By A. J. MUSTE

march of triumph.

NEW CASTLE, Pa. and YOUNGS-TOWN, Ohio.-From the debacle which overcame the militant movement of the steel workers last spring when Bill Green and Mike Tighe sabotaged the general strike in the industry, the movement is and of the Bureau of Labor Statisslowly recovering.

The determination to build a union is not dead among the steel code. These two reports, taken toworkers, though they are somewhat lost in the maze of Labor Board elections, injunctions by the steel istics study on wages. In August companies against the union and by 1933, when the code took effect, the union against the companies and what have you. A crisis breaking into a strike may develop in one of these mills where an election is denied.

W.P. Has Many Contacts

The militant leaders hope nothing too serious will break before they get their forces organized better than they were last year. Comrade Cannon and I were called into conference by some of them. We find the Party has many contacts in steel.

Comrades McKinney, Cooper, Sullivan and Berman from Pittsburgh popped into the New Castle meeting. They are hoping to tie in the unemployed movement here with the national movement.

The Party branches in New Castle and Youngstown have a good start and are thoroughly in earnest. The meetings for Comrade Cannon and me brought out most of the active spirits in the locality and made cenverts to the W.P. After the mass meetings, the branches kept the national officers up until four in the morning to discuss branch problems!

CLEVELAND, Ohlo,-On the way up here we visited an .old steel worker's home. He still goes to work when there is work. "We are now, when we used to make that in a day."

mates fainted on the job, narrowly in the 409 cotton textile m'lls studescaping being burned to death. ied was 4.69 percent; from June 30, "He has a wife and three or four 1933 to Dec. 31, 1933, 9.59 percent; children. He just doesn't get from Dec. 31, 1933 to June 30, 1934, enough to cat to let him do a trick 5.15 percent; during the two months in a steel plant,"

Two Husky Sons

in the house-no jobs. The father cal value of investment in plant and pat a question to us-really to the equipment. The F.T.C. cannot pencapitalist system: "Do you think etrate beneath the accounting logic they'll fix it so there will be some- by which employers make out the thing for the young men to do?"

momentous question we got an hour later when we drove through Mc-Donald, where Carnegie Steel was just breaking ground for a new strip mill. Referring to the labor does not allow for the generous to be displaced by the new process, salary which the owner pays himthe young steel worker riding with self as manager. us said: "They won't need anything in this damn industry pretty soon except a few button-pushers."

Same Old Story

here. Same old story as to C.P. and New Deal reconstruction. S.P. They can't meet us in an argument on our Declaration of Principles. The branch has good material, is working out a program of action. It will be felt in the labor struggle in Cleveland.

The branch conference in Cleveland was attended by party memhers from Akron. As dispatches to the New Militant have indicated, things may pop in rubber very soon. If so, Akron will be the first Toledo-Minneapolis of 1986. Our party members and sympathezers are the only advanced group having real access to the rubber workers. Would that Louis Budenz were well enough to take the field. What a chance his America of the Middle West would give him!

TOLEDO, Ohio .-- If there was ever any doubt as to whether our Toledo comrades would be able to dig in and follow up (pever mind if the metaphors are mixed, Comrade Editor) the work they did in the great. Auto Lite strike, that day is past. The Central Labor Union supports the Unemployed Leagues openly. Our comrades are asked

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BuyingPower **Drops Under** "Model" Code

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By JACK ELDER

WASHINGTON .- Did anyone ever believe that the NRA codes would increase the purchasing power of wage earners and redistribute the national income?

Then glance at the recent reports of the Federal Trade Commission tics on the operation of the cotton textile code: NRA's first and model gether, are revealing.

First, the Bureau of Labor Stat half the cotton textile workers earned less than 21.8 cents per hour. In August, 1934, on the eve of the great strike, the median

bourly wage rate was 34.9 cents. But wait-between August 1933 and August 1934 living costs skyrocketed-because of the drought, because of the A.A.A. processing taxes, because the NRA codes permit cartelized price-flxing and

production control. The result? In that one year, real wages--purchasing power-in the cotton industry, in the north fell away 15 percent; in the south, 25 percent.

