THE WORKERS' FRONT

N.Y. Optical Workers Out on Strike

of the International Jewelry Work- ly and carefree, to discredit the ers' Union with which they are Communist movement. affiliating. A cut in wages of from To sum up briefly the blunders

Organizational activities in both the strike.

Their demands are for the 1929 wage level which ranges from \$18 per week for glass fitters' helpers Striking Cotton Pickers to \$70 per week for sample makers with \$40 to \$50 for the majority Murdered in Cold Blood of workers, for recognition of the union, and for reinstatement of the the NRA and the bosses. -GEO. J. SAUL.

Stalinist Unionism in Philadelphia

section of Philadelphia.

ers. After "successfully" combat- refused were to be driven whole- volumes of the History of the Rus- his report and tried his best to that the administration did not now for several weeks, under set- ing of all "outside agitators" tlements reached through "independent unions". These are appar- JUST RECEIVED! ently company unions, started by OCTOBER RUSSIAN BULLETIN the bosses to break up the National

Unions were starting to win over the workers on the basis that they could get them the country that they could get the country that they could get the country that they could get them the country that they could get the country that the country that the country that the country that they could get the country that the country that the country that they could get the country that they could get the country that the country could get them the same increases the N. T. W. was fighting for, the N. T. W. did nothing-worse still, issues. There are only a few copthey told the workers to sign over one by one into the other unions. ies of this issue and comrades wishing to obtain copies should imone by one into the other unions, and today the bosses' men have full sway in those two "indepen-

shops was loudly hailed by the T. the Russian language and see U. U. L. as a vindication of their whether they can get them to sell absurd policy of "new revolution, the Builetin. Please get in touch ary unions" in this third period of with comrade Spiegel. -R. S. post-war capitalism. "Of course, the workers are ready for revolutionary unions-they know we are Swabeck Tour Itinerary Communists", at least so they said But among the workers in the daily have greeted comrade Arne Swabeck in the old Orange plant of the speech, one of the organizers Harry graphlated speech are speech to the organizers than the daily have greeted comrade Arne Swabeck in the old Orange plant of the speech, one of the organizers Harry graphlated speech are speech to the organization. But among the workers in the daily struggle, they combatted the Communist issue by going on the hunt with these masses of prejudiced with these masses of prejudiced workers in the daily struggles are struggles of the organizers Harry of the organizers Harry specific one of the organizers Harry of the organization. Exstein, who was one to keep order of five, one hundred and three hundred and three hundred and three hundred and three hundred and twenty-five pounds which worker. The worker later he worker la workers for Communists.

in this union," they said. One to a close with the following reparty member was instructed to maining dates: deny he was a Communist. By Tues., Nov. 7th...Chicago Ill. every twist and turn they try to Thurs., Nov. 9th. Davenport, Ia. fly in the face of reality and prove Fri., Nov. 10th. . Davenport, Ia.

that the workers are ready for revolutionary unions. And the dead weight of the workers' undevelopment in the class struggle gives Five hundred optical workers in lie, time and again, to their absurd New York City went on strike Oct. policies. They learn nothing from ober 23, 1933, under the guidance defeats and continue, light-hearted-

24 to 27% having accompanied a of the N. T. W. U. on the Heliwig week before. But it is to hoped shortening of hours provided by strike particularly: (1) Calling the the NRA code together with the strike adventuristically, after only of pace that runners take before Swabeck was scheduled to speak ner of the most degraded section of dismissal of active union men pre- a couple of weeks of organization the final sprint down the home on Germany. Before the meeting the very lumpen-proletariat—plus cipetated the tie-up of eighteen of with only about 150 to prior to the largest shops in Greater New going on strike, leaving the women workers to negotiate for themthe metal frame and celluloid sec. solely over the question of a 5c tions of the trade were begun the raise for the women workers. (3) middle of August this year, neither Opportunism in hunting for Comsection knowing of the activities munists as though they were crim- fair. The standing shows that. of the other at the time. Optical inals. Also fostering illusions workers being highly skilled, this about the NRA giving the workers is an exception to the general rule the "right to organize". (4) Givin the present wave of organization ing the workers grandiose promises of the unorganized, as unskilled of assistance from their paper orare primarily the ones affected. The ganization the W. I R. prior to two sections of the trade have been going on strike. (5) Deserting the united and the plans are to spread workers when the majority were won away from their leadership. TOM HALLIGAN.

