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Adopted by A.F. of L. New Party in As I.L.D. Tactics Enable Odds in Spain Against at Convention in Frisco

But Right Wing Steers Towards Class Collaboration Policy

position at the current convention heads advocated the seven-hour is a worthless scrap of paper un- the nine defendants by charging that is, the C. P. Political Bureau. than it has for a number of years. day, instead of the six for several less the might of organized, fight- I.L.D. attorneys with attempted This opposition is not even tinge? years, until the workers themselves ing labor stands behind it. Even bribery of witnesses. More than with progressivism. The real left laughed them out of court. They then it is a subordinate weapon. wing has no voice in the convention. In the main the opposition shorter work week, except where that received a hearing on the floor the workers' pressure is sufficient primarily concerns jurisdictional to force them to adopt the slogan disputes, and a clique fight be- fer the six hour day, five day week tween the labor leaders. These and no reduction in pay. disputes over the question of enlarging the Executive Council, over the building trades jurisdictional dispute, and other such clashes, as well as the difference of opinion on the question of craft vs. industrial union, reflect the difference in policy among the labor leaders, not over the question of how they can aid the working class, but over the question of how they must act in order to retain their organization and its grip over the workers who are moving to the left.

The NRA and Richberg came in for criticism as the convention warmed up. The speakers did not point out the strike breaking role of the government in the recent cient development of the policy of class collaboration. They desire equal representation on the NRA Boards. The workers must realize that the main trouble with the A. F. of L. in the present strike wave was too much class collaboration and not enough class struggle. To "remedy" this error the labor agents of the capitalists are going to give the working class an increased dose of this poison.

Anti-Labor Drive Prepared

over the most important issues skyrocket. Otherwise, what would the battles of Frisco, Minneapolis, confronting the working class and be the point of the National Re- Toledo and textiles. organized labor. The reorganiza- covery Act, designed entirely to end tion of the NRA is merely the first the slump in price levels? indication of a new attack upon All indications of the present eco- of the workers. nomic and political moves that are being made by the bosses and their government point to a bitter drive the benign Mr. Roosevelt. against the workers. Before the emergency situation exists, one which is favorable for the workers, the bosses' government asks for a and the labor leaders do likewise, is clear on this point. and then under the cleak of this false harmony, the bosses' drive back the working class. Unorganized and betrayed by the leaders of the few millions of organized, tatives of industry and agriculture, the class cannot put up effective financial authorities and spokesmen resistance. This is the main dan- for mortgage and farm credit instiger now. The truce is another tutions." knife in the back of the workers.

The bosses have taken advantage of the possibilities offered them in the NkA and have organized pow- bankers can get back their loans. make an end to the system. Canerful national associations and Otherwise the mortgages they hold trusts that are legally not "trusts". will be worthless. In addition to this the bosses have ganization and struggle for better the deponent sayeth not. conditions has been checked by the

A. F. of L. Gains and Losses

that the increase in membership is perfect swindle? constantly wiped out or lowered considerably by the turnover due New Deal was to regulate both to abolish capitalism gradually to unemployment. It must be re- wages and prices in the interests without violence. This ostrich promembered that these industries of a better standard of living for gram brought the workers to grief have been in chronic sickness for the worker and consumer. Wages in Germany. A mere glance at the some time and the conditions here were to go up, and with increased bloody vehemence with which the are relatively worse than in the wages the worker would buy more, capitalist class contests the work-

other organized industries. The jurisdictional fight and raids the land. on the Brewery Workers Union by the Teamsters, Firemen and Engl. mendous hullabaloo when the 20 that has happened in Germany. neers brought to the surface the is- employers of the Eureka Nosegay Austria and elsewhere such a prosue of industrial unionism, but Bindery were given increases of gram cannot but fail to strengthen this issue was successfully side. 60 cents on their weekly pay checks, the capitalist system and maintain tracked, and a vote of 15,558 to or when Mr. Fuzbuz of the Ajax it at is weakest moment. 9.305 favored the Executive Board's Celluloid Collar Plant stated that The Communist party, with all decision to uphold the position of be was putting ten (10) workers its blare of trumpets and noisy

wage cut. The Stainists try to bor on wages. Unrestricted warmake capital out of this, but the fare on the workers' pocketbook.