This, then, was how the cotton textile code raised the purchasing power of hundreds of thousands of

wage slaves. Significantly, real wages moved north, 8 percent in the south-until June, 1934. At that time, NRA agreed to a 25 percent curtailment in cotton production hours-with no compensating wage increase. The mill owners were given full power to sabotage the industry's

productive capacity. Without delay, real wages plunged down. Under pressure of mass misery, the rank-and-file workers forced a nation-wide strike which their leaders choked off at its height,

Meanwhile, what happened to the cotton mill owners? The F.T.C. report shows that from Jan. 1, 1933 The day before, one of his shop- to June 30, 1933 the rate of profit preceding the strike a slight loss is reported-1.84 percent. These rates Two husky sons of our friend sat are calculated upon the hypothetibest case for themselves; i.e., in-The answer of capitalism to that flated original valuations and minimum charge offs for depreciation and obsolescence.

Then, too, the rate of return (constituting an accounting profit)

It now becomes evident why the Cotton Textile Institute loves its code. It is well-calculated to en-We had a well-attended meeting of a high-minded experiment in Fascism are not only wholely inef- A. A. delegates to the "rank and once to the relief headquarters on

ROOSEVELTS INSECURITY PROGRAM

Not economic and social security for wage earners but a scheme for forced thrift imposed upon those who can least afford to be thriftythis is the Administration's "unemployment insurance" and "old age"

pension proposal. The government will not engage to pay a modest income to workers profit-making. Oh no! The govtoward the purchase of an annuity, maturing at the age of 65.

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Akron C. P. Members Follow Zack to W.P.

movement in Akron, Ohio, have the New Militant: left the Communist Party and joined the Workers Party is received as the New Militant goes to NEW MILITANT press. These three new comrades, whose names cannot be given at BROWDERS LABOR PARTY LAST forced the release of 56 Unem-

bers of the C.P. in Akron, The Akron branch of the Work-1934 strike wave.

news, which is further evidence of LONG LIVE WP

News that three of the most in- | the drift toward the Workers Party, fluential members of the labor came in the following telegram to

AKRON OHIO JAN 21 1935

2 WEST 15 ST STRAW AGAIN CONFIRMS WP ployed League members who were this time, were the leading memers Party is especially fortunate in DEMOCRACY UNDER UNPRIN- quarters and occupied it for eleven getting these three trained mili- CIPLED STALINIST LEADER- hours in an attempt to obtain retants at this time. A strike of the SHIP THIS CULMINATION OF lief for 26 strikers in a county-w'de rubber workers is pending. And it LONG SERIES OF UNMARXIAN strike on relief projects. is very likely that Akron will be THEORETICAL, AND TACTICAL the Toledo and Minntopolis of the BLUNDERS LEADS MAJORITY

That Pittsburgh Convention CZAR, to isolate and frame Ted Selander, Sam Pollock and Art Preis,

Steel Progressives Will Lead - A. F. of L. Leaders separate trial. Look Askance at Rank and File Conclave

tion, many of the major A. F. of L. eventual steel strike. unions will be represented. Foremost, of the unions that will parupward slightly-5 percent in the ticipate, from the standpoint of numbers and influence, is the embattled Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel, Tin and Sheet Metal

Ohio Branch Raps League

SPECIAL BULLETIN

branch of the Workers Party has announced its formal withdrawal from the local branch of the American League Against War and Fasmembers in the American League, to take matters into its own hands. if they were not. published Dec. 27 in the Daily! That the Steel union will domi-

face C.P. paper organizations,

gender profits. As for the workers that such organizations as the Out of it will come organizational right back to the court room, ad--let them be happy as guinea pigs | American League Against War and plans that will be placed before the dressed the assembly, and went at fective in fighting fascism, but "by file convent'on" as a proof of their another grievance committee. casting discredit . . . on the move- foolbardy and unwarranted action. ment for a general, genuine united front of working class organizations, it is laying the basis for the triumph of Fascism."

