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Workers Party Opens Action Campaign

Preparing For War

WASHINGTON .- In the political melee following Roosevelt's demagogic move "to take the profit out of war" and Senator Nye's flat statement that the President wants to stop the Senate munitions inquiry, pertinent facts have been suppressed. The daily press has left them out. They are:

1. The reason behind the munitions inquiry and the President's move is that the United States Government is definitely preparing for

Bending Every Nerve

This may be difficult for the ordinary man to see, but to those on the inside it is obvious. World war looms. The rulers of all the big nations are bending every nerve in that direction.

2. President Roosevelt is a bignavy-and-army-man, believing in the "glory of our fighting forces" and the necessity for war. He has done more in his short time in office to militarize the country than any other president since the war. (As this is being written the Government lets two more contracts to the war manufacturers, one for 50 bombing planes, another for 150.) Much of the Public Works money

Talk Is Demagogy 3. Since the Government is pre paring for war, and since the motive of war is profits, the President's talk is rank demagogy.

Senator Nye in his attack of Roosevelt pointed out that the commission appointed by the President to draft the anti-profit laws revealed his insincerity.

War Men Head Commission Members in charge of the com mission are Bernard M. Baruch, Will Street millionaire and during the World War chairman of the S. Johnson, the man who worked

the Army staff. "When I view in part the personnel of the President's commission," said Senator Nye, "I cannot but think how unfortunate it is that Dillinger is dead. He was the logical man to write the anticrime laws."

Senator Nye is a liberal who despite the "shocking revelations" brought to light by the munitions inquiry still thinks that "something can be done" to curb war.

Government Co-Operated The investigation has disclosed that the Government co-operated with the munitions makers over a number of years, the War Department going so far as to lend them aid in selling guns and military supplies to the governmental rulers of Japan, Germany and other nations able to buy.

Testimony in the record shows General MacArthur making sales talks in Europe for the DuPonts and other U. S. arms manufactur Documents introduced from files of the manufacturers proved that industrial and political rulers of the United States are one and the same, working hand-inglove. Besides co-operation on the part of Governmental departments, both Presidents Hoover and Coolidge were linked by the evidence with the war makers.

Would Avoid Confusion

President Roosevelt's own explanation of his hasty appointment of Baruch, Johnson and MacArthur was that the commission would draft a body of laws that would be necessary to avoid confusion which accompanies hasty preparations for war already declared.

PRISON FIGURES REVEAL NAZI TERROR

COLOGNE (T.I.S.)—The average jails and penitentiaries of Prussia The latter figure proves the extent summer. of the Nazi terror. A single illadvised word is sufficient to bring about imprisonment in a concentra- the automobile industry are the union, over the bitter protests of lenging President Roosevelt's statetion camp and jail. At the same time, food expenditures for the in- cations used in Labor Information voted to liquidate their so-called sands strong he marched on the the Workers Party, brought greetdividual prisoner have decreased Bulletin, but in weekly earnings "Robins-Gras committee" and to state capitol and on relief agencies ings from the party to the conven- its class duty, it backs the Altum approximately 40 percent despite the automobile industry the universal rise in rices.

Government Musteand Cannon Start National Tour, Jan 13

Following is the schedule of the appearances of A. J. Muste and James P. Cannon, who on January 13 will open the first national speaking tour of the Workers Party, to extend to February 9, and covering 21 cities and industrial centers.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Sunday, Monday, January 13-14—Muste, Cannon. Youngstown, Ohio.-Tuesday, January 15-Cannon. Newcastle, Pa .- Tuesday, January 15-Muste. Cleveland, Ohio.-Wednesday, January 16-Muste, Cannon

Toledo, Ohio.-Thursday, January 17-Muste, Cannon. Detroit, Mich.-Friday, January 18-Muste, Cannon. Chicago, Ill .- Sat., Sun., Mon., January 19-20-21-Muste, Cannon. Waukegan, Ill.-Tuesday, January 22-Cannon.

