LEAGUE ACTIVITIES

Crucago Branch in 'Militant' Drive

future. reap many benefits from this meet-

The climax of the week's activities was reached at a meeting of the members of the Left Opposition and its sympathetic organizations on Thursday. After an address by comrade Cannon on the work of the Left Opposition in the most important class battles waged by the workers recently, the possibilities of further participation in the Bolshevik-Leninists present gave concrete evidence of their devotion to do away with us at any cost. actions. to their class and their enthusiasm When their original pressure failed, Opposition.

ing in. Unemployed comrades, when our delegate entered the hall ment to the contrary. The excuse . . . Comrades, members of the plan and broke in on them. having no money of their own, vol- of the Spartakos Club, where the was that there were already too Sovicts of the Workers' Delegates In the caucus, they proceeded, unteered to canvass their acquain- committee was in session, the hoo- many speakers (from organizations of Berlin and Vienna, your victory over the advice and motions of the tances, and raise all the money they ligans confronted him and ordered controlled by the YCL). Vigorous will signify the full and indisputpossibly could. A worker who had him to leave. Upon our delegate's objection was voiced and the able victory of Socialism, for two and others to organize a provisional Brookwood. the Left Opposition. Approximately ready had enough delegates. formed to carry on the work of our comrade from the hall. absent member's for pledges.

he will speak at a mass meeting means of which to liquidate all the Spartacus Youth Club delega- signing of a peace treaty with Ger- meeting where a provisional com- of S. P. ites. Mark Starr is a mem-Street, on "The Tragedy of the Secondly, they entered into an al- tion. They claimed the reason for of the German proletariat, if they reorganized the committee in tile maneuver, shunned an answer inally sold at one dollar a copy. iron out the difficulties created by helped Muste to oust Calhoun from from this point on to a successful Trades Workers Industrial Union, they had undoubtedly inspired it. five cents) each, 15c (fifteen cents) wing tendencies into one broad culmination with a picnic to be so that it is composed of party The demonstration, luckily for the in groups of ten or more. Order united front Left wing group. The held the latter part of June.

This campaign marks a definite step forward in the work of the Left Opposition in Chicago as well as nationally. Definte plans were made to secure a permanent headquarters and to draw new members into the branch from the many sympathizers we have won in the course of our work during the last few years. The Left Opposition is preparing to play its role in the important struggles that lie ahead.

others it is only 50 cents.

— R. S.

Greek Stalinists Exclude Protomagia

Chicago, Ill .- The Chicago branch New York-Last January the third anniversary of National Youth of the Left Opposition has whole- Greek organ of the party announced Day-the counter demonstration to last week has witnessed a series (which was held last February) of and the munition manufacturers.

Cannon's lecture on the perspect educational club Protomagia, with but little expression came from the early days of the Revolution. tive of the American revolution was three delegates. A resolution was YCL and sympathizing bodies of very enthusiastically received by adopted that the conference go on an anti-militarist nature. It rethe workers present. The attendance was excellent in spite of the mittee composed of one delegate Club, affiliated to the Left Opposifact that it was the first warm each from the participating orga- tion, which was present in a goodly Sunday following several weeks of nizations. Another resolution was cold and rainy weather. A good proposed by the notorious Stalinist alist spirit to the gathering. number of Stalinists were present editor of the Greek party organ, and although the subject was not Empres, to the effect that all parof a polemical nature, they re- ticipants shall accept the program mained throughout the meeting and of the party-controlled unemployed gave the speaker their undivided councils and that the Empros shall attention. A considerable number be the official organ of the comof workers took advantage of the mittee. We of the Protomagia, prochairman's invitation to leave their tested against this resolution which altogther, the Left Opposition will ganizations and not a genune united front body. But we remained and participated in the committee with the statement that we do not

> accept the resolution. delegates to withdraw.

just found a job after eight months demand for an explanation as to Stalinists were forced to call an victorious revolutions in Russia and committee, and adopt a draft proof unemployment, pledged \$5.00. It the authority for their action, they impromptu meeting of the steering in Germany will be invincible. gram. They gave the committee the "revolutionary" policy of the the American working class these was very evident that every com- said that they were acting on in- committee which they packed with Long live the Soviets of Workmen's power to call another conference CPLA. This is Muste's record as fake "militants" of the CPLA will rade present was making every structions from the conference a couple of non-members, thus suc- and Soldiers' Delegates of Berlin later and to get in touch with all a revolutionary and a Left winger. sacrifice and effort to do his or committee which had decided not ceeding in giving their violation of and Vienna! Long live Commu-other Left wing groups, some that her share to further the work of to admit anybody else. They all the united front a "legitimate" nism!"

