

N.U.L. Plans Caravan to Washington

To Get Out Nat'l Paper For Jobless

A Caravan to Washington in May, before Congress adjourns, to present its nine-point program...

The N.U.L. also announces that beginning soon after March 1 it will issue a national weekly paper...

In Columbus, the N.U.L. has moved into new headquarters, room 500, 232 North High Street...

Protests against the administration's attempts to kill the "prevailing rate of wage" amendment...

"We hold that all employees have the duty and right to employment," the letter continues...

The Caravan to Washington is the outgrowth of the National Unemployed Day demonstration last Nov. 24...

The nine-point program for National Unemployed Day has now been incorporated into a Workers Security Bill...

- 1. The 30-hour week for labor. 2. A \$10,000,000,000 public works program... 3. Unemployment insurance... 4. Proportionate cash relief...

In announcing the new paper, the N.U.L. explains: "Competent research men will give an analysis of the administration's relief program..."

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16 Sentenced for 'Riot' In Fargo; Labor Aroused

The strike of Drivers Local 173, Fargo, N. D., which has been on since Jan. 22, is still going strong...

Local 173 has developed some rather unusual weapons in its latest fight. On Monday every highway leading into Fargo was picketed...

To raise funds to continue its fight, Local 173 is sending a troupe of Union boxers and wrestlers to nearby communities...

The Special Strike Bulletin continues to appear on Fargo's streets despite Judge Paulson's whims...

By ROBERT WHITCOMB ST. PAUL.—While sixteen of the 60 Fargo strikers indicted on the "crime" of "riot" have been found guilty...

The greatest tactical error on the part of the opposition (employers, police, banks and Chamber of Commerce) all connected with the Twin City reactionaries...

The Bosses Make a Mistake The greatest tactical error on the part of the opposition...

Comrade James P. Cannon will come to Pittsburgh with detailed reports of his trip to California.

WP to Hold Conference

It is "hard to hold back a California delegation" from trekking to Pittsburgh, writes Comrade James P. Cannon...

Reports on the "hot" situations of Fargo, Sacramento, Akron, in steel, rubber, automobiles etc., and consideration of the growth of the Party during the first three months since the merger of the former A. W. P. and C.L.A. will have a prominent place on the agenda.

The National Committee will have the task of analyzing the developments which are taking place in other parties, C.P., S.P., etc.

AFL to Aid Akron Bosses Fight 'Reds'

A burning example of what workers can expect from the current and much ballyhooed A. F. of L. unionization drive in auto and steel industries was seen in the "great offensive drive" of William Green...

Green's son-in-law, William Shepler, attorney for the rubber unions, openly told the Akron rubber workers at a mass rally which started the campaign...

High praise for President Roosevelt followed the attack on Communism, Shepler saying that "We are fortunate in having a President whose government we know is on the side of the workers!"

Coleman C. Claberty, special organizer for the rubber industry and close associate of Green, then urged the rubber workers to join the A. F. of L. and quit being "dumb" by remaining in the company union.

The Firestone local, containing about 2,000 members (formerly it had 8,000) has threatened to split the notion became steel and iron.

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And built for action—and plenty of punishment. Here it was. A grand thing to look at. But no juice. The power trust was sabotaging the revolution. What is the puny power trust to the invincible power of Marxism, said the manager—and the juice streamed through. Now we could see what the new press could do.

Its fast rolling cylinders could turn out the paper in less than half the time required on the old paper. It could print all four pages at one time. It could cut the paper while in motion. An improvement? No, a miracle!

Better take another slug out of the old oxygen belt, because we're not through with you yet. The old saying that it never rains but it pours is really revolutionary—in case you didn't know. We have some more machinery to knock the wind out of your sails. First a Laddow machine. Just a technical name to the non-printers. But it means mountains to the boys in the shop.

Then there is something that will warm the heart of the laymen in New York. A folding machine! Two days

Mini on Stand Gives Lie to 'Stool-pigeon' Charge

Further proof of the degeneration of the leadership of the Communist Party is the campaign of slander and vilification it is now carrying on against Norman Mini, one of the 17 defendants on trial in Sacramento under the criminal syndicalism laws of that state.

What is the reason for these gutter ethics of the C. P.? Norman Mini is a member of the Workers Party. He left the Communist Party to join the Workers Party. That is all the reason there is.

