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Third Convention of League Draws Balance Sheet of Six Years

Bringing the Third National Convention to an end, the delegates of branches of the Communist League of America from coast to coast, and a packed visitors gallery of members of the New York branch, sang with a solemnity arising out of deep conviction the classic chorus:

"The International Soviet shall be the human race."

Comrade Max Shachtman announced the adjournment of the Third and last national convention of the C.L.A. There penetrated everyone present a profound realization that a period had ended and a new one begun. The Convention had unanimously voted to disband the C.L.A. by merging it with the American Workers Party in the Workers Party of the United States.

Six years of successful activity as a propagandist group came to an end. The balance sheet was written:

The ideas of Marx and Lenin, the spirit of proletarian internationalism, the theory of the permanent? revolution, had been kept alive and the intellectual weapons that alone, communist order of society. The tarian party-the Workers Party of the United States, a current in the international movement sweeping toward the foundation of a new, the Fourth International.

substantial gains over the Second ber of problems connected with the cording to the report given by com-League Convention held in October relation of the Workers Party to rade MacDonald, fraternal delegate 1931 in New York City. Three the N.U.L. and the tactics to be of the Workers Party to the Comyears ago the Communist League used in building and extending the munist League convention. Com-(Opposition) was a skeleton or- influence of the movement. ganization with branches in only a few major cities. The report of the National Unemployed League as delegate, is a veteran in the radical the national secretary, Arne Swa- the largest and most effective or- labor movement. Both were founhad been doubled and that there tively untapped field, and to place Party of Canada and delegates to overthrow of capitalism. existed 21 branches in the major the Workers Party in full support the 4th and 6th World Congresses industrial centers from the Atlantic of the N.U.L., working vigorously of the Comintern. to the Pacific. These branches were for its extension. represented by forty-three delegates. Four delegates from four various unemployed organizations the membership of the Workers mid-western cities were unable to was judged impossible of achieve- Party of Canada is now 250. The be present because of financial dif- ment at the present time, mainly principal branches are located in ficulties. Six fraternal delegates because of the attitude of reform- the large cities, Montreal, Toronto, came from the Workers Party of Canada.

A large proportion of the delegates had been in the C.L.A. since National Unemployed League looks party and the seat of its national its inception, others had been in forward to and will work for the executive. The branch in Toronto the Communist Party many years genuine unity of the unemployed has about 90 members. before they joined the League. Still within a single national organizaothers had come from various sec- tion, but Federations of scattered party have come out of the Commutions and tendencies of the labor movement. The composition of the trolled by its top leadership such as The W. P. is steadily growing in delegates was overwhelmingly pro- have been proposed by the Socialist size, in the scope of its activities, letarian, many being deeply rooted Party is not only unacceptable as and in its influence among the in the trade union movement.

Second of the achievements re- united front. Until this object is the provinces. corded at the convention was the achieved, therefore, the Workers maintenance of the Militant as a Party will aid in the building of aid stated, performed an indispensweekly paper. In six years the the N.U.L. Militant had gained the respect of | Workers Party tactics and prin- cating the initial cadres of the new the entire revolutionary movement ciples in its unemployed work fol- party in its earlier days. The of the world for its honesty, its low closely the tactics applied in Workers Party today, however, has clean methods and above all for the past by the American Workers two papers of its own, the Vanthe clarity and correctness of its Party and the Communist League policies.

third stone in this mosaic of ac- There is to be no mechanical con- The circulation of the Vanguard is complishments. Although still very trol of unemployed organizations on about 1,200, that of the Ukrainian young, it has already made a name the part of the Workers Party. for itself as the outstanding theoretical review in the revolutionary labor movement.

The Minneapolis strike, symbolizing the truth that sound theory basis whether the Party finds itself merged with sound practice can in the leadership or in a minority. bring victory to the working class, stood out among the achievements of the League.

The League convention was no solid monolith artificially held to- bers of the Workers Party in the but a genuine Communist gather- raise the political level of the uning. It had been preceded by three months of free, untrammeled discussion in branch meetings and internal bulletins. Minorities were accorded every democratic right provided in the constitution and given proportional representation at the convention. The debates and discussions at the conference, often sharp but always comradely, were many-sided and thorough.

