The Minneapolis Strike

cerned there need be no doubt that fundamentals of how to begin to the bakery drivers from three dif- tonio Bellussi and that he was ar- workers in resisting the violence of the A. F. of L. leaders. This is not they will regard such drivel as be- cope with that state. That is their ferent shops. Next he went to the rested not "sometime in July", but the bosses' agencies. neath contempt. Thinking workers capital number three. elsewhere know only too well what We do not at all intend to take men expired May 1st, and proposed was jailed and held until March 29, duced, was heralded as a means to Only the Bill must have a face that little reliance can be placed in the up in this issue the questions aris- to them to take joint action with 1934. facts as well as in regard to theor- and concoctions raised by the Stal- a result of this united action, both me? etical conclusions. That is verified inist scribes. The comrades who the bakers and the drivers have On July 17, 1933, Attorney E. be placed in its highest status. On fact that the A. F. of L. leaders are united front. The Communist hold the ideals of Communism in swered. It is the question of trade better working conditions. high esteem and precisely because union strategy and tactics which the fatal Stalinist T.U.U.L. policy done. and left these hopeless caricatures of militant unions in disgust.

and a leadership which, when viewloyalty to the class and effective policy is unequalled in recent labor history. For the first time in this becoming clarified as a result of present period the entirely correct the City's current policy makes it method of mobilizing every member more evident than ever that the and every worker involved in a New York City administration is solid phalanx resulted in preventing very little concerned with the proba single wheel from moving and in lems of the unemployed and the routing not only the scabs but also starving, except insofar as they the police and special deputies sent studiously avoid taking any action to the scene for their protection. And this strike followed closely mands and problems. upon the heels of the automobile sell-out settlement which served as which about the best that can be family to be given work. ward direction. But the Minneapocutting a deep wedge into the cap-

At this moment the essential istrade union organization-as pretions and to weld them firmly into than that individual will be back drivers' strike ended, a group of a movement against the class en. on commodity relief. emy. In Minneapolis the revolu- The funds for the unemployed the different phases and aspects of tionists set to work in earnest and will be exhausted in about two the struggle. In the course of the organized a union with such a rapid months, and as yet the city adminsweep that it counts today some istration resists every effort to have 7,000 members and is gaining new open hearings on what is to be the recruits daily. And rarely has such lot of the unemployed in the future. imported." When one of the worka determined and fully united bunch ings that all the Stalinist bureautwo.

ed States" in 1930 but slunk back others. into their true opportunist position in the ignominious capitulation in face of the deadly fascist enemy in Germany. But it is the strikes such as the one in Minneapolis that begins to prepare the basis for the

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After the Minneapolis General upsurge which is still to come. It

In Minneapolis we had a strike New Attacks on signed up with the union after this About this time members of the

upon a third large shop.

Strike Leaders

Minneapolis, Mlnn., May 28 .- The

railroad workers were discussing

conversation one of the workers

remarked: "Where did the truck

drivers get those leaders?" And

he added: "They must have been

scientific Marxism.

ulated upon having both.

The relief situation which is now even remotely meeting their de-

The callous treatment which an enormous stimulus everywhere those on home or work relief have the militant action of the drivers. case. Comrade Emery now has the by the employers for some time. were bludgeoned into agreeing to to the bosses' resistance to union received until now promises to be That same night at 8 P.M. the impudence to pretend that the The advanced section of the capi- 24-hour postponements, the second organization. In every one of the put in the shade by new cuts and company signed an agreement with League "deliberately" harmed the talists find that the NRA apparatus time only by a vote of 175-135. The formerly unorganized industries the methods of inquisition. Those on the union with favorable gains for LL.D.'s efforts to get a habeas as now constituted does not have a workers of Toledo milled about in newly-formed unions are still bat- work relief have had their wages the workers. tling for their existence with only cut from ten to thirty percent, more While this may only be a small The request for the right of voluna precarious foothold as yet. We days being allotted to them, which, beginning it had the effect of re- tary departure made by the Commuare not speaking in this connection in their entirety may not exceed 54 viving the union. It put pep into nist League and the American Civil militancy of the working class. The Mighty Demonstration of Solidarity of the Stalinist paper unions, of hours a month, with only one in the its membership and gave some add- Liberties Union on my authoriza- Wagner Bill is to make up for this

