing an appeal for

dering him and promising to return for an attack on Rivera based on leadership of the local workers. I of the credential committee asking those of the other rank and filers. which Rivera openly showed his vicious attack on Rivera by Robert Detroit and elsewhere, in the past. day dominated by the Communist fraternal delegates from political Minor in the Daily Worker of May The full right of criticism was party, and the Unemployed Leagues organizations that were also left At the first meeting of the pro- 11, which in effect said that it specifically stated in point 6 of the which have been built up by the out. Delegate Waters, of the Workvisional united front committee, on served him right for working for resolution, which said that there Conference for Progressive Labor ers Leagues, amended this by speci-(Continued on Page 3)

Rockefeller interests culminated were in an embarrassing position. since the united front action began. unity to all labor organizations in the conference came when the cre-This is going to be a test pri- out the credentials of the Unem-

by forming the National Federation of Unemployed Workers Leagues of within the LW.W. delegates jumping back and forth. Struggles marked the high points of the conference and made it possible, thru the ironing out of secondary differences on immediate demands, to conclude the conference with unanitwo others in the process of forming mous 'decisions. The amendments national, state, sectional and city to the reports of the committees organizations, represented 40 or- were either adopted or rejected and ganizations with 826 branches, from then the report as amended was the New York unemployed from gates from all parts of the United The greatest numerical weight of

States. The Workers' Committees, the conference was held by the Workers Leagues and Unemployed socialist delegates, who were instruthe landlords and the bankers, the Councils were represented. The mental in calling it. But the hope-Ohio Independence meeting, to be less split between their Right and called by the CPLA and the In- Left wings and the political bankdustrial Workers Unions, both in ruptcy of the main current of the the process of forming national un- socialists made them a sorry figure have cut off all payment of rents for the unemployed. This is no employed organizations, were also in the conference, which swamped for the unemployed. This is no small matter. It cuts into the lives from political organizations were up in their own contradictions by of more than 1,000,000 unemployed, also present, Al. Glotzer represent- obtaining unanimous decisions on the amended reports.

The Left Opposition's Objectives The delegates from the unema sleeping place for themselves on tended the conference which was ployed organizations representing the park benches, the subway or the high mark up to the present in our political views (Left Opposia flop-house-if they can get into the united front of workers' organi- tion,) went to the conference with

1. To fight for the seating of all unemployed organizations, especially the Unemployed Councils, which the Borders Committee had specified in the call would not be seated.

2. To have the conference adopt the correct position on the united front and establish it as a working basis for the unemployed organizations.

3. That the perspective of the conference be the establishment of

4. To oppose any political, racial, color or creed or discrimination in the unemployed organizations.

These objectives became the established principles by conference decision because other delegateson the one hand, independent of our and on the other hand, through discussion with us-fought for the same positions, thereby enabling the united Left wing to carry its program.

Our delegates, while concentrating on the above issues were unable to lead an adequate fight for the slogan of the six-hour day, five-day week, with increased pay, which in Youngstown Fourth Ward Unem- the main was lost in the resolutions

Several draft programs from different organizations, including a

ing issue. The Floor Struggles

deutial committee reported, leaving ployed Councils to enable the Left wing of the conference to concentrate on one instead of two amendments. The amendment to seat the Councils and fraternal delegates carried by a vote of twenty-nine and a half to twenty-five and a half, The local branch of the Left principle of no excisions from the thereby establishing at the start the Opposition increased its membership united front. Without the support stoneites and the Left Opposition, the Stalinists would not have been seated. The second important struggle

revoived around the question of conference would establish. Some delegates, led by the Workers the delegates from the Unemployed Councils merely wanted a continu-4th conference, supported the position of the Unemployed Councils.

The report of the constitution committee was rejected, the committee dismissed and a new one elected with Dennis Batt from the Detroit Citizen League as Chairman. They brought in a report The K. C. Branch feels that the favoring a National Federation with

and many delegates pointed out (Continued on Page 3)

#### Broad United Front to Preserve Rivera Murals ployed League has appointed a committee of three to meet with A broad united front protest League and League of Professional pleased in their own press and tintown Unemployed League, Fourth statement of the Left Opposition

the positions of the Western pow- and the line of the Communist movement of working class organi- Groups,) I.W.W., Right Opposition, meetings, and that it referred only Ward Unemployed Council and the were passed out to the delegates. the district organizer of the party struction of Diego Rivera's mural archist groups were present. expounded the united front policy paintings at Radio City by the At the conclusion of Hathaway's Wednesday in an open-air mass speech, one of the expelled members meeting at Columbus Circle and in attitude of the John Reed Club aggression pact," but an attempt to got up on a point of order and asked mass picketing at Radio City and toward Rivera in accepting his serthat there be a thorough discussion later at the home of Rockefeller. vices and his donation, then slanthat there be a thorough discussion later at the home of Rockefeller. vices and his donation, then slanthat are at present contending for moved anamendment to the report among the members themselves, so Throughout the whole protest cam they would have an opportunity to paign the active and often leading his money without doing so, was allegations as to his activities in refer to the Unemployed Council for the seating of the Unemployexpress their opinions and hear role of the Left Opposition, with well known, and reinforced by a Mexico, in the Soviet Union, in movement inaugurated and to this ment Council delegates and the

was late and to continue the meetwas late and to continue the meetPriday, May 12, representatives of capitalists. On the other hand, was no obligation on any particiAction and which still generally tying the number of votes they ing with an open discussion would the cultural and educational orga- many members had definitely stated pating organizations to abandon its follow the CPLA leadership. Both mean to remain overnight." (Before nizations of the Left Opposition, the that they would split unless the own point of view. The delegates the CP and the CPLA do a lot of the representatives of the Unem-Workers School, National Students protest.