\$90.00 in cash was raised at this Upon our delegate's insistance to meeting. A joint committee of the patricipate, a party member, Ka-Left Opposition and all its sym- ramanlis by name, assisted by three Stalinists approached our delega- no war" that is, the termination draft program, asking other groups They do not want to commit thempathetic organizations present was others, used physical force to eject tion, taunted them with insulting of the war without an actual and tendencies TO COME TO US, selves as to whether they are for

in Humboldt Hall, 2231 W. Division the participating organizations. tion from the rest of the demonstra- many-a "Tilsit Peace." German Proletariat." We invite all liance with the Greek church, with this unheard of action was to pro-Stalinists to attend this meeting to the Greek bishop using them for tect(!) us from violence, but their School of Social Research. After Left wing groups in as many corrupt, but not in Poughkeepsie. learn what a correct united front the advantage of the church. And motives were obviously sinister, the present batch is disposed of locals as possible. tactic is and how to apply it, and finally, in order to cover up their The YCL leaders, when approached by Pioneer Publishers there will be adventurism and irresponsibility, and asked the reason for this hos- no more copies available. It orig- tion will do all that is possible to activities. Saposs was also one who can. We will carry the campaign the headquarters of the Needle or shifted the responsibility though We are selling it for 25c. (twenty the Stafinites and bring all Left Brookwood. members and members of party Stalinists, ended without any alter- now before it is too late! affiliates only. A week ago they cations, announced in the Empros that a

conference was held on May 18 . different from the reactionaries. — J. BANANOS

STREET MEETINGS

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N.Y. YouthMarch Against War

New York-Approximately five thousand young workers paraded the streets of Harlem, N. Y., on the

contingent, to give the internation-

growth of the Left Opposition, the delegates to withdraw

Book Review

for the Left Opposition. Comrade represented the Greek workers' marchers was highly enthusiastic powers, particularly Germany in the later, when the revolt broke out budding Musteites.

organization of National Youth Day Workers' Republic, speeches and rectives. bore the label of the united front. statements of Trotsky before, dursion was even offered by the Stalin- March 1919, and the actual terms addresses in order that we may proposed to use the committee as ists to the YPSL to refrain from of the treaty. Trotsky's summary notify them of future meetings and an organization superceding all orthe reformists in the case that the 134 to 145) is a brilliantly concise feat forced a turn in America and During the fight Muste charged and tailors drove out the Amalgaiatter would participate in National exposition of the meaning of the in the coal fields. The Stalinists the Saposs group was going to the mated racketeers and formed a new Youth Day! The day of the march treaty, its conditions and the dischanged all this unusual gentility. pute in the Central Committee of fields and in the last few months ousted for being too militant and Miners of America did against The Stalinists, finding themselves the Russian Bolshevik Party.

Then commenced the real provo- and Vienna in early 1918 were tee on the narrow foundation of Since Muste was ousted from cation of the meeting. Rabid young crushed. The policy of "No peace, Stalinism and the adoption of a Brookwood, the faculty is silent. remarks and tore literature from treaty, failed to arouse the natural the Left Opposition miners' frac- a change in Brookwood's curricugathering in the pledges of the Our club has sent a letter to their hands and threatened physical class allies of the Soviets. The tion proposed that we elect a nevarious comrades as they are able the committee demanding an ex- cal violence. The Spartacus Youth German army advanced even though gotiations committee and that this ation exercises not a word was mento meet them and to canvass the planation. This letter has not been Club held its ground when sund- Soviet Russia had declared the end caucus GO TO THE OTHER LEFT tioned about the future policy of answered to this day. First the denly it found itself surrounded of the war and withdrawn its WINGERS, and that together, these Brookwood. The faculty is pussy-Comrade Cannon will be back in Stalinists tried to use this com- by a cordon of uniformed self styled troops from the front. No alterna- forces, upon a broad foundation, footing and supporting the S. P. Chicago on June 9th, at which time mittee as a super-organization by "red front fighters" who fenced off tive was open: Lenin proposed the through the united front, call a quietly. The faculty staff consists