Madison, Wis.-Tuesday, January 22-Muste. Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.-Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun. January 23-24-25-26-27-Muste, Cannon. Kansas City, Mo.—Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed., Jan. 27-28-29-30—Cannon

Des Moines, Ia.-Monday, January 28-Muste. Davenport, Ia.—Tuesday, January 29-Muste. St. Louis, Mo.-Wed., Thurs., January 30-31-Muste, Cannon.

Illinois Mine Fields, Staunton, Gillespie, Springfield, etc.-Friday, Saturday, Sunday, February 1-2-3-Muste Cannon. Columbus, Ohio.-Monday, Tuesday, February 45-Muste, Cannon. Charleston, W. Va.—Wednesday, February 6-Muste, Cannon. Pittsburgh, Pa.—Thursday, Friday, February 7-8-Muste, Cannon.

New York City-Sunday, February 10-Muste, Cannon. All comrades and sympathizers are urged to get busy at once arranging meetings, conferences, etc. on the dates indicated and to keep the National Secretary informed of the progress of the arrangements.

A. J. MUSTE, National Secretary

Robins, Gras Win New Trial; fact is sinking home." diverted to the munitions makers. Framed in N. Y. Hotel Strike

railroaded to prison last April for their militant activity in the New York hotel strike, were granted a new trial by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court on Friday, December 7.

This victory for wo. kers' rights came after Robins and Gras had War Policies Board; General Hugh served eight months of their sentences. The unanimous decision of out the draft plan used by the Gov- the five appeal justices criticized ernment during the war; and Gen- the trial judge, Joseph E. Corrigan eral Douglas MacArthur, chief of for "sarcastic characterization of the defendants", the suspicions he cast on the defendants' alibis, his failure to discuss discrepancies in the testimony of hostile witnesses, and the "plain import" of Judge Robins had been employed as a strong arm man by the union". Victory for Labor

"This is a victory for the organized labor movement of New York, which backed these victimized workers," declared Felix Morrow, secretary of the Robins-Gras Defense Committee. "Many

Auto Wages

WASHINGTON. -- Weekly earnings in the automobile industry dropped to an average of \$18.85 during the month of September according to Labor Information Bulletin, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. This was a decrease from an average weekly wage of \$23.06 during the previous month and also a substantial decrease over the figure for the same month a year ago.

Weekly hours in the automobile industry, says the Labor Department bulletin, have dropped from 31.9 in August to 25.7 in September, while hourly earnings have risen from 72.1 cents to 73.1 cents in the same month.

These figures are not very significant, however, as is pointed out in an article in the weekly News Service of the American Federation daily number of prisoners in the of Labor, without taking into consideration the tremendous drop in ment by the leaders of the Hotel & do not get it," the report declared. has jumped from 32,525 in 1931 to employment which has occurred in Restaurant Branch of the Amalga-87,982 in 1932 and 36,928 in 1933. the automobile plants since the mated Food Workers, to which

> L. article, "the hourly earnings in when the Executive Board of that highest of the 10 different classifi- the Communist' Party members, ment that no one shall starve, thou-

Harold Robins and Andre Gras, progressive trade unions allied themselves to the cause and gave funds for the fight. The furor aroused against Supreme Court Justice Valente last August, when he refused to grant Robins and Gras a certificate of reasonable doubt admitting them to bail, and thus forced them to stay in jail nearly five months more until their appeal came up, has now had its effect. We will redoubl our efforts to see to it that the new trial ends in a further victory for the trade union move-

Non-Partisan Labor Defense Acts

After their conviction last April, Solow, secretary of the N.P.L.D. called for the organization of a united front Robins-Gras Defense League of America, the Socialist Party and the Communist Party Opposition. Among the unions which supported the defense were the Cloakmakers Joint Board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, the New York Joint Board of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the United Hebrew Trades and many of its affiliates, and the Amalgamated Food Workers Union. More than a hundred also contributed funds.

