Zero Hour Sounds for New World War

come."

to mobilize forces of this size with military precision and complete secrecy up to the very moment of the demonstration gives some idea of the latent forces of Fascism which are waiting their chance to take over power in France. Unlike when the time comes to settle the board any pretensions to liberalism some of the other, smaller Fascist organizations in the country, the Croix de Feu does not draw for its membership on declassed lumpen proletarians. Its ranks are made up principally of substantial petty bourgeois citizens drawn from the upper strata of the middle classes. Almost all its members are war veterans, and their sons, now in their early 'twenties, are organized in Les Volontaires Nationaux, the youth organization of the Croix de

Unlike the other Fascist groups, the Croix de Feu does not flaunt its armed bands but it is widely known that the Croix de credited with having nearly 100 planes. On one or two occasions arms caches of the Croix de Feu

of the cache became known. Supported by Finance Capital

and political support of finance and attacks of the growing Fascist Federation officials have fought the ror waged by the Kuomintang Addis Ababa, but in Rome." heavy industrial capital. The Wen- bands, we will have in France a Alliance from the beginning. We against all revolutionaries. We candels and their Comite des Forges repetition of the events in Austria are the principal contributors to and in Spain a bornia to and in Spain a bornia but futile are the principal contributors to and in Spain-a heroic but futile cooperation with the rank and file We cannot remain content with August 21 writes: "On the governthe Croix de Fen war chest. The last-minute resistance. NOW is the of the Federation of Labor we shall merely feeling deeply for the suforganization is closely related to time to prepare, and the deliberate the French General Staff, a num- refusal of the Stalinist and Socialber of whose most prominent figures ist bureaucracies to put the French are actually in its ranks. The po- workers on the alert is a gross belitical power de la Rocque repre- trayal, heavy even now with possents is already formidable. During sible future catastrophes. the last cabinet crisis which brought Laval into power, he was consulted in the inner governmental councils and was reported to have Packed Hall Hears threatened to bring his forces out into the streets if any attempt was Cannon Lecture in body. made to install a so-called left-wing

serious Fascist movement in France. When the French bourgeoisie decides that the time has come to ing Plaza Hall last Sunday evening finish with the organizations of the to hear the lecture on "From Lenin working class, it will depend upon to Stalin" by James P. Cannon. The de la Rocque and his followers to audience, including dozens of Stal- the Bolshevik-Leninist who had ters stand. do the job. He is equipped to do inists and Socialists listened with made his escape from the U.S.S.R. it not only by virtue of his connec- great interest to the glaring con- depicts a horrible scene of persecuveterans' organizations, the Union in. Nationale des Danciens Combat-

Roi, the youth group affiliated to bolized social democratic betrayal and exile since the beginning of ner of revolutionary international ary dictatorship. Even in Holland, different political camps; between ism! organization. These young blades, were the organizers and leaders of eight years. It is apparent even under conditions of complete isola- revolutionists-internationalists like neither into the Second or the Third mostly of the student type and the Russian Revolution and the from the official Soviet press that tion, cut off from all information, Sneevliet and Schmidt have paid Internationals there are also serithe wealth of their families and the for the Seventh Congress Stalin- sands of old and young revolution- tions. It is necessary to protest talism during the recent years. old ex-aristocracy, have had a long Laval are the symbols of Stalinist ists have been subjected to arrests, openly and with all our might and street actions during the past ten in which Stalin recognizes the need for merely disapproving his brutal- enemies but in the defense of the years and they are well-armed with for maintaining and strengthening ity with regard to Zinoviev, Kam- autocratic rule of the bureaucracy carabines and revolvers. They num- the army of French imperialism. has been utilized as a strikebreak- Cannon, ing agency. It is now organized in The lecture on "From Lenin to here, it cannot be used here. . . . ernally between themselves. the so-called "Front Nationale" to- Stalin" was the first of a series of Nothing is to be obtained here, not But agitation, protests and col- 14-year jail sentence, who was ing under the banner of the Fourth against Italy and Germany! Acgether with a new and powerful four entitled "On the Road to the even vegetables." Another exile, lection of funds do not suffice. It shamefully betrayed by the Comin- International would of course read- claiming the decision of the Socialorganization known as La Solidar- Fourth International." The sub- cut off from his friends for years, is necessary to provide constant and tern in whose ranks he had fought. ily join such an organization. But ist International to support the ite Francaise. The latter maintains jects for the remainder of the ser- deprived of the opportunity to cor- correct organizational assistance to regularly trained armed bands, ics are: Sunday, September 29, respond with his family, even with those revolutionist-internationalists counts no less than 10,000 in its "Working Class Policy in the Im- his children, writes on a postcard about whom the Second and Third ranks and has a powerful weapon pending War"; Sunday, October 6, which came through accidentally: Internationals remain unconcerned, in the Paris daily, "Ami du Peuple," ["The Struggle Against Fascism"; "We are on the road of the old who are ignored by the reformist tionals as well as the trade union minorities within the old Internawhich is more or less its official Sunday, October 12, "The Road to Lafargues," thus hinting at an at- trade unions, and whom the bour- bureaucracies on a common plat- tionals and the trade unions. The