The convention was absorbed with two major questions. The discussions centered on the report by comrade James P. Cannon on Party. the international question, primarily the recent Plenum of the International Communist League to which he was a delegate and the symbolized by the Toledo and Minso-called "French question". The other report was by comrade Max others, will be intensified. Decision Shachtman on the question of fu- was reached at a joint conference sion with the American Workers Party. International and American, two sides of our struggle, these lations Committees wherever pos- tually out-lawed under Section 98 questions were indissolubly con-

the declaration for the Fourth In-the workers and to insure united not yet organized a political party. old boy, Philip Scott, who was ternational, the Pact of Four, the resistance to the onslaughts of the Unless Section 98 is repealed as a picked up through a "very clever ceedings. The police department tinue to receive the new paper. The meeting bosses and politicians.

Spartacus Youth Meets

The National Convention of the Spartacus Youth League is now in session at Stuyvesant Casino, New York City. Discussions have revealed unanimous sentiment for the constitution of the Spartacus League as the youth movement of the Workers Party of the United States, politically subordinate to and organizationally independent of the adult revolutionary party.

A. J. Muste, National Secretary of the W.P., addressed the convention Tuesday on behalf of the National Committee. Max Shachtman, a pioneer leader of the Young Workers League which first established the Communist youth movement in America, addressed the convention on behalf of the outgoing National Committee of the C.L.A. Next week's issue will contain a full report of the convention.

vital in the U. S. by the League. Cadres had been built, armed with the intellectual weapons that alone. Party Maps Canada W.P. when combined with organized proletarian masses, can bring capitalism to an end and introduce the groundwork had been laid for the country's sole revolutionary prole-

The Commission on Unemploy-The Workers Party of Canada, ment of the Workers Party Conven- formed about a year ago by the tion, with Anthony Ramuglia, pres- Canadian section of the Internaident of the National Unemployed tional Communist League, is a The Third Convention reported League presiding, took up a num- vigorous and healthy youngster, acrade MacDonald, as well as com-A decision was taken to recognize rade Spector, another Canadian beck revealed that the membership ganization in that vast and rela-dation members of the Communist

> In an interview with the Militant. Real and inclusive unity of the comrade MacDonald reported that ist elements (especially of the S.P.) | Hamilton, Winnipeg and Vancouin organizations more or less con- | ver. Toronto, the capital of Canatrolled by them from the top. The da, is also the center of the new

> Most of the members of the new organizations bureaucratically con- nist Party of Canada and the Y.C.L. unity, but also unacceptable as a class-conscious workers throughout

The Militant, comrade MacDonable service in rallying and eduguard, published monthly, and the Workers' Voice, a foreign language The New International is the their correctness and effectiveness, paper of the Ukrainian workers. paper 500 copies. The Ukrainian The Workers Party maintains workers have also published a number of pamphlets, among them several by Trotsky.

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will fight to keep them on such a

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breaking down racial antagonisms;

most advanced and militant work-

ers for membership in the Workers

anti-injunction battles, etc., already

neapolis strikes and a hundred

of unemployed and trade union

The New International has already made a remarkably favorable impression. Not on the Canadian authorities, however, who have banned the magazine along with other revolutionary literature.

tivities of all types as opposed to class-collaboration policies. Mem-The organized workers of Canada are divided among A. F. of L. gether by a bureaucratic whip, Leagues are to work ceaselessly to craft unions, Canadian national unions (French-speaking populaemployed, explaining the social and tion in Quebec), and the Stalinist economic implications of unemploy-"Workers Unity League". The A. ment and focusing attention on the F. of L. has approximately 100,000 problem of unemployment itself; members, the national unions 40,exposing the role of the state by 000, the Catholic unions about 25,its day by day activities; pointing 000, and the Stalinist unions 15,000. out the identity of interests of the The chief influence of the Stalinunemployed and employed workers: ists is among the lumber workers, the dressmakers in Toronto (about preparing the unemployed against 2,000), the miners in Alberta, and fascist tendencies; recruiting from the shoe workers in Ontario. the ranks of the unemployed its

Inasmuch as they dominate the will liquidate their unions in Canand employed on the picket lines, notable instances in the U. S.

