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the labor movement, tied with a thousand threads to the ruling interests, are incapable of any real struggle against them...

These struggles are bound to increase and multiply; there is no other way for the workers to protect themselves. The Government will then throw off its mask of benevolence toward the unions and come out openly as a strike breaker.

The case of local 574 is a test of the capacity of militants to cope with one of the key problems of strategy in the trade union movements. Alert militants in all parts of the country are bound to follow this development closely to see how the attack is met in Minneapolis.

Two simple rules govern their strategy, each of equal importance.

First, they do not take the treacherous attack of Tobin lying down. They do not capitulate or give way to despair. They are not taken by surprise; the iron militants of Local 574 knew long ago that Tobin and his ilk are nothing but class enemies disguised as labor leaders.

They prepared the ranks for the conspiracy, and Tobin's probable part in it, and took the offensive to mobilize the labor movement for the fight in good time.

Second, the union does not run away from the Teamsters' International and the A. F. of L. merely because a panic-stricken bureaucrat wants to get rid of them.

Meantime they take their case to the Central Labor Union in Minneapolis, appeal directly to every affiliated local union for support and aid in their fight for reinstatement, and prepare to carry the fight to the State Federation of Labor Convention.

This tactic goes hand in hand with an organizing and recruiting campaign to bring every eligible worker into the union.

With the present mood of the laboring masses who are animated more and more by the feeling that they have nothing to lose, such a spirit and tactic is the prescription for labor success and advancement.

What is happening at Minneapolis today will be repeated on a wide scale in the next rise of the class struggle. It is sheer utopianism to expect anything else; the part of wisdom is to understand what is coming and to prepare for it.



Local 574 Under Fire Again

The revocation of the charter of Minneapolis Local 574 by Tobin, the reactionary president of the Teamsters' International, and the attempt, by this simple trick, to "outlaw" the union, coincides with a new conspiracy of the bosses to rob the Minneapolis labor movement of the gains made in the great strikes of 1934.

Local 574 was beyond all question the leader and the inspiring and organizing force of the resurgent movement which put trade unionism on its feet in Minneapolis. Naturally, therefore, the new maneuver of the notorious Citizens' Alliance, operating this time through a stooge organization known as the "Committee of 100," is directed first of all at the stronghold of unionism represented by Local 574.

The issue presented here is one of paramount importance to the labor movement of Minneapolis, for its fate is directly involved in the outcome of the new attempt to isolate and destroy the mighty local of Drivers, Helpers and Inside workers. The strategy, now, as in 1934, is to break 574, then crush the other unions one by one; and from the standpoint of the bosses it is a pretty good strategy.

Beyond that, the attempt to "outlaw" Local 574 is a matter of profound concern to the labor movement at large, especially to the unions of newly organized workers. The latter, attempting correctly to exist within the framework of the general labor movement represented by the A. F. of L., are confronted with a dilemma.

The bitter experiences of the steel, textile, auto and rubber workers, to mention only a few outstanding examples, all testify to the truth that the new unions have nothing whatever to gain on this road.

On the other hand, the unions which take the course of direct struggle to enforce their demands, as Local 574 did with such exemplary militancy, run straight up against the irreconcilable antagonism of the reactionary bureaucracy.

workers of Cleveland will stand solidly together when a common danger threatens. This point was especially emphasized by the speaker for the Workers Party, Comrade Nathan Gould. He was the only speaker who mentioned the word "revolution."

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5,000 in Cleveland May First Parade

CLEVELAND, O., May 1.—Approximately 5,000 workers turned out to Public Square to celebrate May Day. It was a real united front demonstration, the first that Cleveland has seen for some years.

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Debate on WP vs. SP Scheduled in N. Y.

"Which Party for American Labor? Workers Party or Socialist Party?" will be debated Thursday afternoon at 3 P.M. at New York University, Washington Square, Main Building, room 581.

Murray Baron, leader of the Militants, will defend the S. P. and Joseph Carter, administrator of the International Workers School will present the program of the Workers Party.

The debate is under the auspices of the N.I.U. chapter of the Student League for Industrial Democracy and the Discussion Club. All interested are invited.