laughing scorn that has been heaped hearing the long and incessant bakers' local strengthened the con- to demonstrate the contrary. apon their claim to be called un- booming of the highly touted cash tacts between the militants mendisruptive role this whole policy hats in hand for the deluge of mania result of these effective actions and Mullen of the I.L.D. showed up obvious from the experiences of the general strike. plays. The automobile sell-out set- from heaven. But like the frogs in the correct attitude to the workers' without the minutes and papers Labor Board so far. The Board to thement pushed the surging move- the fable who asked God for a king, problems served as a stimulus to a necessary. He had left them in his be created by this Bill is to be aplis struggle came as a turning point, the "cash" relief. To begin with, are now joining up and the union Eventually the I.L.D. was denied public, and one each representing workers, without music or slogans, ery. tempt to crush the strike move to be cash, the rest to be gradually last few weeks. ments by force. This is its capital added in the distant future. An elaborate spy system is to be set up to see that families don't squander sue is working class organization— the edict that so much and so much their money prematurely, or disobey paration for the much greater class shall go for spaghetti, bread, etc., battles to come. The real test of etc.,-or God forbid, should anyone the revolutionists lies today in their attempt to make a down payment ability to establish such organiza- on a Rolls-Royce-no sooner done day after the Minneapolis truck

At a conference held May 15th, in ers in the group informed him that of men been welded together into which the Workers' Unemployed the leaders were all local men he one local union. A tribute to its Union, League of Office and Profes- was still in doubt and raised anleadership speaking far more force-sional Employees, and the Associa-other question: "But where did tion of Unemployed Single Women those leaders get the experience to crats put together could produce in participated, these problems were organize and lead such a strike?" the Daily Worker. This tribute extends to the strike which gained adopted. The continuation comthe central objective-union recog- mittee was empowered to work for Where did they come from? Where nition. It is one of the first of the an Eastern Conference of Unem-did they get their experience? are, tion. This is its capital number ations in the near future which in by the thousands, here and elseturn is to lay the basis for a na- where, will also raise. The Minneapolis strike was not tional conference. A proposal to ina revolution. It fell short of being clude unemployment councils on a tions posed are to the effect, that a revolution. To this we plend unanimous vote basis, it having a the leaders were not imported, and later with the Provisional Com-

which saw a "revolutionary upsurge decided to demand the same condi- them. The leading and directing winning the right of voluntary de- Germania Hall, New York City, in had saved the auto strike by mass of the working masses of the Unit- tions for homeless men as for minds of the truckmens' strike in parture, getting several extensions behalf of the class struggle fighters picketing and breaking the injunc- over the heads of their reactionary

> for a single person, \$15.00 for a couple, and \$3.00 extra for every dependent.

The dependence of the leadership on the good will of this or that liberal or group of social workers has not lessened, and more than ever a Entered as a second class mail militant policy and leadership are

The unanimous opinion of the throughout those ten memorable things began to move. conference was that the present days. They will learn from the period is the calm before the storm various important details of the slaught is in sight against the work- commissary department, the medithe bosses and their agents will not which burned up over four hundred titude by my political views. James P. Cannon result in a retreat for them? Only dollars worth of gasoline daily in Maurice Spector the workers can and will give that keeping the city streets clean of and I ask you to give space to them. answer! The place of every militant scab truck drivers. \$0.50 per half year - Canada help build them and to make them good followers. The Minneapoli and Foreign: \$1.50 per year; a militant weapon in the hands of truck drivers' union can be congrat-

> the workers. ---RELIEF WORKER.