The Stalinist party is still illegal in Canada and its chief leader, Tim Buck, has just been released after having been three years in jail on charges of criminal conspiracy against the Canadian government. workers to establish Industrial Re. The Stalinist party has been vir-Comrade Cannon reported on the the employed and the unemployed Syndicalism laws. At the time the ers of 574.

Workers Of N.Y. Rally To SupportParty

The first mass meeting held by the Workers Party drew twelve hundred workers as, winding up a week of conventions, the Party made its first public appearance at

Germania Hall Sunday night. Addressing the largest group of workers brought together by a political program in recent years outside the reformist and Stalinist ranks, representative leaders reflected in their appearance and addresses a cross section of the proletarian foundations of the Workers Party.

Insurgent leader of the coal miners for two decades, founder of the West Virginia Mine Workers Union, leader of the famed Logan County march of twenty thousand armed miners across three counties in 1921, which was stopped only by the Federal troops, Brant Scott blazed away at the labor licutenants of the capitalist class and declared that only the Workers Party could smash the John Lewises and build the fortresses of the working

Trade Unionists Speak

Vincent R. Dunne, one of the three brothers all of whom were leaders of the Minneapolis drivers in their victorious strikes earlier this year, told of the rising progressive movement in the labor unions throughout the Minnesota district, and the role the Workers Party must play to bring together years. the shattered left wing in the American Federation of Labor as an essential step in preparing the

The Toledo auto workers' strike of last summer was represented by Ted Selander and Sam Pollack. Leaders of the Lucas County Unemployed League, they smashed the injunction against picketing, organized and led the mass picket lines in a series of bloody battles against the National Guard, and so aroused the labor movement that, faced by threats of a general strike, the bosses surrendered. The need to include in the ranks

of the revolutionary working class movement the decisive sections of the twelve million Negro masses was brought to the fore by three leading Negro delegates. They were Ernest Rice McKinney, member of the National Committee of the Workers Party, national vicepresident of the Unemployed League, and spokesman of the Negro workers of Pittsburgh; James Watson, head of the International Labor Defense in Philadelphia until his recent break with Stalinism: and Simon Williamson, delegate from Kansas City.

Unemployed Leaders Speak ployed from potential scabs into the (Continued on Page 4)

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Militant (weekly) 144 Second Avenue, N. Y. C., Phone Gramercy 5-9524; The New International (monthly), P. O. Box 119, Station D, N. Y. C. These addresses hold until further notice.

The full text of the declaration of principles and the constitution of the Workers Party of the United States appear on pages two and three of this issue. They will be available in pamphlet form at low cost within a few days.

Threatens S.P. Left Wing In A. J. Muste will be the national secretary of the new party. J. P. With Split Trade Unions

Boston, Mass.—At the very mothe inspiring effects of the merger selection of concentration points in rades of the A.W.P. and eleven of the A.W.P. and C.L.A. to estab- industry were the two main points from the C.L.A. will comprise the lish the new revolutionary Workers of a program of action in the trade national executive, from which will Party enters a new stage in the ference of trade unionist delegates 10 members. Louis Budenz and development of the crisis which and adopted unanimously by the Arne Swabeck will be the national has been threatening it for several Unity Convention.

"the party of revolutionary unity", the basis of the trade union policy which moved with Bolshevik efficomes the announcement that the outlined in the Declaration of ciency and dispatch. Sleepless delmeeting held here this week by the Principles will be approached and egates, without rest from the allnational executive of the S. P., the invited to collaborate in the task of night sessions of their respective right-wingers ("Old Guard") offered the "Militant" majority now in control the alternatives of swinging back to pure reformism at the national center of the party from their newly adopted centrist platform, or a split in the party. One of the main points on the to have every party member who is agenda of the present meeting of the S. P. leaders was the question of a united front with the C. P. A C. P. delegation led by Huthaway, Ford and other Stalinist bureaucrats appeared to beg for a chance to sit down around a table with those whom they yesterday called the working class's worst enemies. The S. P. militant majority, toying with the idea of a united front based on a non-aggression pact and a program of passivity and noise, did not dare to receive the Stalinist delegation because of the objections of the Old Guard.