Heed the Call of Toledo!

(Continued from Page 1) made complete, the union got a signed agreement with the firm, and the company union was smashed.

The comrades of the W. P. did not go to sleep after that great effort or become arm-chair philosophers trying to live on the glory of the fight that was past. Patiently they gathered a few progressives in the unions around them.

Thus the tradition of militancy was built up in the Automobile Workers Union in Toledo and to a large extent in other unions. As Oliver Myers, business agent of the Electrical Workers Union in Toledo, stated at the recent A. F. of L. conference in Washington which was passing resolutions as usual and letting it go at that: "We don't do things like this in Toledo. We strike the damned job. We don't come down to Washington, we go on the picket line."

Distrust of trade union officials who try to make the workers believe that their hope lies in "cooperation" with the bosses, and government agencies such as the Automobile Labor Board, was built up at least among the more progressive workers. Local union officials like Ramsey who played a questionable role in the Auto-Lite strike were undermined.

Week after week demonstrated that a revolutionary party such as the W. P. with a sound trade union policy is a tower of strength to the workers. Not one strike was lost in Toledo this past year. The Auto Workers Federal Union 18384 alone gained thousands of members, signed contracts with every important automobile parts plant in Toledo, and substantially improved conditions.

That is the background of the strike that broke the apathy and peace of the automobile situation last Tuesday and made it impossible for Wm. S. Knudsen himself to get into the Chevrolet plant until strike chairman, Jimmy Roland, granted permission.

To the crucial struggle which has now begun the Workers Party pledges anew its fullest support. (As I write these words, a union member comes into the room to report that the strike meeting tonight cheered and cheered again when the telegram of Morris Lewitt, N. Y. District Organizer of the W. P., pledging support and telling about the picketing of General Motors offices in New York by the W. P., was read.) Well do we know that if this strike attains its objective and brings General Motors to its knees a great step will have been taken toward that day when the giant American working-class rises in its might to smash capitalism.

The Strike Committee has outlined a sound policy: No going back to work except on the basis of a signed contract giving genuine union recognition.

Direct negotiations between strike committee and management—no turning over of authority to negotiate to government boards or union officials in Washington.

Extension of the strike to every General Motors plant in the country.

Establishment of machinery to coordinate the strike and settlement activity on a national scale.

We call upon our Party throughout the land, upon the unions, the unemployed leagues, all working-class organizations, to provide genuine, constant and enthusiastic support to the strike. Respond to every call from the union for help! Assist in manning the picket lines! Call upon any General Motors plants still working to come out on strike! Picket the sales-rooms and offices of General Motors! Refuse to buy any General Motors products, automobiles, Frigidaires, etc.!

For a victorious strike! For decisive defeat of the anti-labor policy of the automobile barons!

For a fighting national union of automobile workers! Workers in steel, textiles, rubber, automobiles, mining, every great industry, hear the call of Toledo!

Make the Chevrolet strike the signal for a general series of assaults upon the Roosevelt starvation policy and entrenched American capitalism!

May Day March Biggest in Years

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culminated and at this point the enthusiasm of the workers was considerably dampened by the maladrofit arrangements which required the marchers to fold up their banners under police supervision and to proceed to the meeting in the park proper with their ranks broken.

The meeting in the park itself proved to be a harmless concert which, except for the speech of Comrade James P. Cannon, was entirely out of harmony with the militant, fighting spirit of the workers displayed throughout the parade. The reformist leaders of the unions and of the Socialist Party seemed more concerned to prove their "respectability" and "patriotism" to the park commissioner and the capitalist city government than to comply with the spirit of the May Day celebrations.

Cannon Stresses Struggle

In his brief speech at the Mall, Comrade Cannon introduced the only note of revolutionary tenor in the whole meeting, sharply distinguishing himself from Antonini, Waldman, Norman Thomas and company by stressing the struggle character of May Day as represented and expressed by the heroic strike in Toledo. He warned against the war preparations of the capitalists and concluded that the only factor working for peace is the revolutionary struggle for the overthrow of capitalism.

400 members and sympathizers of the Workers Party gathered at Germania Hall in the evening to round off the day with a celebration fitting for the day and for the party, which embodies its essential spirit.