Deliberate cold-blooded murder is dismissed union men. Their wage the description given by attorney demand being above the specifica- A. L. Wirin of the Civil Liberties tions of the code and their present Union after a four-days' investigawages being below the code level tion of the shootings in the San the strike is directed against both Joaquin Valley, Calif., during the cotton pickers' strike. Two Mexican strikers were shot and killed subs there are nine listed in preat Pixley and one at Arvin, a score have been injured, many ser-

Violence was carefully planned before the strike was called, ac-comrades. cording to attorney Wirin. Ranch-Philadelphia. - The T. U. U. L. ers, anticipating trouble organized 6 weeks the Fetler Rope Co., a ion's report, that the workers who Let us prove it. ers, and the Hellwig Silk Dyeing be threatened and terrorized into take the leaders and win one of out their approval. Co., a shop with over 400 work- returning to work, that those who the prizes: for first place-Three When our manager Stein. gave ing the "red scare" and holding the sale out of the cotton area. All sian Revolution by comrade Trot- show what wonders he and his workers together through six gruel- this in a program which called for sky; second place-two volumes; gang are doing for the workers in ling weeks of struggle and depriva- the starving of the strikers and third place-one volume. tions ,both shops are back at work their families, and for the lynch-

Textile Workers Union, unions The October issue of the BULwhich the bosses intend to control through their henchmen, the fore-N. T. W. U. has vanished into contains a very important article ON THE CLASS NATURE OF THE SOVIET UNION. There are arti-

Comrades out of town are asked to get in touch with bookstores The organization of these two and newsstands selling papers in

Militant Builders

As we approach the close of the Dear Sir: week twenty-two more went to swell our list. That is less than the Left Opposition in their own head- the Communist Party realize all harden for a new party and drive subs are still coming in. Last 22, I attended a meeting of the

The race is getting interesting. It is by no means a one sided af-

The Standing: S. Jourard Toronto Philadelphia S. Hardy M. Abern Bronx Minneapolis 5 V. R. Dunne Minneapolis 4 G. Hedlund Philadelphia 3 L. Goodman W. Konikow Boston Brooklyn J. Carter Toronto J. Fruitman C. Shechet Boston L. Furman

San Francisco L. Furman San Francisco 2 M. Schlenoff Bronx J. Chiplowitz Boston F. Eckelberger New Castle Brooklyn M. Kent H. Capelis Mamhattan 2 Chicago

N. Satir In addition to the comrades listed above who have sent in two vious reports. And there are thirteen comrades who have sent in one sub. And there are twentytwo sent in by the Youngstown

Double the Record

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The mental poison of the propaganda that the last 100 years has been a century of steady, visible improvement in the lot of humanity is paralelled only by the real poison that has killed workers in industry 100 years ago and today. Under the headline "22nd Worker Dies of Radium Poison", the New York Times of Oct. 28 carries the following news Item:

"East Orange, N. J., Miss Grace Fryer, 35 years old, the twenty-

workers contracted the poisoning of organizers we have and for by pointing luminous paint brushes whom the "Fraternal Club" gang

with their tongues. her bones...."

ing phosphorus to the match itself. in a socialist union. Since 1845 this manufacture has The next day the "Yellow Forrapidly developed in England, and ward", which defends all labor rachas extended especially amongst keteers came out with a three colthe thickly populated parts of Lon- umn headline "Communists Break don as well as in Manchester, Up Pocketbook Workers Meeting." Liverpool, Bristol, Norwich, New- The "Fraternal Club" gang knew castle and Glasgow. With it has the workers would not vote for the spread the form of lockjaw, which tax so they provoked a fight in a Vienna physician in 1845 dis- order to break up the meeting. covered to be a disease peculiar The underworld will be better orto lucifer matchmakers. Half the ganized for the next meeting. If teen. The manufacture is, on ac- a section meeting, why can not count of its unhealthiness and un- one of his organizers make a betpleasantness, in such bad odour ter job and break up a membership that only the most miserable part meeting? of the labouring class, half-starved It is significant for the Pocket-FRIDAY, November 3rd: THE NEW their children to it, 'the ragged, ago the socalled fake progressives