Old Guard Delivers Ultimatum

The Old Guard prefers its noise and passivity in close relations with the top bureaucracy of the The transformation of the unem- A. F. of L. and feels that it may not be able to do this if the C.P .-S.P. united front is consummated.

C.L.A. and A.W.P.In Fusion Convention of U.S. Revolutionaries

The Workers Party of the United States has been formed! Amidst scenes of wildest enthusiasm, the unity convention of the American Workers Party and the Communist League of America completed its historic task Sunday afternoon in Stuyvesant Casino, New York City. Out of its labors and deliberations has arisen the only revolutionary party in the country.

On the ratification by unanimous vote of the fusion agreement, comrades James P. Cannon of the C.L.A. and A. J. Muste of the A.W.P. announced for the two organizations that henceforth they owed allegiance to the Workers Party of the U. S. and to no other organization. The entire audience was on its feet and the strains of the International shook the rafters. The historic work was completed!

Minneapolis and Toledo, exemplifying the new militancy of the American working class, were the stars that presided over its birth.

All genuine left-wing and pro-

a trade union department in charge

The special concentration points

few months. For the Workers Party

New Jersey and eastern Pennsyl-

vania, and the automobile industry

in the district centering around

other points of concentration sing-

led out for special attention by the

Superior, Fargo, etc., and the coal

mining industry in Illinois, Pen-

The coal district is especially im-

For the founding of the progres-

sive movement in the trade unions,

the Workers Party will begin im-

mediately a campaign of education,

izers, setting up of trade unfor

fractions, etc., which will build the

party and be its own contribution

progressive movement in the trade

This Issue is Last

of "The Militant"

With the founding of the Workers

unions.

 Under the most favorable auspices, the new party launches into its Old Guard W.P.To Back tremendous undertaking: the over-throw of capitalist rule in America, and the creation of a workers' state.

Cannon will be editor of the official weekly, the New Militant, with Harry Howe as associate editor. The theoretical organ, the New International, will be under the edi-Formation of a progressive move- torship of Max Shachtman and ment when American workers feel ment in the trade unions and the an ex-A.W.P. member. Eleven com-Party of the U. S., the Socialist unions, adopted by a special con- be chosen the political bureau of organizers.

These, and other important or-Hard on the heels of the hailing gressive elements throughout the ganizational agreements were by the Gitlow group of the S. P. as country who will agree to work on reached in the opening session, establishing a progressive move- organizations, shook off their weariness to speed the foundations for The Workers Party will establish the new party.

> The speeches were short and to the point.

of a secretary, and take measures "We are not repudiating our pasts, rather we are looking toeligible, to join a trade union and wards the future," A. J. Muste said organize into trade union fractions. in opening the session.

The trade union department will An ovation greeted Vincent cooperate with other organizations; Dunne, one of the leaders of the to constitute as soon as possible a strike of the Minneapolis truckbroad committee composed of pro- drivers, and chairman of the openminent progressive and left wing ing session. trade unionists, which will sponsor

"In view of the immediate work publicly the establishment of a pro- that lies before us, and the heavy gressive trade union committee on responsibility we have assumed: a national scale. For this purpose, namely, the organizing of the workthe trade union department will ing class on a militant basis, for the contact and confer with existing overthrow of capitalist rule," progressive groups to bring them Dunne said, "we may dispense with into the proposed national move- speechmaking."

Fusion Endorsed

With this as the keynote, the were chosen for work in the next session moved swiftly. In a short space of time, and despite the utas a whole the two points of con- most liberty allowed in discussion centration chosen were the section of all matters not previously settled of the textile industry located in by the separate conventions, the convention heard and approved the appointments of committees, elected the important organization, Detroit, Toledo and Cleveland. Two trade union and unemployment committees, and passed upon the organizational agreement reached party's forces already located in between the executive committees those fields are the Minneapolis- of the A.W.P. and the Communist St. Paul center comprising Duluth, League.