Green's policy has met more op- fact remains that these muddlenow keep silent or call for the

The Vertical Union Decision

A compromise has been reached at the convention on the question of the vertical union. The report of the resolutions committee calls for the issuance of international charters in the auto cement and and aluminum industries, was adopted by the convention. In these basic industries these internationals will be constituted as industrial

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points out that there is not a suffi-

An industrial truce is to be declared in the war between capital have risen, profits have mounted and labor, and prices are to mount while U.S. Steel threatens a new upwards.

"Fireside" President are of course Stability to the capitalist system is not unconnected. They mean that what they see and what they want the worker is not to demand increased wages when the prices of vote for the subalterns of Roose-The A. F. of L. convention skips food, shelter and clothing begin to velt in New York State is to forget

In a word, industry and business the workers' standard of living. are to find recovery at the expense

Again and again, this has been

"President Roosevelt today emdrive has gotten under way Roose- phasized his belief," says the N. Y. eyes. Just as they tighten the vise velt is asking labor and capital for Times of Oct. 11, "that prices of arbitration on the workers in a truce. In fact every time an should go higher, and that the ad- every strike, these bureaucrats becourse toward this goal."

And who is behind the President truce. Capital gives this pledge in this program? The Times' story

"The price-raising aims of the administration grew out of conferences more than a year ago between the President and represen-

"Mortgage and farm credit institutions!" The farmer must get a measure of the consciousness of more for his crops so that the the working class of its will to

organized their company unions, be drained by high prices for the chambers. They can, however, upsurge of the workers toward or- the mortgage holder. Beyond that, that is a great service, indeed!

Wages have been stabilized by is there such a revolutionary policies and betrayals of Green, the codes. But no check is to be party in the election campaign toa more gigantic frame-up of the formers of the Socialist party who

and prosperity would again rule in ers in strikes for union organiza-

back to work to take up the slack demonstrations, has failed, misled

three "outlaw unions", the carpen- discharged 25 men the week before. movement wherever it was most ters, electricians and bricklayers, Meanwhile, not a word about was brought on the floor and the steadily mounting prices, until it Fascism is a picture of helpless body by a vote of 19,398 to 3,325 became apparent that the manu- impotence. In "smaller" matters. were for readmittance. The con. facturers were getting restless. like the trade unions or strikes it vention went on record for the Prices were mounting, but not has won a big zero for its efforts 30-hour week and for wage increas. | rapidly enough to suit them. Hence, and left an everlasting stench on es. However, the Executive Coun- the recent assurances. Prices will its name in militant labor circles. cil supports the Black - Connery mount still higher. Wages will re-Bill, which calls for the 30-hour main where they are. An indus- rupt institutions, Stalinist or reweek but implies a proportionate trial truce between capital and is formist, would really be throwing

Once again, the workers in New York have the opportunity of voting while they starve. After five years, in which hunger was a con-

His regime of "let them eat cake" and gassing bonuseers will not soon be forgotten by the workers despite all the prattle of "liberty".

The Gift-Horse

Then came the promises, fast and thick. Right to organize, "nobody will starve", "Peter will not be robbed to pay Paul". Hopefully ! word on faith. But like the promthe war" the New Deal of Roose-Company unions, pernicions strike settlements, bullets, gas, bayonets, murdered strikers tell the story of

up and down the country like some piblical tale of how a savior brought succor to a suffering people. What are the facts? Prices wage cut-that is all forgotten by witz as follows: These two pronouncements of our the mealy - mouthed politicians. —and Roosevelt is their God. To

Perfidy at the Ballot Box

The labor skates in the New York State Federation of Labor counsel the workers to mark an X besides the "Democratic" Star. They do it with a purpose and not evident in the acts and speeches of for the workers' interests. The plums of office, and positions on code authorities dangle before their ministration would continue on its tray them at the ballot box, urging them to cast their votes for their worse enemies.

Not votes but struggle, on the picket line and not in the polling booth will win the most elementary needs for the workers. Not election but revolution will lift forever the properly directed is thrown away. Every vote for a revolutionary party is a vote against capitalism and didates, if and when they are elected, cannot collect concessions for The wages of the workers are to the working class in the legislative

Don't Vote for Parties of the Past! Who does not remember that the piece-meal, to vote it out of office, tion will show how utopian is this Who does not remember the tre- program. More, in the face of all

The jurisdictional fight over the in employment created when he and disrupted the working class needed. Its record in the face of To vote for either of these bank