The Communist Party parade, which had to be carried on separately because the sectarian and splitting tactics of former years still makes the mass of the workers wary of a united front with them, and enables the reformist leaders to sabotage every move for united action, brought together about 50,000 and culminated in a mass meeting at Union Square. The pacifism which the Communist Party leaders introduced into it was of the same kind as that of the reformist union leaders and the S. P. "old guard" at Central Park.

LEFT . . . JABS

By BILL SHERMAN

POLICE HERO

Philadelphia, April 2—Nicholas Scafid, a policeman who received the Bok award of \$1,000 for bravery in 1928, was sentenced today to serve from 7 to 20 years in the Western Penitentiary for robbery. (News item.)

FASCIST FUTURE FORETOLD

Mussolini, fat and comfortable, spoke to 15,000 Italian workers on April 28. "I know you well. I read in your eyes what are your most intimate hopes and your spirit. I know you are not looking for a comfortable life."

AS RARE AS ALBINO FROGS

"A Socialist Party is a party of the workers. It is a revolutionary party. . . . Each party member must have his voice in the formation of party program. . . . He must have the right within the party to agitate for changes in management, in program, in tactics. . . . But he must confine his efforts to party circles. No Socialist carries his party differences to the capitalist press. . . . No Socialist ever splits his ticket. . . . Every Socialist is first and foremost a discipline propagandist for socialism." Editorial, Socialist Call. Would someone give the habitat of such a Socialist Party and such Socialists as described here? Around these parts they are as rare as albino frogs.

TWO OF A KIND

"Me an' Morgan ain't taxable," say the headlines quoting Dutch Schultz. The comparison of Schultz with the big tax dodger, J. P. Morgan, is certainly apt.

RED OR GREEN BANNERS?

Among the many leaflets issued by the Communist Party and its satellites, the one issued by the Irish Workers Clubs deserves special mention. This leaflet calls on the workers to "march on May Day to Union Square under our green banner."

AGAIN PEACE

"House votes \$407,805,261 Bill for navy of treaty strength. Every move to cut appropriation is blocked. Measure calls for 24 new ships, 555 airplanes and an increase of 11,677 in personnel." (Headlines in New York Times.) The Times says 66 other ships are being built with funds from a PWA allotment. At a speed unprecedented in world history this and other nations are preparing for war.

Phila. W. P. in May Day Unity

PHILADELPHIA, May 1.—Not in words but by stirring action did the Workers Party, Phila. Branch show how much it desires the unity of the working class. The banner of the Workers Party flew proudly on the platform in Reayburn Plaza throughout the whole day. From twelve o'clock noon when together with the Socialist Party and many trade unions, the Party marched into the square, until three o'clock, when the Socialist Party closed its meeting the Workers Party banner was side by side with the banner of the other labor organizations. Then amid the hush that followed the closing of the meeting, comrade Roberts of the party stepped to the microphone and in the name of the Party invited the fifteen thousand workers to stay and participate in the Communist Party demonstration which was scheduled on Reayburn Plaza from 3 until 5 o'clock.

Several hundred Stalinists boomed when Comrade Roberts started to speak but his stirring appeal for unity of the working class changed those very boos into cheers and when he had finished a mighty roar of approval went up from the crowd.

When the meeting was over the Party and its sympathizers marched in the Communist Party parade for over two miles. Cheers for the Fourth International, the W.P., Comrade Trotsky, and many other slogans were roared to the skies and to the interested thousands that lined the road of the parade.

The end of the parade was just as dramatic as had been the events of the whole day. The parade was to end in a park several miles from Reayburn Plaza. In military formation four abreast the Party comrades and their sympathizers marched into the park. The path on both sides was lined with thousands of Communists and their sympathizers as the Party marched in behind their banner. In the center of the park the column came to a halt at attention. A silence spread over the park. A comrade stepped from the ranks. He raised his hand and "Long live the Workers Party" rolled through the park. Again he raised his hand: "Long live the United May Day" thundered to the sky, with the cheers of the Communist Party comrades who could no longer hold back their desire for a true united front between all working class parties.