How much longer will the honest and decent members of the Communist Party permit their leaders to slander and vilify such courageous revolutionaries as Norman Mini? How much longer will they give their loyalty and devotion to a party that fosters such leadership?—Ed.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 15.—Defiantly countering the efforts of Special Deputy Attorney General McAlister to heap slander and misrepresentation upon the revolutionary movement, and equally defiantly giving the lie to the campaign of slander against him being conducted jointly by the Hearst and Communist Party press, Norman Mini yesterday expounded from the witness stand in the Superior Court of his native county the revolutionary program of Marx and Lenin, and affirmed undying loyalty to the cause of the working class.

As soon as Albert Goldman, noted Socialist and labor attorney retained by the Non-Partisan Labor Defense, completed his examination of Mini, first and only witness on his own behalf in the criminal syndicalism trial now in its seventh week, Mini's co-defendants gathered about him to praise his courageous stand.

Again when McAlister, wrathfully indignant at his inability to trap or bulldoze the witness, completed a four-hour cross-examination, the defendants hailed the hope that he would be able to express with equal clarity, dignity and force his determined opposition to the capitalist system and the government which is its chief administrative arm.

Workers Demonstrate Solidarity On the courthouse steps after the session, workers crowded about Mini to shake his hand and voice solidarity. Not two feet away stood the salesman of the Western Worker, organ of the Communist Party, which has proclaimed Mini, now facing a long term in San Quentin for his loyalty to the revolutionary cause, to be a renegade and stool-pigeon.

Immediately after Mini's cross examination, Attorney Goldman departed for Chicago, inasmuch as the next few weeks will be devoted to presentation of defense testimony by Leo Gallagher, I.L.D. attorney. Goldman will return to argue Mini's case before the jury. Before he left, several defendants had last minute consultations with him as to their tactics during his absence.

Before court adjourned yesterday, McAlister admitted he had presented no evidence linking the defendant Luther Minicy with any activities proscribed by the criminal syndicalism statute, and the case against Minicy was dismissed. Apparently unaware that the Stalinists have "proven" Mini to be a stool-pigeon, the prosecutor failed to move the dismissal of the charges against the lone Workers Party member on trial.

The examination by Attorney Goldman was constantly hobbled by Judge Dal M. Lemmon, who has hitherto been unusually careful to appear to be without animus against the defense. Lemmon had earlier permitted the prosecutors to present to the jury all sorts of

The California S. P. has placed the question of withdrawal from the national party on the agenda of its next convention.

The Oregon S. P. has left the national party.

The Militants, it is reported, will shortly issue their own weekly paper, the Socialist Call. Norman Thomas has withdrawn his column from the New Leader and presumably will write for the left-wing weekly. Militants are now heard declaring a "split is inevitable".

In so far as this indicates a recognition that there are real issues within the S. P. which must be settled on a principled basis, this is a sign of progress in the developments within the party.

The Militants have in the past been weak because they have let

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The New Press Is Here; We'll Do Our Part If You Do Yours!

HONESTLY, we really don't believe in miracles. That is, we didn't until now.

Let's start with history. That's the best way for a writer to get out of a jam. When the idea was first admitted we were somewhat intrigued. But we must admit that we were also somewhat skeptical. Yes, to be sure we needed a new press. A mountain of literature to turn out. The New Militant every week, and that wants a couple of additional pages. The New International every month. Young Spartacus just as often. A raft of pamphlets and God knows what else our ambitious party leaders are cooking up.

There had to be a new press. The old rattletrap—God bless its memory—it did its work faithfully, if not so obediently for five years. It gave birth to an issue of the Militant every week. Trotsky's immortal pamphlets were conceived on it. From its sturdy bed the New International saw the light of day.

But that's all reminding. It's the warm glow in our heart thrilling in retrospect for the old master. The cold and brutal truth is that every press, like every dog, has its day. Now progress demanded that it take a back seat. (How's that for mixing metaphors?) Mathematically computed the old junk, running at high speed could only produce 1,000 impressions an hour. At that rate our overworked but uncompensating pressman would have to keep his nose to the grindstone twenty-four hours a day. And then the work wouldn't be done. Taking all this in account the party brain trust got together and decided for a new press. Yes, but how? Where were the coconuts to come from? Since Moscow had turned cold on us and Hearst had stopped making donations the doubting Thomases said it couldn't be done. But the impossible did happen. And

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hand labor involving twenty comrades who should be out boosting the party will be eliminated by this machine. It folds the New Militant down to mail size. It folds the international. It folds all pamphlets.