Abraham Abramowitz, of the So-Louis Glickhouse, acted as attorneys and wrote the brief which resulted in the reversal.

The Communist League of America and the American Workers Party, which have now fused to form the Workers Party, played a leading role in the work on behalf of Robins and Gras. Most of the speakers who appeared before the scores of unions which were approached came from the Workers

Daily Worker Attacks Committee

A vicious attack on the Robins-Gras Defense Committee which ap- physical defects; six out of 10 have peared in the Daily Worker during September, in the form of a state-Robins and Gras belonged, received "For example," says the A. F. of a crushing answer a week later, ized by the N.P.L.D.

Sickbed

Party of the U.S.A. and give to into effect. that party a great opportunity for revolutionary action and a great to get together as promptly as pos- secretary. Members at large remit responsibility." Such was the statemerger into the Workers Party.

Comrade Budenz was unable to participate in the recent conventions that achieved merger, due to unable to function actively for at least six more months, his physi-

while receiving further treatments for chronic sinusitis, Budens was sorry not to be able to get into the field at once.

masses figs and has given them thistles," he said. "Additional million-dollar incomes, reduced stand- called upon to give two days pay ards for the majority, curtailment or ten per cent of one month's pay of relief for the unemployed-that

Need Mass Action

"A clear-thinking force, able to voice the revolt and hopes of the workers in terms they will understand, is the need of the hour. The if it proceeds to build the party through mass action and the American approach.

"That group will give leadership in a revolutionary way which can demonstrate its fitness for leadership before and with the workers in their immediate struggles for bread and security," Budenz continued. "There is no other road to such attainment. Such intelligent audacity as brought about in Minneapolis and Toledo will also win the sympathy of the farmers and the other elements whose aid we need, if we proceed in the course of the fight to carry our message to the whole community involved.

American Approach

"When we speak of the American Robins and Gras appealed to the approach, we mean not only dram-Corrigan's attempt "to indicate to Provisional Committee for Non-Par- | atic reference to the past revoluthe jury the court's opinion that tisan Labor Defense to initiate a tionary traditions of this country, struggle for their release. Herbert on the basis of other class planes. We mean looking into the mind of the American worker, which gives us an appreciation of his pragmatic Committee. Among those who an philosophy. This calls for a posiswered the call were the American tive presentation of our aims, not a Workers Party, the Communist negative one. It demands the painting of a picture under which the present revolutionary movement is a natural development of all that went before in the making of Amthe Dressmakers Joint Board and erica. The wide and favorable reception of the technocratic message, despite its political muddleheadedness, gives us the cue.

Language of the Machine

"The Russian worker must be made machine-conscious. The American worker has gone through all of that. We must cooperate in branches of the Workmen's Circle making him class-conscious. To do that, we must talk in the language of the machine, of further achievecialist Lawyers Association, and ment, and of the American tradition."

> The Workers Party must evolve a crystal-clear message and give it to the masses, Budenz said-a message that will show itself in action, beginning with the fight for plenty and ending in the conquest of power.

HEALTH AND LOW WAGES

The average wage in Ontario is 55 per cent below the minimum health budget requirement, according to a recent official survey quoted by Federated Press.

"Four out of 10 children have dental defects; five out of eight who are ill and need trained care

THE FORGOTTON MAN

CHARLESTON, W. Va., - The militant in West Virginia. Chal- discussion. ranks affiliate with the committee organ- throughout the state on National tion. He emphasized the impor- bosses. The men on strike need the will appear at mass meetings in Unemployed Day, Nov. 24.

Budenz Hails PartyFundDriveOpened Eleven Point Party From $ByNational\ Committee$ Program Is

Assigns Tasks to Members in \$5,000 Campaign

"Objective conditions in the Am- tion adopted by the founding con- for five weeks if unemployed. Payerican scene call for the Workers vention of the Party must be put ments are to be made through the

sible the Five Thousand Dollar direct to the National Office. Furment of Louis F. Budenz, executive Party Foundation Fund. Without ther instructions and directions secretary of the C.P.L.A. and of this Fund all our work will be will be issued by the Campaign the A.W.P. up to the time of its seriously handicapped—the national Committee. office, the organizers, the party organs, the trade union and unemployed fractions. With this Fund NOW. Who will be the first? we can make only a beginning, it the operations which resulted from is true, but a beginning which will his prolonged illness. He will be give us an impetus that will carry us steadily and rapidly forward.