| being the Fascists of France, They Last week the Croix de Feu, the number some 5,000, most of whom principal Fascist organization in are enrolled in armed bands which France, gave another of those sud- conduct a regular course of trainden demonstrations of its strength ing in the art of civil war. They in a series of surprise rallies around enjoy subsidies from a number of Paris and in other sections of the big capitalists and are generally country. Upwards of 30,000 men credited with accepting subsidies listened to their leader, Colonel from the propaganda agencies of Francois Casinier de la Rocque who both Hitler and Mussolini for carassured them: "Our time will rying on pro-Fascist propaganda in France. Its organ, "Le Franciste," The ability of the Croix de Feu uses exceedingly radical language.

Fight for Workers' Militia

in hand. It is to reply to the threat boration, right wing attitute. represented by these various organizations that the French Bolshevik- Workers Alliance was no surprise. Leninists are agitating for the or- Last Spring while the Illinois jobganization of an armed workers less were fighting for their very militia trained to defend itself ef- right to exist, holding large demfectively against the inevitable Fascist attack. This demand is stamped of relief stations and against the as a "provocation" by the Stalinist sales tax, Rueben Soderstrom and and Socialist bureaucracies who Victor Olander, president and secconfine their "fight against Fas- retary, respectively, of the Federacism" to demanding formally that tion, issued public statements conthe government disarm the Fascist demning the Alliance for leading

There is no fixed or rigid formula tax. Olander is a member of the for the development of Fascism. Illinois Emergency Relief Commis-People who fail to see any specta- sion while Soderstrom is a Repub-Feu has not only built up large cular movement similar to that of lican member of the legislature. stocks of arms and ammunition but delude themselves if they think that there is therefore no serious out an energetic program to carry Fascist threat. Fascism may come forth the demands of the jobless. to power in France by nothing more Officers of the Alliance state that have been uncovered by police who d'etat engineered by the General Labor will have little or no bearcomplicated than a military coup the position of the Federation of have been drawn off the case as Staff and the Croix de Feu. If the ing in the future relations between workers are not mobilized for a the unemployed and the rank and comrades. The Communist League hope that the working masses of England are willing to make them the unemployed and the rank and comrades. The Communist League hope that the working masses of England are willing to make them sanctions as a threat against Italgeneral strike and the struggle for file in the various trade unions. their own power, if they are not armed and organized to recal the De la Rocque enjoys the financial armed and organized to repel the tary of the LW.A., stated that "the and protest against the bestial ter- the Italian people, which is not at own colonies in Africa. In a word,

The Croix de Feu is the most First of Series of 4

Over 400 workers packed the Irv-

the Fourth International."