"Russia and Germany at Brest

to the gangster tactics of the "third Peace" imposed by Napoleon the will not go as far as we desire. lered for the last few years that This exposes the hypocrisy of the period? will only bring disgrace First on Prussia in 1807. Inevitable, But at the same time we realize the Communists are about to capwhole policy of the Stalinist bu- upon themselves and discredit their it was accepted by the Prussians that only the inclusion of the ture Brookwood, lined up the gradureaucrats. They talk united front motives in the united front. We and used as a breathing spell in broadest layers will be able to de- ating class and elected a hundred and use splitting tactics. They use warn again that this road will lead which to prepare their own "war feat the Right wing, the Operators percent Right wing clique as offirevolutionary phrases but act no to disaster and isolation from the, of independence" 1812-1814, which and their Lewis agents. broad masses of the toiling youth. brought about Napoleon's downfall.

Stalinists in PMA

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was defeated and became a paper Pioneer Publishers have just ob- organization in Illinois and the Left With the resignation of D. Saposs, Musteism has no place in the tained a batch of copies of an ex- Opposition proposed the return of J. C. Kennedy and Katherine American Labor Movement. and the Progressive Miners of

the saddle at the very start.

Stalinist bureaucrats against our organizations, the Left and Right to utilize the peace negotiations to club and immediately they started Opposition alone, became insolently arouse the international working The Stalinists have realized the of Brookwood, ever propose a radia campaign of slander against us, arrogant casting all their smooth class and particularly the prolepreparing the ground for our ex- spoken phrases on the united front tariat of Austria and Germany. On PMA, for more than one reason. in representation of the student Why has the CPLA kept silent here clusion from the committee, which to the four winds. Leaflets were February 4, 1918, Zinoviev, in the was packed with party members ripped from the hands of the Love- name of Petrograd Soviets ad- Left wing shows no improvement did not want such a radical change Lewis? representing non-existing organiza- stoneites, copies of Young Spartacus dressed the Berlin and Vienna upon the past. They have already in Brookwood in the past, and he

The Stalinists were determined leaders to stay their provocative tion of your Soviet of Workers' ganize a Left wing and start at calling him a "Left" and a revand Soldiers' Deputies you have once to call a state conference one olutionist? Let Muste's record as correct policy, Muste would never When the parade marched into shown that the Austro-German week later on the 28th. They the dean of Brookwood, and since have had the opportunity to estabin the accomplishments of the Left they proceeded to use open hooli- the circle, where the speaking was working class will not allow the consulted no one who is not a the formation of the CPLA speak lish this caricature of radicalism they proceeded to use open hooli- the circle, where the speaking was working class will not allow the consulted no one who is not a to take place, both the Left Oppo- hangmen and spoilers to impose a Stalinist or close sympathizer of for itself. Without hesitation they agreed The Greek bureau of the party sition and the Lovestoneites as peace of violation and annexations the party and proceded to call the 1. The ousting of a Left wing Nevertheless Muste and his CPLA to raise Chicago's quota of \$400 in organized a group of party mem- well as the chairman of the Ameri- on the Socialist Republic of Sp- state conference. They said they scholar like Calhoun from Brook- are doomed because: the expansion campaign of the Left bers to be used as a "strong arm can Youth Federation (who had victs . . . The destined outcome of tried to reach everybody but did wood. Opposition. Pledges were called for. squad" against us. On April 17th, made some objections, unpleasant the peace pourparlers is being de- not have time, and with such a One comrade pledged \$100.00. An- when the committee was supposed to the bureaucrats) were confronted cided not at Brest Litovsk but in flimsy excuse proceeded to exclude excluding students who accepted other pledged and paid \$50.00. to meet, our delegates went over with a refusal to allow them speak- the streets of Berlin and Vienna everybody except themselves and the line-up of the Communist party. tion. Pledges of tens and fives came roll- to participate in the meeting. But ers in spite of the previous agree- and German and Austrian cities those who stumbled upon their