half-starved, untaught children'. sioner White examined (1863), 270 ernal Club" administration are and 5 only 6 years old. A range of ousted from the union. David the working day from 12 to 14 or Meyer, and the other fakers de-15 hours, night-labour, irregular clared themselves in love to the meal times, meals for the most "Rank and File", and talked about part taken in the very workrooms united front with the "Rank and that are pestilent with phosph- File" to oust the administration. orus. Dante would have found the Two weeks later the same fake pro-

passes in this manufacture". Taken from "Capital" by Karl months ago again voted at the Joint Marx; Vol. I, pages 721 and 272. | Council meeting for a \$10 tax not

An Open Letter to Browder: On Hooliganism League

HOOLIGANISM IN CHICAGO

To the Central Committee Communist Party of the U.S.A. Earl Browder, Secretary

quarters, called under their own that such a thing means? A party bership) over occurances in Ger-International. that it is only the brief slackening auspices, at which comrade Arne which conducts itself in the manin which literature and furniture no right to use the name Comwere destroyed, workers were beat- munist. en up and trampled upon, and such

stretch. We expect that in next could start, a horde of some 250 from the decayed and degenerate week's issue we will be able to "Communists"-members of Section body of a rotting social systemreport a much larger figure. As it 5, Listrict 8-invaded the hall un- can neither win healthy elements selves and then calling the strike stands now the total number of der the leadership of their Section to its ranks nor lead the revolution subs since the drive opened is 102. Organizer, Jack Spiegel, and of a when the moment arrives; on the member of the District Committee, contrary, it must become a feeder David Poindexter. On their own of Fascist forces. A party which admission, they had come fresh cannot raise the intellectual and from mobilization caucuses for the moral level of the proletariat but express purpose of breaking up the on the contrary trains fine elements meeting. They precipitated a riot down to the depth of gangsters has

> Is it too much for you and your a commotion developed that the party to learn that a meeting of police came into the hall from the workers, come together to hear anyone at all, must not under any I have been in the revoltuionary circumstances be physically attack-

> > fakers signed a statement in the

Day, that the Communists broke up

the meeting. Let this be a warn-

ing to the rank and file that these

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numerous small towns in the vicin-

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ity of Central Hershey." (The

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movement all my life and have par- ed and broken up? Or is the ansticipated in many demonstrations, wer that you can only hope to imsome of them bloody and brutal, press the American proletariat this but I have never felt that I was way since you have so signally facing so vicious and irresponsible failed to impress them ideologicaland anti-social a mob as the one ly? which came last Sunday under the

I wonder if you as a leader of connection with the Communist comrade Cannon spoke in Newark Several months ago, I severed my Last Sunday afternoon, October banner of the Communist party. the excuse offered by the C. I. that rades reported that party members the German party was not rooted were ordered to boycott our meetin the factories needed further ex. ing. Comrade Cannon's talk was planation because a party can only unusually well received and the be a really functioning Communist numerous questions kept the alert party when its composition is main- audience intact until 11:45. ly of the working proletariat. Maybe last Sunday's event throws some light on the question. If the leadership of the German party trained its members not to win other workers by ideological conviction but by destroying the meetings they organized and hoped to con-

Sincerely,

LYDIA BEIDEL.