At the second session, Sam Pollack, active in the unemployed nsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. movement in Ohio and Illinois, and one of the leaders in the Toledo portant because good contacts are Auto-Lite strike, presided. He, too. already available on a considerable was warmly received by the dele-

The second session passed upon the constitution of the new party as proposed by the joint negotiating committee, with a few amendments discussion and publicity. The con- from the floor. It also sanctioned vention authorized the Party to the party-building report brought in by Max Shachtman, the trade union report read by Arne Swabeck. and the report on work in the field of the unemployed, presented by Anthony Ramuglia, national president of the National Unemployed Leagues.

Resolutions were passed in support of Tom Mooney, and on behalf of Happy Holstein, whom the hangmen of the Citizens Alliance in This is the last issue of the Minneapolis are trying to frame on Militant which, for six years as a murder charge. A resolution the weekly organ of the Communist also endorsed the proposal of the League of America, kept alive in Provisional Committee for Nonthe haze of confusion brought upon Partisan Labor Defense, for the the vanguard of the American creation of a permanent labor deworking class by Stalinism, the fense organization. The text of the clear flame of Marxist and Leninist reports and resolutions will found elsewhere in this issue.

Here ended the main business of Party of the United States, the the convention. Fraternal greetings Militant gives way to the New were extended to the convention by country's only revolutionary party | Donald, representing the Workers

Workers, read the New Militant! singing of the International.

Minneapolis Bosses Plot Frame-Up of 574 Leaders

the terrorization of the whole local trade union movement.

of the Machinists Union, and to deport him, was smashed. Now, how-The co-operation of unemployed ada as they recently did in several death during the May drivers strike fortunately for them, while he addeputy sheriff.

Happy Holstein, Chippewa Indian figure in the Strike Committee of 100 both in May and July, is now out on bail after being arrested for the murder of Lyman. In addition, sible. These committees are to of the Dominion's Criminal Code, a a stool-pigeon has been found who serve as a permanent link between Canadian version of the Criminal is trying to involve unnamed lead-

events in the revolutionary move- to preserve civil rights, to promote government proceeded against the The latest and third victim in ment since the triumph of Hitler: the general economic interests of C. P., the Bolshevik-Leninists had the hands of the police is a 19 year and released on Saturday, Novem-(Continued on Page 4) police trap", according to the Min-

Minneapolis, Minn.—Seventy trade, neapolis Tribune. The police claim unions have united in a defense a confession from Scott to the committee to give organized labor's murder of Lyman. The crudity of militant answer to a frame-up cam- police attempts to frame members paign launched by the Citizens Al- of Local 574 is illustrated by the scale. liance through its class instrument, manner in which this latest arrest the municipal police headed by was made. The same detective, Bloody Johannes. The frame-up Joe Burns, who swore out the warcampaign, directed primarily rant for Holstein, tricked the latagainst the leaders of General est victim into a drinking jag, Drivers Local 574, has as its object threw him into jail, and wormed a "confession" out of him designed to take immediately the steps neces implicate union men. But the Scott sary, such as assignment of organ-Several weeks ago an attempt to arrest, which itself exposes the frame Harry Hussman, organizer Holstein arrest as a frame-up, reveals itself also to be a frame-up.

Scott is a mentally deficient to the founding of the long-needed ever, the Citizens Alliance is trying youth, who was kept in a special trades they have organized, it is a bolder step. They are at the class under a doctor's care while very doubtful that the Stalinists heart of a plot to hang on leaders at school, according to his mother. of Local 574 responsibility for the He is a dupe of the police; but unof Arthur Lyman, a capitalist who mits everything they ask him to played at being a strike-breaking agree to, everything that he says is actually in direct contradiction to all previous testimony. He anand truck driver who was a leading swers questions to the satisfaction of the police-but also to the satisfaction of everyone else who questions him.

> In spite of the Scott "confession", the case against Happy Holstein has not been dismissed. Happy Holstein was arrested and

held for two weeks without charges | Militant, the official organ of the | Maurice Spector and Jack Mac-

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