meantime, as a first step the L. O. Why in Poughkeepsie? The answer

Left Opposition miners fraction at fellowship took place at Brookwood, the same time realized that many an interesting incident occured. This reversion of the Stalinists . The reference is to the "Tilsit of the other Left wing tendencies The Right wing which always hol-

Statement of Chicago Branch to National Jobless Meet TO ALL DELEGATES TO THE | the working class lies in the abo- nizational independence, refrains did it because the Left wing group,

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYED CONFERENCE

GREETINGS!

The Communist League of Amerin this conference:

duction for profit and not for use, and organizational steps: propriation upon the foundation of bosses and their government. contradiction which cannot be week with an increase in wages.

This is especially true now when tion. the accumulation of capital pro-

velopment of capitalism. A stage propose the following organiza- against race, color or creed. of war or revolution represents an tional steps: the crisis even more heavily upon Unemployed, Unemployed Councils, organizations. the backs of the working class, both Unemployed Leagues, Workers' May 13, 1933 employed and unemployed. It be- Leagues, etc., etc.) should be put comes clearer day by day that a into effect. In this United Front,

lition of capitalism. Towards the acheivement of this against each other, but maintains

put the working class in motion in and freedom of criticism. Under and representation. Here are but a struggle for its immediate needs. no circumstances can the United ica (Left Opposition) wishes to This conference must adopt a pro- Front exclude or bar any unemaddress the following statement of gram of action for the struggle for ployed organization from participaits views to the delegates assembled these immediate demands. The dele- tion. Should the leadership of any gates and representatives of unem- unemployed organization attempt to You are gathered here as the ployed organizations from all parts prevent the entry of its organizarepresentatives of the victims of of the United States, assembled tion into the United Front, contin- as a clearing house for various tenthe most advanced productive sys- here are carrying on a fight for ued efforts must be made to force dencies in the American Labor tem in the history of mankind, immediate relief and unemployment them into the united front. In con- Movement. where in the midst of abundance, insurance. These are necessary formance with the above, this conmillions go hungry and in the need first steps. But it would be wrong ference must dissolve to effect a of the barest necessities of life. to confine the struggle of the un- United Front with the Unemployed teaching should be based on Marx-The workers standard of living has employed only to these demands. Councils which have been excluded ism and the class struggle. been reduced to a starvation level. In addition to these, the Commu-from this conference. This is not due to an inability to nist League of America (Left Op- 2. As soon as a working agreeproduce sufficient commodities to position) propose to the conferment can be had between the vari-seminar led by leaders of the varimeet the needs of society, but be- ence the consideration and adoption ous unemployed organizations, in ous political groups in the Americause capitalist production is pro- of the following concrete slogans the general development of the can Labor Movement in order that

the Soviet Union.

each organization retains its orga-

from slander and personal attacks goal, it is necessary first of all to the right of minority expression in Brookwood's policy, curriculum,

united front, steps should be taken the student should have a clearer Because the means of production 1. For immediate relief and so- for the amalgamation of these perspective of the whole political are privately owned capitalist ap- cial insurance at the expense of the organizations into one national field in which they intend to serve unemployed organization. The ac- 4. Equal representation for the socialized production is an inherent 2. For the 6 hour day, 5 day complishment of this task would student body and the fellowship to increase the fighting ability and the Brookwood board of directors, solved within the frameworks of 3. Fight for higher wages and class pressure of the workers mani- and the cooperative committee, etc. the capitalist mode of production, increased wages to combat infla- fold. Such an organization must Is it a wonder the Right wing agree upon a minimum program of who follow the footsteps of Muste 4. For the recognition of and the action, must permit minority ex- were scared to death by those ceeds in the period of capitalist extension of long term credits to pression, and must prevent discrim- proposals? ination against any organization The present crisis with its 16 To attain the necessary strength because of political opinion. It a radical change for Brookwood. million unemployed is a normal de- to struggle for these demands we must further prevent discrimination The difference between the two is