Militant Resentment Against Fakers in the Pocketbook Union

In October 14 issue of the Mili. till they will be forced to break tant the writer gave an analysis with the administration. about the present situation in the Pocketbook Makers Union. Now I of the Pocket Book Makers Union America, has intensified its organi- gather impetus at tremendous will describe what took place for took place at Stuyvesant High zation drive during the last two speed, it is necessary to condemn the last two weeks in our union. As I have stated in the Militant, Stein, reported that the adminisour "Fraternal Club" administra- tration was not able to proceed with tion did not call a membership its work unless it got another \$10 eager to defeat this drive by re-In the time remaining we meeting for about four months, On tax added to the ten per cent tax sorting to the well-known scabbing Anti-Fascist Committee for the dehas just completed two of their vigilante groups, "committees of want to double the record made so October 19 they called a meeting it already collected from the work- machinery—that is, the formation before the Italian Conlight-hearted adventures in trade protection", which had for their far in the drive. A hundred subs at Stuyvesant High School, about ers. unionism here in the northeast object the breaking of the threat- are not much for our emmbership two thousand workers were preened strike. Cotton growers, so and sympathizers. As a matter of sent to this meeting. The purpose They were successful in organiz- called ranchers, were armed. It fact it is a modest goal. If we go of this meeting was to force a \$10 ing and taking out on strike for was agreed, according to the Un- to it with a will it should be easy, tax on the workers to the ten percent tax dues they already took the administration is not doing anyshop with several hundred work- participated in the strike were to There is still opportunity to over- for months from the members with-

> one town after another. The work- dustry. The Left wing urged the ers did pay any attention to his workers to vote down the ten dolreport. He finished his report with lar tax. Celebration of the 16th Anniversary an appeal for a \$10 tax in order to enlarge the staff of organizers out of town. The membership acother star came forward and gave a report, this was Louis Waldman, ion has an agreement refused to draw up a joint code with the union to present at Washington. After he, and the union officials maneuvered for months with the bosses. The employers support the open shop code for \$12-\$13 a week, and refused to raise wages, tations, railroads and mills. Here or reduce hours. In spite of the fact we are working 40 hours a week, and over 2,000 workers are idle in New York. He concluded of mobilizing the workers for a fight best equipped in the world. with the employers.

son about fourteen years ago. the superintendent of the hall.

she had to wear a brace on her If the police had not come in acres—The total acreage owned speeches were frequently interruptback because the poison affected people would have been injured and controlled (today) is—one hunded by stormy applause. witnessed a century of progress we started the fight should leave the Cuba include the Hershey Cuban will be held. turn the scene back 100 years, hall. Under such circumstances it Railway and the Hershey Terminchange the place from New Jersey was impossible to continue the al Railroad. to England, the women to children meting. All realized that including and the watch factory to a match Waldman. The "Fraternal Club" chairman adjourned the meeting. Waldman had a chance to see how

workers are children under eigh- our manager Stein, could break up

widows and so forth, deliver up book Workers to know that 3 weeks called a symposium and David "Of the witnesses that Commis- Myer, in his speech said the "Fratwere under 18, 50 under 10 only 8, crooks, and traitors, and must be FRIDAY, November 10th: LYNCHworst horrors of his Inferno sur- gresives who divided the union with the "Fraternal Slub" a few

as delegates of the council, but as paid officials which they could not Rousing Meeting Aids vote. Moreover, Brok, one of their Drive to Organize Restaurant Workers

fakers must be severely attacked On October 26, another meeting School. The manager of the union,

for October 21, the bosses are but actually sabotage it. or a company union. Besides the sulate on Saturday, October 28th A heated discussion on the \$10 Geneva Club, they have attempted, was answered by the Communist tax followed. Rank and file speak- quite unsuccessfully, to line up Party, the I. W., W., the CPLA, the ers, one after another, attacked the through their agents, the chefs, I. W. O., the Socialist party and administration. They showed that the Vatel Club. At a meeting of the Communist League of America this club held on October 19, the (Left Opposition). All agreed to thing to improve the conditions of executive committee attempted to participate. Nevertheless aside the workers in New York and out mation of a Federation. pass a motion concerning the for- and one or two delegates from

of town. They also pointed out make any attempt to relieve the unemployment situation in our infraternities of cooks and waiters C. L. A. (O.). Meager as are our cent of the Vatel Club members tion. voted down this motion and every floor a vote was taken. The tellcepted his appeal very coldy. The cr's count was as follows: for the mittee because it was plain to all denounced. It is in line with the administration felt they will have a hard job to put over the tax, so they became desperate. Then an-

The rank and file must concen- leaflet to the International Cooks' also in line with the official party's of the S. P. and lawyer of the trate all its energies on ousting Association (German Cooks) in-Speakers:

Arne Swabeck and Albert Goldman

Arne Swabeck and Albert Goldman

One Swabeck and A be made by their Executive Committee. A minority Committee of usual conduct of avoiding any milithe Geneva is busy explaining to tant intervention in this or any the members the scabbing role of other phase of the class struggle. their leaders.