The organization of the campaign for the Party Foundation Fund has At his small apartment on 29th begun. Comrade Muste has been street, where he is convalescing appointed chairman of the Campaign Committee and Comrade Rose Karener executive secretary. The optimistic about the new party and National Committee calls upon all members and friends to give immediately their fullest support to the "The New Deal has promised the Campaign Committee and its offi-

Each member of the Party is

The Six Months Program of Ac- if employed and five cents per week

Begin to send your contributions to the Party Foundation Fund

We must, we can carry this campaign to victory. From this minute on let us put our shoulders to the wheel and keep at it until the last penny is raised!

Spread the revolutionary mes-

Revolutionize the trade union

Carry the spirit of Toledo and

Minneapolis throughout the land! Build the foundations of the Workers Party.

National Committee Workers Party of U. S. 112 E. 19th Street, New York City.

Youth in Convention Plans **Broad Radical Organization**

Non-Partisan Labor Defense Sees Victory for Labor Workers Party will meet that need Spartacus League Piedges Adherence to Workers Party

Spartacus Youth League formulat- the young workers and students. ed policies and plans to build a ization. Understanding the need ing out the course of the Spartacus Youth. Delegates had hiked in or jumped the freights from Los Angeles, Frisco, Youngstown, Chicago,

New Haven, Philadelphia, Newark. At the first session an honorary presiding committee was elected consisting of founders and builders of the predecessor of the Young Communist League, the Young Workers League, who are now in the Workers' Party: Martin Abern, Oliver Carlson, Albert Glotzer, John Edwards and Max Shachtman. This act was symbolic of the connection between the old and the new militant youth movement.

Growth of Spartacus Youth The organization report of the

national secretary, Joseph Carter, showed the growth of the Sparta- and in detail by the delegates. The cus Youth from a small club in New York City in late 1931 to several hundred members with branches in New York, Chicago, New Haven, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Minneapolis, Los Angeles and San Francisco. The difficulties of the national center due to financial poverty were explained and discussed. The effectiveness of the united front policy of the Spartacus Youth was cited as one of the major achieve- expressed their sentiments against ments of the past period.

The following report, given by Manny Garret, on the inadequacies day last, at 12 noon. of the existing workers' youth orvoked a great deal of discussion. All agreed that the need is a broad militant youth organization which, while accepting the program and policies of the Workers Party, would embrace masses of youth who were sympathetic to working tor, Sol Eckstadt, that he sign a class struggle but not mature enough to understand or to accept the Code scale, which the NRA had the program of the party.

The discussion revolved around the problem of the specific weight Eckstadt refused and was thereupon to be given by the Spartacus Youth fired. The workers, aroused by this to various phases of its work-po- act of impudence, called upon the litical, opponent workers' organiza- I.P.E. to take action. tions, capitalist controlled youth organizations, cultural, sports, etc. A clearer understanding that the picketing has been going on with main field of work of the Spartacus Youth is among the politically un- youd all doubt a test case for the 'forgotten man" is becoming more organized youth resulted from the whole industry and its outcome is

Muste Addresses Convention A. J. Muste, national secretary of

ers Party of the United States, the which would have well rounded first national convention of the activities to attract and develop Ohio, Lower Michigan and Eastern

The International report covered broad revolutionary youth organ- the development of the world youth movement, the creation of the Infor clarity for effective action, ternational Bureau of Revolution three days, from December 3 to ary Youth Organizations as the December 5, were spent in thrash- center for the new revolutionary youth international, and the entrance of the French Young Leninists into the Young Socialist League.