COAL MINERS READY TO WELCOME MUSTE, CANNON

TOVEY, Ill.—Coal miners and other workers are making arrangewho become aged in the service of ments in this mining town to welcome J. P. Cannon and A. J. Muste, ernment will require that each leaders of the Workers Party, when worker make periodic payments they tour the Illinois mine fields, scene of sharp mine strife. Since How much you will receive in the have been victimized and are now address. end will depend: (1) upon the active in unemployed organizations.

PITTSBURGH .- On February 3, file movement has developed in re- Justice-of-the-Peace Nearing to susrank and file delegates from unions cent months directed to the adop- pend sentence on all on a charge affiliated with the A. F. of L. are tion of a militant program of or- of 'illegal trespass" on the public to meet in Pittsburgh. In spite of ganization and opposition to com- property of the county relief buildthe unofficial nature of this conven- pany-unionism on the basis of an ing. A second charge of "unlawful

Revolt Against A. F. of L. convention" is called to consider tinue it because they realize what the decisions of the official San a "hot potatoe" they had grabbed. Francisco convention of the A. F. of L. and to lay plans for carrying out these decisions, which are deputies started to take Pollock Within the union, according to mainly concerned with the exten- and Selander back to jail until the claims of some of its rank and sion of organization. But there is their hearing on the second charge implicit in such a procedure a re- or until bail of \$1,500 was raised, volt against the A. F. of L. official- the entire assemblage surged around

TOLEDO, Ohio. - The Toledo un'on's constitution and to avoid protect them from the crowd.

representative middle class intellec- attend an Executive Council meettual "stooges" and the usual false- ing in Washington devoted to or- offer of \$300 bail was accepted. ganization in the steel industry. The statement ended by asserting The conference is very opportune.

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56 Released as Leaguemen Storm Court

By ART PREIS

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio, Jan. 22.-- A cheering, jeering, clapping, stamping assemblage of Wood County workers and farmers packed the court room here today and THESIS REGARDING CP DE- arrested last Saturday evening af-GENERATION TOWARDS SOCIAL ter they stormed the relief head-

The defendants (ormed solidly into a "56 or None Club", modeled UNIT FIVE AKRON TO RESIGN on the famous "46 or None" trial Announcement of this important FROM CP AND FOLLOW ZACK of the Toledo Auto-Lite strikers, defeated attempts of county officials, acting as agents of "No Work-No Relief" Duncan, county relief Workers Party members and League leaders, by giving them a

The 56 workers, 47 men and nine women, were tried in a body, and by raising the demand "If one goes (By Special Correspondent) | file leaders, a powerful rank and to jail, we all go to jail", forced assemblage" against 55 men and women is set for hearing Jan. 28 Ostensibly, this "rank and file with the officials wanting to con-

Force Leaders' Release At the close of this hearing, when them while the "56 or None Club" There is no prospect that the seized the prisoners, shouting their "rank and file convention" will re- slogan. The police, deputies and ceive the blessings of the officials, officials were helpless; they could Run by C.P. In at least one case, that of the A. not feed or house the hundreds In at least one case, that of the A. not feed or house the hundreds fighe has already put thumbs down with the two prisoners, and the on the whole business, calling on prosecuting attorney and sheriff the rank and file to adhere to the had to appeal to the prisoners to

eny sins against its "solemn ritual". Upon assurance by the prosecut-Normally, plans for organization ing attorney of a drastic bail reissue from the Executive Council duction and release as soon as the tional Boards of the affiliated un- out, the two prisoners quieted their cism, because of the failure of the jons. No such plans have been defenders. The entire group set-American League to take action in forthcoming since the San Fran-tled back into their seats to wait demanding a published retraction c'sco convention and apparently until Pollock and Seander were reof a slanderous story concerning there has arisen a militant rank leased and pledged themselves to the activities of the local W. P. and file leadership strong enough join them again in the county jail

Following several maneuvers by nate the coming convention is con-, the officials, such as an offer to re-In announcing its withdrawal it firmed by the preparations of the lease the prisoners if they would issued a statement pointing out the A. F. of L. top leadership to propi- promise not to return to Bowling pacifist, social-democratic nature of tiate the steel delegates. Bill Green Green and veiled threats that a the local American League, the finds himself unable to attend the "vigilante" group was forming and mechanical domination exercised in organization conference of the Al- they had better leave the countyit by the Communist Party, the uminum workers this past week in which the presence of hundreds of fake united front from below of Pittsburgh because he is obliged to League members in the court room made laughable -- the defendants'