The next time you stop to buy a bar of Hershey's chocolate stop to think a minute about the Cuban tion Committee and the Officers of the Union are working in full speed in educating the members of the Union and activizing them in order workers slaving on Hershey's planis some information you wont find "The Hershey sugar refinery is to bring to its ranks every worker that the code will have to be the largest on the island (of Cuba) employed in the Hotels. Already gravity of the situation unfolding fought out in Washington, instead and is one of the most modern and a good beginning towards a real in the C. S. It has every potentiindustrial union has been made, ality, of danger for the working "Its melting capacity is one mil- Many housemen, chambermaids, class in the rise of Fascism. There

with these masses of prejudiced workers for Communists.

"You don't know any Communists.

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"You don't know any Communists.

"The tour is now drawing in the watch dial painting arry member was instructed to party memb "The development of the Hersbey activities of the Union and Delewants a \$10 tax. When the fight holdings in Cuba and the rapid in gates from the Waldorf and Lin-"Miss Fryer contracted the poi- started a riot call was given by crease in them are remarkable. coln Hotels spoke about the kitchen Beginning in 1916 with the pur- and dining room infernos. Comrades However, until five years ago she Within a five minutes, about 25 chase of ten thousand acres and Cannon and Gitlow spoke for the was able to continue working, but police came into the meeting place. the leasing of another ten thousand necessity of unionism. Their

Due to lack of space we have drive is December 1st. "The Hershey Cuban Railway is been forced to withhold several a modern public service line be- important articles. One by Albert proven to be our best, organizer tween the cities of Havana and Glotzer on the 'Two Internationals", We must save the paper so that Matanzas. It is electrified through- a communication from comrade we can go ahead with our work matches dates from 1833, from the discovery of the method of apply. The manufacture of tueller method of apply. The method of apply the method of plantation. Incidentally this power viet diplomacy.

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STATEMENT ON THE UNITED FRONT ANTI-FASCIST DEMONSRAION At a time when Fascism is com-

Activities

CANNON SPEAKS AT NEWARK

Newark .- On Thursday, Oct. 26,

Early in the day one of our com-

—G. К.

mencing its brazen recruiting camduct, then a revolutionist knows paign in America, when the degenwhy the Communist party of Ger- erate elements of a capitalist sysmany was not "rooted in the mass- tem torn by four years of crisis talk of instituting here the same bloody regime that has conquered in Italy and in Germany, it is extremely urgent that every working class organization learn the importance of participating in force in ever single anti-Fascist action or demonstration. Such demonstrations form the preliminary groundwork for the establishment of a broad an dpowerful working class united front against Fuscism, Precisely because of the importance of New York .- The Hotel and Rest- this movement toward united action aurant Workers Union, Branch of of the workers, through their organthe Amalgamated Food Workers of izations, against a threat that may those organizations that give per-As we reported in the Militant functory lip-service to the cause

The call of the Italian Unitarian from a large banner of the I. W. O. This Federation scheme is an at- each of the organizations, none of tempt of the Hotel Men's Ass'n. to them took any part in the "mass" amalgamate the various language meeting and parade, outside of the into one body, in order to establish presentf orces, we nevertheless a company union. Eighty-nine per- formed the bulk of the demonstra-

The sabotage of the official Comother motion of the executive com- munist party must be vigorously Our union immediately issued a sabotage of this demonstration is

The Socialist party follows its It is too busy at this moment seek-In view of these developments ing municipal offices in the electhe Executive Board, the Organiza- tions. No doubt if a few socialist

We cannot over-emphasize the As soon as Waldman finished his lion pounds of sugar per day. Its laundry-women, etc., have entered will be further occasions in the profound and increasing struggles

-New York City Committee Communist League of America (Left Opposition).

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The YOUNG SPARTACUS has regularly and this was a great shortcoming in our work. Unless we can raise the necessary funds for the paper, it will remain in danger. Let us seriously takes up the task and make the drive a success so that our YOUNG SPAR-TACUS may continue its existence as the propagandist and organizer of a youth Communist movement in this country.

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