Chicago Branch

(Left Opposition)

Right Wing and MUSTE & BROOKWOOD

CPLA were as nothing when com- will shed any tears. Brookwood as pared with the recent wholesale a Right wing institution has outwalk-out of Musteites on Muste. grown its usefulness just as

particularly the role of comrade inites did not understand the move-Trotsky, has been grossly distorted ment, stayed out of it and used Muste was using Brookwood's re-mated. The Musteites have maby the Stalinists. With the excep- most of their energy and the columns of the Daily Worker to throw up the declining CPLA. After the that was never brought to light. tion of the pook under considera-tion there is little material in mud at the union and its leaders Saposs group divorced itself from Why? It deals with union episodes English on this subject. Here are and at no time did they present the CPLA, the fight was forced out that would be very embarrassing Until the day of the parade, the contained peace declarations of the proper political criticism and di-Muste was ousted. The Times re- licutenant of Muste in the CPLA. Such a policy by the Stalinites ported that the majority of the Naturally the Musteites will reply played into the hands of the more students went out on strike in sym- that they did publish an article Youth Club, branches of the Young Treaty of Brest Litovsk, famous reactionary element, split the forces pathy with Muste. The catch is on racketcering in the Amalgama-Circle League had a place on the speech of Lenin at the Fourth All- of the Left wing, and thereby that Muste promised them jobs in ted by Carlo Tresca. But—this provisional committee. A conces- Russian Congress of Soviets in helped intrench the Right wing in the CPLA. This would give them article was prefaced with profuse bread and bufter and give him apologies from the editor. The turn of the C. I. toward the workers that are conspicuously Furthermore, about a year and a

have had a proper program that revolutionary. Let us see whether John J. Lewis. The Amalgamated was far superior to their previous Muste is really going to the Left, replied with terrorism, strike-breaktions. They used all forms of were torn to shreds by rowdy ele- "Soviets": "Brothers and com- forgotten their new turn and re- did not advocate such a change was made possible by the bureaurecently when he was forced out cratic blunders of the Stalinists. criticism or attempt made by their and demonstrations and the crea- On May 21, they decided to or- from Brookwood. Why is he both nationally and internationally.

2. Muste adopted a new policy who are Communists to vote at the lowing. annual meeting, although their vote could not decide either way whether

were formed before the caucuc. at Brookwood is an out and out Instead of a provisional commit- Right wing S.P.-A.F. of L. clique. mittee is established. In the ber of the S. P. in Poughkeepsie. J. C. Kennedy and Saposs are lec-The Left Oppostion miners frac- turing and participating in S. P.

Moreover, at graduation day, cers of the National Fellowship. This is the same clique which functioned for the last few years as a CPLA fellowship. The Right wing gang refused to give any representation to the Left wing group. They under the leadership of Sam Fisher, demanded and fought for a change a few points that the Left wing advocated.

1. We stress the need for Brookwood to have a non-sectarian character in order that it should be able to serve most effectively

2. Brookwood should be primarily a working-class college whose

3. It is vital that the curriculum should include a symposium or

Muste and Saposs did not want

the ruling class to solve these con- fying the various unemployed or- workers with the employed and in the A.F. of L. influence. At present our classes. tradictions will shift the burden of ganizations (Workers Committee on cooperation with all working class Brookwood is "saved" from Com-Left wing influence.