Are Back on Job The released prisoners walked

The entire trial was a farce. It Obviously, it is supposed that was obvious the verdict had been

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Saturday Night Housewarming

NEW YORK CITY .- Champagne band to be furnished by the Cul-Street, takes place on Saturday and lots of soda pop. night, Feb. 2, on the third floor, April 1932, nearly 2,000 miners we'l waxed, of the aforementioned

and Muste will speak Feb. 2, 2 P.M. the skins of hot dogs, etc. A jazz and bring all your friends.

will flow from soda water bottles tural Committee will furnish low when the formal opening of the new brow music, and the ship of the National Headquarters and New new state will be sent down the York District Office at 2 West 15th rails accompanied by high spirits in the bituminous industry to be-The entire membership is invited

A refreshment table of no mean of course all friends and well wish- use, the burden of accident expense number of years you participate in The local school house, under con- proportions will help us make the ers. We'll sing revolutionary songs could probably be reduced to as the scheme; (2) upon your average trol of miner trustees, has been of newly scrubbed hall a little more and play ring around the rosie. low as 1 or 2 percent of mineral yeary earnings over the payment fered as the place where Cannon livable by messing it up a bit with The date is Feb. 2 at about 9 P.M. production costs," say the govern-

United Defense Acts To Mobilize Labor In California Trial

Union Conference Called by Five Groups to Aid 18 Defendants-Decker Bailed Out by NPLD

BULLETIN

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 23 (by Wire).-Caroline Decker, organizer of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Agricultural Workers and leader of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Union, was released on \$3,200 bail yesterday provided by the Non-Partisan Labor

Decker is being defended by the International Labor Defense but applied to the Non-Partisan Labor Defense for bail. Ball was supplied within 24 hours of the receipt of her application. Jack Warnick, another leader of the union defended by the I.L.D., was bailed out two weeks ago at his request by the Nort-Partisan Labor

Two other defendants are out on bail. The remaining 14 are still in jail, where they have been since their arrest last July.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22 (by wire). - The newly formed joint defense committee for the Sacramento trial of 18 workers and labor leaders on criminal syndicalism charges, tonight drafted a call for a evonference of all unions and other labor ofganizations Feb. 10, to mobilize the labor movement.

The call was signed by Charles Gordon for the International Labor Defense, Maurer for the Communist Party, Clarence Rust for the Socialist Party, Barney Moss for the Workers Party, Herbert Solow for the Non-Partisan Labor Defense, and Dr. George Hedley, director of the Civil Liberties Union, as temporary chairman of the committee. The

Local 68 (A.F. of L.) have already the last possible moment to combat Shipyard Union and Machinists* endorsed the defense committee. The conference will be preceded by class which is prosecuting the 18

united front mass meeting Feb. 1. The first meeting of the united front defense committee was held Jan. 19, at the end of the first week of the trial.

The united front came at almost

Second Blast In Mine Kills 11, Injures 71

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Jan. 21.-Eleven miners were killed outright i first week digging up communist and 71 injured, at least one fatally, in the second blast in the main Goldman, defense attorneys, proof the A. F. of L. and the Interna- legal arrangements were carried shaft of the Gilberton mine here tested but the stuff goes on. within a week. The first blast resulted in the death of one miner.

fatally, injured directed a rescue objected but was overruled. party to an alley where ten of his comrades lay helpless. When the pointed out that during the eight rescue party returned to him he days' adjournment the jury had

WASHINGTON. — The United States is "the most backward major industrial nation in the matter of mine accident prevention", according to the report of the Minerals Planning Committee of the National Resources Board. Its accident rate is exceeded only by that

"Miners and their families lose between \$50,000,000 and \$100,000, attorney, Babcock, was any fairer 000 in income annualy due to preventable accidents and ill health," says the report. The average age of the coal miner who is killed is