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Vertical Union Plan Is Vote for the ScottsboroBoysInDanger WorkersBattleHeavy The Elections Lawyer to Knife Defense

counsel in the Scottsboro case dur- the case. ing the past year and a half, has stant guest at the family table and quit the case after roundly de- letter; instead he sent one which the bull-headed, quick-to-club cop nouncing the I.L.D. and the Stal- the N.E.C. had rejected, giving Liepers an ever-present companion on inist party for their Scottsboro bowitz a free hand. This, Patterthe picket lines, the sober realiza- policy. He joins Alabama's legal son confessed later, he did under

this, Liebowitz, with the backing of The New Deal versus the Old a handful of Negro parsons has Deal, and a furious battle of words, ordered the i.L.D. to get out of the is the issue cooked up by the gold- case, and to turn it over to dust parties for the workers to get the Negro churches. The Daily exercised over. The Old Deal, the Worker charges that Liebowitz has workers have associated with the turned against the I.L.D. because 'great engineer". Herbert Hoover, that organization preferred to have the next appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court managed by Walter Pollak, who served in the first Supreme Court appeal. It seems that Liebowitz is another of those

ists' best buddies. Joseph R. Brodsky, the 1.L.D.'s the American workers looked to the leading staff attorney, who has re-20th century Moses, taking his peatedly praised Liebowitz's work. now announces with pathos that ises of Wilson "to keep us out of he "never was so disappointed in any one" as he is in Mr. Liebowitz, velt turned out to be a gift-horse, and charges him with motives of self-aggrandizement.

shocking "traitors", who somehow

always turn up among the Stalin-

The truth of the matter is that Sam Liebowitz has always been a you publicly, call you a scamp, and doubtful ally, whose intention it announce that I reject such a dewas to get what he could out of fence, etc.; and carry out this achievements are still being marched the case while knifing the work- threat.") were forced out of the l.L. ing class and the Negro people in D. and the N.C.D.P.P., and charged the back. This he did effectively with "white chanvinism" (!) and for a long time, and the LL.D. let "counter - revolutionary Trotskyhim do it!

commented on the hiring of Liebo- home to roost. Liebowitz, having

a platform given him by the I.L. D. He attacks the mass struggle which has saved the Scottsboro boys four times, he maneuvers just as would an N.A.A.C.P. lawyer seeking to make a deal. When one considers these facts in relation to the equally regrettable fact that the mass defense movement has died down in recent weeks almost to the vanishing point, it begins to look as though the I.L.D. were teetering on the brink of a rotten and dangerous piece of opportunism."

"Democracy" in the L.L.D.

Unknown to the Militant, leading mistaken. members of the I.L.D. and of the a struggle on this question within mass campaign on the basis of a sufferings of the working class. But demand (compulsory, according to would be brighter now. But had it and by the Fascists with out transformation of the general strike contrary to what the capitalist pol- I.L.D. rules) that he maintain po- not been for the LL.D. and those stretched palms in the manner of into a general assault for power. iticians say, no working class vote litical silence during the case, who cooperated with it, the boys flunkcys greeting a fascist notable, at precisely the time when the en-Some members of the National Ex- would have been in their graves adopted at a meeting early in 1933 courts. which have become a powerful fac- benefit of the manufacturer. The speak the message of proletarian sending him a letter that, while surances that if the L.L.D. is kicked Communist, united in common ac- Once under way however, there tor in industrial relations in many returns the farmer gets on his crops revolution to the working masses lawyers were not required to es- out, the boys will get off. How tion against the Nazi hordes. Also, was no way to avoid the open industries. On the other hand, the will be drained for the benefit of from the capitalist tribune. And pouse the I.L.D.'s views, they were much such assurances are worth is he stressed the need of united armed struggle and the workers not permitted to enter into political discussions of the matter on lines

Samuel S. Liebowitz, chief I.L.D. opposed to the I.L.D.'s line during

tion. Patterson never sent such a tion must be sinking in-the ballot lynchers in their efforts to harm orders from his "political friends",

after **ununimously** adopted a resolution calling on the I.L.D. to publicly dissociate itself from Liebowitz's first vicious anti-Negro and class-collaborationist statements ut- the workers' hands, the embattled tered before the opening of the miners are barricading themselves Decatur trial. The I.L.D. ignored in mountain strongholds, where

der of Negroes, never reported this cess. horrible statement of the chief I.I. This does not mean that Fas-D. counsel!

should be warned in advance, 'If. you son of a b-h, you play any dirty trick or commit any political OPPORTUNISM, . . . then, I. the accused, will immediately interrupt

On March 25, 1933, the Militant | Now the chickens have come extracted from the case all the "Liebowitz . . . is getting a free personal glory and political capital hand to attack the defense from | he expects (he is no longer just a yegg's "mounthpiece"; he is a "defender of the oppressed" who dares call the boys "my clients"), leaves appointed!

hadn't been for that I.L.D.", he is Fascism wherever they appear.