And that's not all. A stitching machine has been purchased which will make the labors of our shop complete and turn out our work completely—a finished product. A mechanical saw run by electricity to eliminate the ridiculous efforts of our printers who until now have chopped and chopped on an old hand saw sometimes hit and most-times miss. That's all over now and we can do the job in the good old American labor saving custom.

All right, catch your breath. The story is almost over now. But stick with us a little longer. The most important part of the story is yet to come.

The dream has come true. But it's really not ours, because we don't own it. And because we have to pay a raft of debts to get it running.

This is where you come in. We'll give you a bigger paper with a new press. You give us what it takes to put it out. Fair exchange, eh? Machinery debts, rent, electric bills, gas bills, paper bills. Our past is here to plague us. And our present troubles to hold us back. The new press is indeed a new advance for the revolutionary movement. To make it secure, to hold on to it we need your assistance.

Crudely, bluntly and without the trimmings—we need money. So shell out generously and trimmings. Dig deep into your pockets and your purses and send your donations, your collection lists, your fulfilled quotas for the party foundation fund pronto to the New Militant, 2 West 15th St., New York City. We'll do our part if you do yours...

By JACK ELDER

WASHINGTON.—It is easier to understand the Roosevelt legislative program or 1935 than or 1933 and 1934. The New Deal is intellectually bankrupt. It has come to the end of its rope in high-minded social experimentation, in absurd pretenses at economic planning, in the diversity of quack stimulants to keep production for profit alive.

The proposed Work Relief bill represents the scrapping of the high wage, mass purchasing power pretense of the NRA. The government, under the guise of carrying forward public works, intends to drive building trades wages down to the level of \$50 a month. It does so in the conviction that what holds back revival in the capital goods industries is high labor costs. The answer: deflate wages upon the pretense of giving work (which is a moral "tonic") rather than the dole (which is a moral "dope") to the unemployed.

PRESIDENT IS CONSISTENT

In standing against the "prevailing rate of pay" amendment (upon which the Senate revolvers insist), the President is consistent with his past behavior. CWA was scrapped because it paid wages which operated to make effective the nominal wages set forth in the codes. The bottom was later cut out of the FERA relief payments for the very same reason. The government, under the terms of the Work Relief bill, must not "compete" with private employers in the labor market. This means that the government must relinquish the one and only device which might conceivably force employers into complying with the code labor standards.

At the same time, however, the President requests Congress to renew the NRA for two years. Concretely, this can mean only one thing: a continuation of the cartelizing tendencies already long operative before the Recovery Act, and to which the Act gave the official blessing of the law. More monopolies; more price fixing; more production curtailment; more allocation of output quotas—in short, jamming down upon the economic system the rule of the Code authorities. On really and truly raising wage rates; on really and truly shortening the work-week, the President is altogether silent. As for Section 7a, he contents himself with a brief pious hypocrisy.

WAGNER'S LABOR BILL

Senator Wagner's newly-introduced Labor Disputes Bill—which would outlaw the company union—is not an Administration measure. It could not be an Administration measure, for the President is the last man in the world to expose big business to the pressure of genuine collective bargaining. The bill, so far as it outlaws the company union, will not pass. So far, however, as it clears the path for the progress of compulsory arbitration, there is every reason to believe that the Administration will find certain features of it worth saving.

SHADOW BOXING

The so-called "Social Security" program is slowly moving through the legislative mill of committee hearings. These hearings are mere shadow boxing. The President and his advisers know what they want and are determined to get it: not security for the unemployed, the aged, and the sick by levying taxes upon the rich, but rather compulsory saving by which wage earners are compelled to pay for the hazards and risks inflicted upon them by a capitalist system.

Despite all the President's loose talk about "redistributing wealth and income", no plans for changing the present taxation system are being contemplated. Neither income and corporate profit taxes, on the one hand, nor inheritance taxes on the other, will be raised; at least not to the detriment of the Mellons, the Du Ponts, the Gracors and their ilk. If we can expect anything new as fiscal policy, we may shortly expect a reversion to the "balanced budget" ideal. When this comes it will mark the final retreat from the

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—The Business Manager JOIN THE WORKERS PARTY.