New Youngstown Bellussi's Reply to The I.L.D. Drivers Union

The Youngstown, Ohio, general The Daily Worker of May 30 Drivers Union conducted such a is the organizations of the kind that drivers have learned a valuable prints a letter by Lawrence Emery, "Labor" Bill has been finally re-tinue the opposition from the open common menace of imperialist war splendid fight that the whole labor is built in Minneapolis which holds lesson from the Minneapolis general Assistant National Secretary of the moulded to the satisfaction of the shoppers who as yet rule undisputed and Fascism, the militant youth of splendid name that the satisfaction of the sat movement of the city is resonant and is to be rushed the I.L.D. to me and my fight exploiters, and is to be rushed Their kind of class peace is no difership these men now learn from due to its able leadership, the work- time ago building their union and against deportation to Fascist Italy. through this session of the House ferent in content from the class Stalinist National Youth Day parthe Daily Worker that the strike ers involved received a valuable our Youngstown comrades had an He states that: "the I.L.D. was the and the Senate in order that it may peace desired by the others. The ade and mass meeting on the East was defeated and betrayed. For lesson and gained a real under-opportunity to show what can be only organization working in de-become law and a part of the NRA difference is in the method. One tunately these Minneapolis fighters standing not only of what the role done by organizing the unorganized. fense of Bellussi" and cites alleged structure before Congress adjourns, uses builtes to crush strikes while have shown that they are capable of the capitalist state is—and more One of our militant workers had facts to support this boast. It is The attempt to speed up the Bill is the other thinks there is a more United Youth Demonstration of using their heads as well as their specifically the capitalist state with joined the Teamsters Local Union strange that Comrade Emery has entirely due to the rising wave of humane way of killing. fists and they will know exactly a farmer-labor governor at the head at the time when it was still weak not been able to find out that the strike struggles that are sweeping The Wagner Bill aims to satisfy how to estimate such concoctions. —but they also received a lesson and doing very little to increase its man for whom his organization did the country. It is due to the in- us large a section of the exploiters

Stalinist evaluations in regard to ing out of the charges and slanders the drivers. This was accepted. As What did the I.L.D. really do for interpretations of Section 7a of the ers to hide behind. What differences tional Youth Day" demonstration

by the thousands of them who had were on the scene in Minneapolis now obtained an agreement with White came to see me in Wilkes the other hand, it was designed to holding out for as much as they Party had mobilized its memberjoined the official party and who will take them up point for point the bosses. The drivers in addition Barre county jail and said he was outlaw company unions. The final can get in the new set-up of Labor ship, its unemployed councils, left through their bitter experiences of in the coming issues of the Mili- to gaining union recognition re- conducting an investigation on or- draft of the Bill, as it will be pre- Boards against the working class. Wing trade union groups and fracapitalist exploitation learned to tant. Nothing will be left unan- ceived an increase in wages and ders from the I.L.D. I heard nothing sented for consideration and vote The labor leaders will do their share ternal organizations. Why call this A strike of short duration settled August 10 when I was called for a attributed to it. What additional holding out for a price. Yet before of that found it impossible to red is in dispute. Every point raised the issue. But the fight became hearing. At that hearing White reactionary amendments will be this class collaboration machinery demonstration against war and Fasmain in the party. It is verified will be met with the weapons from particularly embittered when one stated that the L.D. would be able tacked on before it gets through the is set up these labor fakers will be cism? A united front it was—not the thousands of other workers the arsenal of Marxism. And we of the bakers owners three and Servets no one can proby the thousands of other workers the arsenal of Marxism. And we with the arsenal of Marxism. And we with the arsenal of Marxism. And we with the same with er for being active in the Union. bond (about \$20) and I was sent dict now. It is vicious enough as their special interests in outlawing United Youth Committee Against The drivers compelled the boss to back to jail. During all the subse- it stands. In reality, the Bill is strikes. reinstate this worker. Two shops, quent months the I. L. D. never just the opposite of what it was the Ozersky Bakery and Swartz, raised ball for me.