The case has been in a stalemate

against the expressed wishes of the As a matter of fact, we may be

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Lewis, Tobin, Woll and Company. placed on prices. Was there ever day? Certainly it is not the re-The convention reports showed workers? Was there ever a more would make claims to that title. RECRUIT SYMPATHIZERS! **BUILD THE LEAGUE!**

"Without a revolutionary party there can be no revolution." The triumph of Fascism in Germany clearly revealed the bankruptcy of the Second and Third Internationals and the correctness of the International Communist League in proclaiming the need for a Fourth International and new revolutionary parties based upon Marxism. Since then the events in Austria, and now the revolution in Spain further confirm this position. A revolutionary Marxian party party must be built in France and the United States before it is too late.

The steps toward organic unity between the Communist League of America and the American Workers' Party is a development in the United States that all revolutionary workers should welcome. To speed up the unification and to launch the new party upon a firm foundation with strong cadres and Marxian theory should be the aim of every revolutionary worker. A new revolutionary party in the United States, the dominant imperialist country of world capitalism, will give a powerful impulsion to the revival of the international movement and the creation of the Fourth International.

You can help. You must help. You must help us in the establishment of a new revolutionary party. Help us build the League. Join the Communist League of America and become a foundation member

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Onslaught of Reaction

Best Fight Is Waged in Districts Led by Worker's Alliance

The Executive of the N.C.D.P.P. Spain, the miners of Asturias are ership, undoubtedly indicates that (including a party fraction) soon still putting up a valiant defense Gil Robles will still have much to semi-Fascist regime, dominated by solidate a dictatorship. Lerroux and Gil Robles.

As warships shell coast towns in Not even when Liebowitz en- land and air forces of the govern- by a regroupment within the workdersed lynching in court, saying ment. In Madrid and many other ing class movement in Spain. The that if he believed for a moment cities, throughout the country, new party must then be created, if that these nine "niggers" were street fighting still continues, but the final triumph of Fascism is to guilty of rape, he would be "the all indications now are that the be prevented. There is but little first to swing a rope" did the LLD. premature, improperly prepared up- time left if complete disaster is to protest! The Daily, staunch defen- rising has but small hope of suc- be averted.

cism is already triumphant in Those who had advocated the Spain. The very fact that the Leminist position ("The lawyer workers have fought so valiantly,

Demonstrate

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The three Yipsels arrested on the charge of painting anti-fascist slogans on the walls of the Special Sessions.

the l.L.D. flat in a critical moment about 1.500 workers representing and stabs it in the back. And the all political tendencies in the labor participating in any serious partial Daily has discovered that he is a movement except Stalinism met in struggles, explaining that all en-"traitor". And Joe Brodsky is dis- Columbus Circle, as a preliminary ergies should be conserved for the to a demonstration later in the day insurrection itself. Thus the work-The situation is now complicated at the Yankee Stadium, in a coun- ing class was led into an insurrecby the fact that Liebowitz and his ter demonstration against the ag. tion without having any partial parsons claim to have induced the ents of Mussolini now touring this gains behind it, and at a moment prisoners and their parents to sign country in the guise of visiting when the bourgeoisie felt most statements ordering the I.L.D. out students ostensibly studying uni. confident of its strength. We see of the case. If young Haywood versity life in this country but in therefore a combination of errors Patterson writes that he would reality spreading the poisonous of opportunism and adventurism in have "been released long ago if it fumes of the black shirt variety of the policy of the Socialists.

These "students" were to lay a wreath at the foot of the statue of he said to correspond roughly to

more than gab fests.