Ten or more percent of the mine cost of producing coal or ore is due to the various factors entering into accident occurrence, which amount tween \$30,000,000 and \$50,000,000 a year. "If already known and available improved safety methods and -Los Angeles, please notice—and measures could be put into general

the united front of the capitalist officers and active workers of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Not only the employers of the

leys, who "suffered" from the union's successful strikes last year, but the whole capitalist class of California is demanding San Quentin prison sentences. The Hearst press, the "Associated

San Joaquin and Sacramento Val-

Farmers", the Industrial Association, indeed every businessmen's organization is calling for the victimization of these trade unionists, Racial and religious prejudices

of the jury are being roused by the prosecution, which spent the whole expressions on the churches and the Negro. Leo Gallagher and Albert

Special Prosecutor Stays When the trial opened, former

Although the miners were warned District Attorney Neil McAlister, by the company "not to talk" they defeated in the last election and reported that the blast followed the presumably replaced by the new detonation of a shot of dynamite. district attorney, suddenly turned The blust was undoubtedly caused up as a deputy attorney general by faulty ventilation of the mine, placed in charge of the case with which allowed the accumulation of the financial backing of California's leading businessmen's organiz-A miner, Richard Evans, although ations. Attorney Gallagher (I.L.D.)

> Attorney Goldman (N.P.L.D.) been subjected to a torrent of newspaper propaganda. Judge Lemmon hurriedly sent the jury out of the court room, fearing the effect of Goldman's charges.

> Goldman declared that the mob spirit created by the press warranted a mistrial, and a postponement of the trial for six months. He also called for reduction of bail and investigation into the switching of prosecutors. He made clear that he did not think the new district than McAllister. All these motions

Prosecution "Bargains" Rejected

The prosecution has fried to induce defendants to turn state's evidence in return for dismissal of their particular cases. Donald Bingham, tubercular union member who has spent six months in the county jail, turned down such an

The prosecution is especially ancious to get Norman Mini out of the case. The fact that this former West Pointer, sole native Sacramento defendant, stands solidly with the other defendants spoils the district attorney's argument that the prisoners are aliens trying to foist "foreign'sms" on "the great American nation". Mini, too, has flatly rejected the prosecution's overtures.

The joint defense committee's agreement limited representation to political and defense organizations

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HE Workers Party is expanding at a rapid pace, so | rapid as to completely outdistance our meagre funds. We have our principles, we have our men, workers are crying to be organized, the field is vast, the opportunities

are here. At the present moment we have contacts in the steel industry who are working in the progressive movement. The steel industry is one of the critical battlegrounds in the coming struggles of the American workers, and the progressive movement will be the determining factor in

The Workers Party must, it is our revolutionary duty to maintain our work in steel. BUT WE MUST HAVE

In Akron, the center of the rubber industry, where a strike is imminent, we have been extremely fortunate. The leaders of the local C.I. unit, who are active in the unions and in workers' education, have resigned from the C.P. and come over to the W.P. just this week. These comrades form a nucleus from which we may penetrate thou- HAVE FUNDS.

sauds upon thousands of workers. We are sending organizers into the field immediately.

But in order that the comrades may carry on this vital work, WE MUST HAVE FUNDS. In Detroit, where tens of thousands of automobile

workers are in a constant ferment, we have already established several party organizers. They are carrying the tradition of Toledo right into the heart of the automobile To maintain this work, WE MUST HAVE FUNDS. Last week we mentioned the expense of a new press to

take care of the increased circulation of our publications. This week the need becomes even more imperative, so imperative that we are already negotiating for the press, although the money is not yet in sight. We have undertaken the printing of a national paper

for the N.U.L. It is hardly necessary to emphasize the importance of this step; a national paper will unify and promote the unemployed movement to a tremendous political force. We are fortunate to be able to assist in this work, where many of our comrades are active—BUT WE MUST

To facilitate our activities we have moved to the new office. It is a great advantage to have our work centralized; to have a place where all our committees can meet. At last we have a little space; the Political Committee no longer has to convene on the editor's desk. The International Workers School, an invaluable instrument in the class war, at last has space of its own, where the classes may meet in some semblance of order.

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