strike, while the joint action ar- Philadelphia Branch of the Commu-company unions the Wagner Bill thoroughness of organization, its | Ihe Unemployed rangements with the bakers continuist League of America (Trotsky-will legalize the company unions. ned in preparation for an assault ites) asked the I.L.D. to call a The Labor Board to be established meeting to protest my deportation. will define the difference between Last week all preparations were They got no cooperation and the "good" and "bad" company unions. completed. With the assistance of C.L.A. therefore called a meeting Section 7a stands as it did before this militant worker a strike was itself. Communist Party members with President Roosevelt's inter- factory had been shut down, unable organized in the Frank and Sons beat up Comrades Goodman and pretation, in relation to the Auto to operate, the scabs cowed com-Produce Company. This company Roberts when they were distribut- Strike settlement, as the main pletely. The Edison company was maintains twelve trucks and the ing leaflets advertising the meeting guiding line for the revised Wagner offering the electrical workers a Scottsboro Boys will be freed if drivers put the issue directly for on my behalf.

recognition of the union and an in- From August 10 until November crease in wages. The strike was 28 I had no word from the I.L.D.

only about one third of the relief is has experienced growth during the a writ. This was to be expected in capital and labor. It is to have marched in straggling rows finding view of the purely legal approach power to prevent anyone from en- it difficult to keep step, without movement could have wrung such a labor practices . . . that has led, or awaited them at Courthouse Square. A New Type of

me entirely. On December 3 I When put into plain language, no amplifi,ers set up for the speakwrote Stern, Philadelphia organizer what is here somewhat concealed ers! With a crowd reaching 25,of the I.L.D. as follows:

"You say you are working to worked very hard in my defense. I think you must have ruined quite a number of shirts with the sweat of your labor in my behalf. With all your work and labor it was too much for you to drop me a line to let me know what you were doing. So I think you had better take a long rest."

The questions raised by this worker: Who are those leaders? bothered to inform me that they lost the appeal for a habeas corpus new unions to gain actual recogni- ployed and Relief workers organiz- no doubt, questions which workers or what to do about getting volun- New York United Front in the crowd asked him: What tury departure! I never heard from

I informed the Communist League which cooperated with the A.C.L.U.

about them to forget them the next trip when I finally get a visa. As long as I relied on the I.L.D. study other strike struggles but I sat in a foul county jail, month pices of a genuine united front comalso their causes in the light of after month. No bail was raised, mittee, comprising official repreno letters were sent, I never got a sentatives of the Communist League Workers by the thousands will penny for a package of cigarettes, of America, the American Workers the legal work was handled sloppily Party, the Communist Party Oppodraw valuable inspirations and lesat best. Once I lost patience with sition (Lovestoneites), the I.W.W.,

U. S. government used as an excuse all of which organizations sent in the relief situation. A new on- strike, such as the organizing of the for trying to deport an anti-Fascist speakers. The American Civil Libworker to Fascist Italy, were copies erties Union was also represented ers' living standards, miserable cal department, the effective mass of the Militant, organ of the Com-Vol. VII, No. 23, Whole No. 227) enough as it is. Who knows but picketing and the wonderful patrol munist League. Apparently the that the present forward march of system of cruising picket cars I.L.D. was also influenced in its at-

In any case the facts are clear Fraternally,

ANTONIO BELLUSSI.

"STEVEDORE" -RAILROADER. | must be settled for at once. | ing of the International.

Outlawing Strikes The Wagner Bill Dispute

The much talked of Wagner; tion will be less, but there will con-As far as these workers are con- and an understanding in the first ranks. He got busy and organized so much is not D. Bellussi, but An- creasing militancy displayed by the as possible. It aims also to corral Democracy, the Communist Youth

> settle the disputed questions over will be possible for the labor lead-NRA. Under this Bill labor would exist can mainly be explained in the was neither a youth affair or a genmore from him or the I.L.D. until contains none of these objectives and give their services, but they are a youth demonstration? proclaimed to be.