and Brookwood will go down as a All the previous splits in the Right wing institution, and no one

heartedly entered into the campaign that a provisional committee was the hypocritical Decoration Day cellent documentary book on the the Left wing in the UMWA, the Pollack the CPLA was left like a It is a grand glorious boast of of expansion inaugurated by the established for the purpose of mouthings and jingo speeches of foreign policy of the Soviet Union Statinites opposed the Left wingers forsaken child in the cold. All the CPLA that they alone are American Left Opposition. The preparing plans for a conference the military sides of the bankers from November 7, 1917, to the who took this course. Later when these "militants" are faculty mem- fighting against labor racketeering. signing of the reaty of Brest the rank and file movement split bers of Brookwood and only yes- It is true that the Labor Age de Ostensibly an anti-imperialist Litovsk and its immediate effects away from Lewis and company and terday were members of the N. C. voice much space to John L. Lewis will bear rich fruit in the near to outline a common program of war demonstration the tone of the in September 1918. "Russia and the Left Opposition proposed that of the CPLA. The fight was sim- and Brindleism. But the Musteites action for unemployment relief slogans, due to the environs of the Germany at Brest Litovsk" is an all Left wingers enter and build a mering underground for the past have no access to these unions and Last Sunday, May 21st, we held from the Greek charity organiza- parade, swerved radically from its exposition in detail chronological Left wing in the new union movea very successful mass meeting with tions and the church of the city. original purpose to a Scottsboro form of the struggle between the ment the Stalinites boycotted the a very successful mass meeting and At the conference ther was also protest march. The spirit of the Soviet Union and the imperialist movement and its conventions. Still should be a training school for CPLA. Hardman is one of the According to inside information, He also defends one of the most The history of that period, and America was established, the Stal-

half ago in Montreal, three thous-

1. It is a reformist organization. It has no economic basis.

3. It has no political organiza-4. It has no working class fol-

5. It is an eclectic gathering of radicals and liberals.

It is plain, therefore, that the collapse of Musteism is inevitable. All this was in accordance with With the revolutionary upsurge of

- S. M. DAVIS

Musteite Quits

Youngstown, O .- George Perkins, local CPLA organizer, boycotted an election of the Austintown Unemployed League in which he had consented to be a candidate by leaving the meeting after stating he was opposed to the way in which the League was functioning and therefore he would not function on the executive committee if elected. Perkins, who is also a vice president of the Ohio Unemployed League, was one of the organizers along with Karl Lore of the Austintown organization.

Along with Mrs. Grace Mettee, one of two who "walked out" with him, Perkins recently took the initiative and leadership in a very poorly frepared and miserably conducted protest "strike" for more relief that sapped the energy of the organization and scattered its forces. We supported the "strike". insofar as the rank and file workers were in favor of it; yet at the same time we pointed out its unpreparedness, its weaknesses and therefore the likelihood that it would not succeed accomplishing its aim. In epposition to this adventure we proposed a campaign to increase the local active membership and also to help build up Unemployed Leagues in Youngstown

The small group, including ourselves, that stuck to the organization in the critical period following the "strike" considered it necessary to adopt a new constitution that would replace the old individual "leadership" with a reorganized collective leadership. This was done. And since the old "leaders," Perkins and Mettee, were not specially consulted in this effort of the rank and file to curb the disastrous leadership of one or two, the latter apparently intend to try to smash the League by one means or another.

Neither their slander, their boycott nor the cowardly, ignorant and reactionary red-baiting campaign of Mrs. Mettee (which the Musteite Perkins supports by his silence) will break the League. The new executive committee must win the active support of the unemployed with a practical, constructive program; the rank and file must back up the executive committee in its effort to rebuild the League on a firm foundation.

— н. n.

DRAFT PROGRAM WANTED

We are a receipt of requests for copies of the Draft Program by this: Muste had Brookwood for comrade Trotsky. As our comrades 3. In addition, efforts must be the last few years under CPLA in- know this basic document is out intensification and higher stage of 1. The application of the United directed towards the unification of fluence. The Saposs group is keep- of print and unavailable. They are the economic crisis. The efforts of Front tactic as the means of uni- the struggle of the unemployed ing Brookwood under th S.P. and wanted now, not for sale, but for

> We are going to reprint it. But munism, and the fellowship from that will take some time yet. In the meantime copies are urgently The Brookwood faculty and their needed for classes. Comrades who Communist League of America CPLA fellowship clique were vic- have copies they don't need are torious. One more victory like this asked to send them in at once.