Stress Need for Unity

Following him representatives of them. the I.W.W., the Y.P.S.L., the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the C. which the proletarint has paid P.O., the Il Martello group, the dearly, is the lack of an organized, Provisional Committee for Non- well functioning national united Partisan Labor Defense, the A.W. front. As pointed out in previous P., the taxi drivers union and the issues of the Militant, the S. P., Socialist party spoke. Each stressed while permitting its local and rethe need for united front activity gional organizations to participate against Fascism. Particularly stir- in the Workers' Alliances wherever ring were the speeches delivered in these existed, sabotaged neverthe-Italian. Herbert Solow, speaking less the formation of the National for the Non-Partisan Labor De- Workers Alliance. fense, was very effective in a con- The anarchists in control of the demnation of police brutality. Cit- C.N.T. on the other hand prevented ing Berlin as an example prior to their local organizations from join-Hitler's seizing power, he pointed ing the Alliances (excepting in out the futility and hopelessness of Asturias), while the Stalfnists derelying on the state machinery to cided to join only at the last mo-

Oliver Carlson, speaking for ing completely their previous attithe A.W.P., stressed the need for tude under which they considered fighting Fascism in those countries the Workers Alliances as "instruwhere it is already entrenched but ments of Fascism". Throughout emphasized particularly the urgent the whole period, it is the revoluneed for common militant action tionary minorities (Communist Inagainst the incipient fascism in ternationalists, Syndicalist liberthis country. With the concluding tarians, Maurin Group) who have remarks of the speaker for the been giving their complete and Socialist party, urging clubs in- whole-hearted support to the Atstead of words for the fascists, the liances. meeting wound up and the demonstrators were instructed to go to the Yankee Stadium to carry on the that it is precisely in those regions

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In spite of very serious setbacks, in spite of the confusion caused to the insurrectionary movement in by the lack of a truly united leadagainst all the armed forces of the contend with before he can con-

In this interim, there is still a possibility of reforming the proletarian forces forging the vanguard party so necessary if final victory is to be achieved. The heat of the they are beseiged by the combined present struggle will be followed

United on the Barricades

In practically every city and factory town of Spain, the red fing was raised during this past week, as the workers staged their first desperate tight against the forces of reaction. Having learned from the German events, of last year, the Spanish Socialists, Anarchists. Syndicalists and Communists waged a united struggle on the barricades against the common enemy.

It is still too soon to draw the balance sheet and to make a detailed and intelligent analysis of this heroic struggle. We can only say that the revolutionary party capable of giving Leninist leadership was conspicuous by its absence. The Socialist Party, which Yankee Stadium are being held has played the leading role, has without bail for the court of demonstrated its incapacity to fulfill this necessary role. In the months prior to the events, the On Columbus Day, October 12, Socialist Party prevented the workers under its leadership, from

"July Days" In Spain The present stage in Spain can

National Committee for the De- for some time. If the I.L.D. had Columbus in "honor" of the great the days of 1917 in Russia. The fense of Political Prisoners of the not played with Liebowitz, and had explorer. But they never showed up. task of the moment was to stop the I.L.D. had, even earlier, carried on it continued to develop a militant His excellency, the governor of the Spanish "Korniloffs" in their march state of New York, pinch hit for towards power-and not to attempt those bodies. The Stalinist bureau- genuine united front, the boys them . . . and was greeted accord- a direct assault on power. But the crats advocated the hiring of Lieb- might have been freed by this ingly-by the anti-fascist demon- Spanish Socialist Party mistook owitz without putting to him the time. Certainly, their chances strators with a concerted raspberry July for October and called for the Valenti of La Stampa Libera who emy, flushed by a series of recent ecutive Committee objected. As a long before Liebowitz was heard of was the chairman of the united partial victories over the workers. result, the N.E.C., by a resolution outside the New York criminal front introduced comrade Hugo would be best able to defeat the as Ochler of the Communist League of yet imperfectly united working America as first speaker of the day. class. The inability to win over National Bureau and by the votes quite confident that nobody knows Ochler pointed out in the course of any appreciable section of the of the N.E.C. majority including this better than the boys and their his remarks that the tragedy in armed forces is another indication half the C. P. fraction, instructed parents. Of course, somebody Germany would not have trans- of the lack of serious preparation National Secretary Wm. L. Patter- might trick them into choosing pired had both the major parties of by those who insisted on an immeson not to retain Liebowitz without Liebowitz against the I.L.D. by as- the working class, the Socialist and diste insurrection at any price. fronts of action as against united of every tendency realized that fronts which turn out to be nothing their duty was to strain every effort for victory even though the odds were overwhelmingly against

Another serious shortcoming for

ment (Sept. 12 to be exact), revers-

Power of Workers Alliances Experience has demonstrated

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