The adherence of the Spartacus Youth to the International Bureau was unanimously endorsed. Similarly with the decision to sever formal relations with the Youth Commission of the International Communist League. Discussion on the turn of the French Young Leninists resulted in an overwhelming majority endorsing their action and a unanimous vote pledging support to them in their struggle against Fascism and capitalism.

The reports on anti-militarist and anti-Fascist activity given by Manny Garrett and Reva Craine respectively were discussed at some length (Continued on Page 4)

Altum Press

NEW YORK .- The workers of the Altum Press, 165 William Street violation of the Graphic Arts Code by walking out to a man on Tues-

The walkout was ordered by the ganizations and the character of Independent Printing Employees, the Spartacus Youth League, pro- an organization acting for workers unable at the present time to gain admittance to the regular printing trades unions affiliated to the American Federation of Labor.

Three weeks ago, the boss of Al tum Press demanded of a composirelease for back pay according to decided was legally his, after he

The response of the men has been splendid. Despite the zero weather, in popular language the program, rare regularity. The strike is bebound to affect printers in every the printed word and spreading the

tance of the youth movement and backing of their class brothers.

Mapped

NEW YORK .- With unconquerable enthusiasm, branches, membranches and forwarded weekly to bers, functionaries and friends of To that end the first essential is the National Office by the branch the Workers Party of the U. S. are going to work to carry out the six months program of action adopted at the unity convention.

There is reason for the enthusiasm. The new party, for which many have been waiting, has been formally launched. An example of unity has been set after more than a decade of splits and disintegration in the revolutionary movement.

Sets Eleven Tasks

The Program of Action includes eleven points as follows:

1. Double the Party membership in six months.

2. Raise a \$5,000 Party Foundaion Fund-in sixty days.

3. Build the paid circulation of he New Militant, official weekly rgan, to 10,000.

4. Build the circulation of the New International, monthly theorstical organ to 6,000.

5. Organize two coast to coast tours and two as far west as a line Irawn through Minneapolis and Kansas City.

6. Establish Party concentration districts with district organizers in at least five centers in addition to New York:-Chicago for the Illiaois-St. Louis territory; Pittsburgh for Western Pennsylvania and Easern Ohio: Detroit, Toledo or Cieveland for Western and Northern indiana; the Anthracite and textile area of New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania; the South.

7. Organize national Party educational system—including the first semester of a resident school in New York.

8. Publication of at least one popular agitational pamphlet per month-elaborating some point in the Declaration of Principles or dealing with some urgent political question of the day.

9. Build and consolidate a National Youth Organization.

10. Help to launch an organization of the Left-progressive wing in

11. Extend and strengthen the National Unemployed League-and work toward united action by the unemployed and final unification in one solid organization.

Party Machinery in Motion

The party machinery itself in the national office and the local and district units must be set up and put in motion as the first essential for carrying out the Program of Action. That is already being done.

Directives to the branches of the former C.L.A. and A.W.P. instructing them to fuse where branches of both organizations existed and to get the branch of the new party organized and functioning were sent out three days after the close of the convention. The new mempership books are being printed and will be in the mails in a few days.

Enrolling Charter Members Steps are being taken to enroll

immediately the many workers who have been waiting for the fusion. Those who apply for membership before February 1 and who are accepted become, with the members of the former C.L.A. and A.W.P., charter members of the Workers Party.

Despite technical problems in the print shop and the mailing department the party literature is going out to the masses.

Today the first issue of the New Militant, official organ of the W. P., was found "competent" by them. makes its appearance. Pioneer Publishers will have an attractive pamphlet containing the Declaration of Principles and the Constitution ready before another week. Shortly thereafter a pamphlet describing structure and activities of the party will be published.

Launch Speaking Tour

Party speakers are supplementing message of revolutionary unity The United Printers Association through the W. P. Comrade Ochler —the bosses' organization—knows has addressed a meeting in Baltimore. Comrades Cannon and Muste

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Sunday, December 25rd. S.00 p. m.