> > Under the cloak of checking

Most Sinister Aspect of the Bill called at 2 A.M. The company tried or its lawyers. Their next letter new to the American way of hand- L. headquarters in Washington was to man their trucks with scabs but asked me to keep the Communist ling class warfare. It only extends keeping the electrical workers from that was immediately prevented by League from "interfering" in the the methods that have been used going out immediately; twice they corpus. This is absolutely untrue. satisfactory machinery to stifle, and front of the meeting places of the ed prestige to the militant workers. tion, in no way affected the appeal defect. It will establish Labor out for the torchlight parade Fri-

army and the navy. Why Labor Leaders Support Bill While it is true that a large section of the advanced capitalists are in favor of the Wagner Bill it is was Leo Krzycki, just re-elected na-I sent other letters of complaint tion are opposed to the Bill. The Party, and Milwaukee organizer of to Attorney Mullen of the I.L.D. latter represent chiefly the mono- the A. F. of L. The issue of the Nobody ever answered these letters! poly concerns in which trades un- hour was general strike: Krzycki The next word I had was March ions have the least foothold. Their gave the workers an educational 25 when the Immigration Service main opposition was expressed to speech on the NRA and socialism. cities, in Oakland, San Pedro, Portinformed me I was to be deported the Bill in its original form. Now The next day he told the Socialist land and Seattle.

guilty. We are interested only in vote only as an organization, was They are men who make a serious mittee for Non-Partisan Labor Dethe world of realities. We have carried, and was referred to the study of all labor struggles in this fense. These organizations were tion for concrete workingclass A. F. of L. having adjourned the nothing in common with the Stalin- Continuations Committee for action. country and elsewhere in an effort instrumental in getting bail, getting struggle was afforded by the en- meeting, leaders of the Unemployed The Conference also unanimously to draw the proper conclusions from me out of the foul county jail, thusiastic mass meeting, held in League, Seelander and Pollock who General Strike Sentiment Growing Minneapolis were those of workers of time necessary because no gov- of Toledo and Minneapolis, and in tion, raised the call for the general international officials to issue a The budget as adopted was \$12.00 who take labor struggles seriously ernment has yet given me a visa, protest against the use of militia, strike, they were boosed by the Yip call to all other unions asking them and study them and not merely read and raising money to finance my vomit gas and bullets to terrorize sels present, as "disrupters." the workers.

The meeting was under the ausit was organized and directed the I.L.D. and turned disewhere, the Left Poale Zion, the Socialist Among the evidence which the tee for Non-Partisan Labor Defense, through Roger Baldwin. Frank Palmer of the Federated Press was the chairman. The official Communist Party was invited to join in the meeting, and flatly refused. port of the class-struggle fighters

so difficult because both accept the Bakers Local Union, whose agree on June 17, 1933, on which day I The Wagner Bill, when intro-principles of class collaboration. -HUGO OEHLER.

Toledo Workers Record Gains

(Continued from page 1)

20% increase in pay, but was hold-they confess their sins", replied the ing out on union recognition. Only fanatical followers of "Father" The Wagner Bill presents nothing terrific pressure from the A. F. of Devine!

Twenty thousand workers turned and Fascism. But the A. F. of L. leaflership,

in the matter-only a mass defense gaging in what is called "unfair music or slogans. But the worst writ from the reactionary judge in threatens to lead to a labor dispute As they reached that point, they that might effect commerce or ob- were left leaderless, to mill around Now the I.L.D. seemed to forget struct the free flow of commerce." For some strange reason, there were will stand out very clearly. It 000 at the least, one speaker at means that the Board will have each end of the crowd could be help me and that you have powers to outlaw strikes. The heard by only a fraction of those not stop at a partial united front. Board wil be a national institution present. Milling around, those who They will continue their efforts in fully backed up by the forces of could hear heard no talk of the the building of a genuine common the State, the courts, the police, the general strike. The subject had action of youth against war and become taboo.

Socialist Party Does Its Part

equally true that a very large sec- tional chairman of the Socialist in 48 hours. The I.L.D. had never that it has been revised the opposi- convention that the parade was a failure in arrangements; in Toledo tacks upon their demonstrations he said nothing. Finally workers and picket lines in San Francisco about the general strike? Mr. fight without quarter against the In Support of Strikes Krzycki declared his neutrality. "I am not an official of the A. F. of L. and telegrams to the acting govern-Further proof-if further proof, in Toledo. I cannot advise you. is needed—of the possibility of es. The decision must be made locally."