Wounded by Bayonets

Wounded by Machine Gun

and Revolver

under water until unconscious.)

Pickets beaten, blinded and mur-| John Ward-shot on the streets of

a friend.

Mike Spada

Frank Breenan

Walter Werner

Charles Rudolph

Edward Thomas

William Denison

And many others.

Mrs. Rose Menzyk

nternal injuries.)

Pete Borgone

Joe Poder

Philip Masonovich

Raymond Tombozzi

zations against the threatened de- C. P. L. A., socialist party and an- to the past actions of Rivera and central branch of the Youngstown Our statement will appear in a com-

On the one hand, the disgraceful In other words, it was not a 'non- the Mahoning Valley.

The Committee's Resolution Under these conditions, the John Reed Club delegate insisted on placing as the very first item on Resistance to Operators' Onslaught the order of business, after the names of those present had been taken and a chairman elected, a long resolution which in effect Kansas City, Mo.condemned Rivera for a whole series of past acts having nothing to do with the question of the Radio City murals around which the protest action turned.

In view of this, the chairman, Ben Shahn, of the group of painters assisting Rivera in making the murals, with two other members of the committee, drafted a resolution consisting of six points, which were voted one by one, as a guiding and lead it to greater heights. line for the conduct of the protest against Rockefeller vandalism and a demand for freedom in class expression in art. Point 4 of the Clyde Perkins (shot four times) resolution stated that, while this was not a fight for Rivera as a person, the committee commended his courageous action in his con Tuesday, May 16th, the revolutiontroversy with the Rockefellers, ary movement in Kansas City took a sure winner! Raymond Tombozzi (slugged, ar-This was accepted by all the delerested, whipped in jail and held gates, including the John Reed Club. Point 5 aroused a fight. It stated Mrs. Anna Damaret (fractured that since the fight was directed Road to Revolution" and "The against Rockefeller, it should not Tragedy of the German Proletariat" comrade Duff. Mrs. Thomas Wakefield (severe be weakened by recriminations as any of the participating organiza- overflow crowds. The results of that the perserverance and patience A Reverend delegate from the Leal Reese, attorney for P.M.A. tions included in the united front the bankruptcy of the C.P. activi-George Filkins, age 65 (face comm. This applied to the united ties were very evident at these Kassen have borne fruit. It is they report of the committee and advohacked to ribbons, hand and col- front action itself alone, obviously, meetings. After scorching attacks who have received torrents of abuse cated a national federation of orlarbone broken by gangsters in his as was brought out in the discussion. on the Stalinist regime comrade from the Stalinists since the for- ganizations which give the local own home—and scores of ethers.) While open to some objections as Cannon not only invited but urged mation of the Left Opposition in units the right to enter or stay out America was to be considered as Mrs. Emma Cummerlato—shot by John Falber (struck in the face as to looseness of phrasing it was the party members or sympathizers K. C., and, now that headway is of the federation. The committee by a tear gas bomb and lost the made clear that this did not bind present to defend their position— being made all credit to them! the right of any of the participants not one arose to take issue. Silence

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Cannon Meetings Are Big Factor in Reviving Movement in Kansas City Kansas City, with the tradition other left-wing struggles still en shrined in the hearts of its militant workers, witnessed a revival in revolutionary activities, which we hope, will prove to be the turn ing point in the organizational

of the past few years, comrade Cansuccess. From his arrival on Friday, May 5th, to his departure

on a new lease of life. -which were given on May 12th -W. M. to make whatever criticisms they reigned!

of the "Workers' World" and the by almost half when four new com of the Workers Leagues, the Loverades were accepted into the group. In addition to that the members and sympathizers pledged \$600-\$125 spot cash. In response to the appeal of comrade Cannon for the what kind of an organization this upkeep of the Militant and continactivities of the Left Opposition, uance of work in the coal fields. Leagues, desired a national organi-Also the group set a goal of 30 new zation. Others wanted a continua-In spite of the Stalinist slanders subs in the Militant drive, Com- tion of the original Federation and rade Caplan of the sub-drive, warns non's visit proved to be a huge all those in the race for the prize- ation committee and united front the three volumes of Comrade local and sectional committees. The Trotsky's 'History of the Russian Musteites, who are calling the July Revolution . that they must increase their efforts or else he is

Last but not least, a Young His two lectures-"America's Spartacus group, with a membership of nine, was organized by

to certain actions of Rivera or of and 14th respectively, attracted Left Opposition should recognize city, county and state federations. of comrades "Shorty" Buehler and Workers Committee amended the