Such were the contributions of the Socialists to the radicalization grows steadily. A united strike of the Toledo workingclass. They did their bit to help the A. F. of L. retreat from the general strike of formation of a General Waterfront -A STRIKER.

ANTI-WAR ISSUE OF YOUNG SPARTACUS

tributed at the United Youth Demonstration on May 30th. It contained a popular analysis of bosses' Memorial Day, the capitalist war plans and the advance of Fascism, as well as the statement of the Resolutions were passed in sup- New York City Committee of the Spartacus Youth Clubs on "Why in Minneapolis, Toledo and the Two Demonstrations?"

West Coast. A collection was takn towards supplying much needed defense funds in these struggles. read by the youth, particularly the in order to weaken their influence Tickets for June 18th Theatre Party The meeting closed with the sing- Young Socialists. A few subscrip- and paralyze this growing strike tions for the paper were obtained. wave.

New York Youth Demonstrate

New York City. - Against the The partial united front of the Against War and Fascism, including the Young People's Socialist League, the Spartacus Youth Clubs, the Student League for Industrial Opposition, the Youth Group of the Communist League of Struggle,

Yet what a difference! The "Na-

had less than 1,000 demonstrators.

Perhaps it was a united front War and Fascism, the "Socialistrenegade committee"-but with the reactionary fanatic, "Father" Devine. Not the slogan "For the Release of the Four Deported German Youth"-they are "renegades", that is, non-Stalinists-but the cry of "Father Devine is our God", "God means Peace" was heard throughout the demonstration!

"Free the Scottsboro Boys", shouted the militant youth. "The

The Other Youth Demonstration

In contrast the demonstration, held in Harlem, showed a militant youth spirit. The shouts of "Down with bosses' war", "Down with Fascism", the enthusiastic singing of workers' songs, the entire conduct of this small but united demonstration of youth showed the will and determination of the demonstrators for common action against war

said is that they justly merit the Those on home relief have been The joint action taken with the for a habeas corpus. I defy Emery Boards fully in control of the capiday evening, the largest labor demonstration was contrary talist monopoly owners and their onstration in the history of Toledo. Stalinists had rejected united acions, that is, if it had not been so relief system to be inaugurated, and tioned before and the membership pus are these: On December 15 the disputes. In whose interests the after appealing to Roosevelt to in- 30th. Their proposal was that eight tragic, recognizing the dastardly were hopefully waiting with their of of the latter. On the whole the join their "National Youth Day" or The torchlight parade was thor- be damned as disrupters. Their ment of these new unions in a back- God obligingly sending them down a revival of the teamsters union. Office and the hearing had to be pointed wholly by the President, oughly disorganized. One band, all own splitting tactics are being covmonster who ate them up—so with Many drivers from different trades postponed—while I sat on in jail. three representing the so-called most no banners, no marshalls; the ered up with slander, lies and fak-

But more than a few Stalinist youth are ashamed of the so-called "National Youth Day" demonstration. They are reconsidering the actions of their leaders in disrupting the genuine united front. They are eager for real common action with all militant youth organiza-

The Spartacus Youth Clubs will

The chief speaker of the evening Strike on Pacific Coast Extends

There were serious clashes in other

In answer to these vicious atthe strikers have declared for a police. They have sent delegations or, Merriam, demanding the right to bear arms in protection of their

attacks upon them.

The I.L.A. unions are preparing to join in a general strike. The sentiment for such a general strike committee has been set up and the union militants are calling for the Workers Federation to include all unions on the water front and in the marine industry. The united strike committee is still very loose and the federation remains as yet only a sentiment. But this senti-A special anti-war, anti-Fascist ment is expressed concretely in reissue of Young Spartacus was dis-solutions from a number of unions.

The main danger to the strike front comes from the reactionary international officials and such lieutenants as they have. They are working might and main to stop the further development of the strike. One of their methods is to single out the most outstanding militant elements for attacks and for indi-Young Spartacus was eagerly vidual removal from their positions