Unlike the above-named groups, Comrades who wish to attend probably through a hunger strike consider to be their bitterest ene- ground for which was laid by the character. Great battles are ahead. all of which would deny the appel- these lectures will have to come News from prisons arrive much mies. ation "Fascist," the Francistes, who early. Doors open at 7:30. Lec- more rarely than from exile, and came into being about the time of ture will begin at 8:15. All lectithey depict new horrors, which the affair of February 6, 1934, open- tures are being held at Irving Plaza leave far behind everything that restricted to the U.S.S.R. In China, the banner of internationalism and sanitary corps. ly and violently claim the honor of Hall, Irving Place and 15th Street. Stalin perpetrated during the first the prisons of Chiang Kai-Shek, the revolutionary defeatism. Screening Sept. 7, 1935

By GERRY ALLARD

BELLEVILLE, Ill., Sept. 20.—The State Federation of Labor which completed its sessions here last week voted to outlaw the Illinois Workers Alliance and the Progressive Miners of America, and also voted to support the state imposed three cent sales tax.

The machine-geared convention also voted to taboo any strikes against scab WPA wages. Resolutions forwarded by local unions for All of these groups constitute a labor party were also defeated. sources of well-trained civil war The convention failed to record itcadres from which the Croix de Feu self progressively on any burning and the General Staff will draw labor issue; instead it threw overquestion of France's future, arms and adopted a definite class colla-

The condemnation of the Illinois onstrations against shutting down the fight and endorsing the sales

The recent convention of the Illinois Workers Alliance mapped

militant miner, and Simon Trojer rades. of Chicago, a Socialist leader, were

By LO SEN

Comrade Niel Sih, one of the leaders of the Communist League of Kuomintang prison in Nanking. Word seeped out of the prison walls to our comrades in Shanghai with a desperate appeal for aid. Of our four other comrades, Sze Chaochang and Liu Chia-liang, there has ed from Shanghai to Nanking in April this year. Some idea of what they are going through can be gained from the story of another gained his liberty after four years incarceration.

time he was in and was quite un- what the L.S.I. proposes: able to walk when finally given his liberty." The ordeal shattered his nerves and his health. "As he conversed with me," writes one of our League to take the measures, as it comrades from Shanghai, "violent trembling fits kept seizing him, es- Covenant (!), necessary to safepecially when describing some of the tortures to which he was subjected. Many of our comrades died in that hell hole, he told me. There tration." were few capitulators. He did not capitulate. That alone speaks volumes. In addition to everything else, he contracted tuberculosis. His body is broken but the spirit flames as brightly as ever."

The same fate, or death, is now faced by Niel Sih and our other

chairman of the state unemployed our reply. That reply must be fer a realistic, sincere and complete by its statutes, to institute. The made-now and at once!

French Fascists in Rally Say'Our Time Will Come' Reaction Rules III. Federation Of Labor Meet Appeal For Aid Appeal For Aid Results of France They Reaction Rules IIII. Federation Of Labor Meet Appeal For Aid Results of France They Reaction Rules IIII. Federation Of Labor Meet Appeal For Aid Results of France They Reaction Rules IIII. Federation Of Labor Meet Appeal For Aid Results of France They Reaction Rules IIII. Federation Of Labor Meet Appeal For Aid Results of France They Rule Reaction Rules IIII. Federation Of Labor Meet Appeal For Aid Results of France They Rule Rules IIII. Federation Of Labor Meet Appeal For Aid Rules IIII. Federation Of Labor Meet Appeal For Aid Rules IIII. Federation Of Labor Meet Appeal For Aid Rules IIII. Federation Of Labor Meet Appeal For Aid Rules IIII. Federation Of Labor Meet Appeal For Aid Rules IIII. Federation Of Labor Meet Appeal For Aid Rules IIII. Federation Of Labor Meet Appeal For Aid Rules III. Federation Of Labor Meet III. Federation Of

By J. P. MARTIN

Socialist and Labor International is forever branded the aggressor," met at Brussels on August 16-18. In the course of the session a reso-China, and his young wife are suf- lution and appeal to the workers of "peace" and the "workers" as fering the tortures of hell in a the world against Mussolini's Afri- pawns. The illusion of arbitration seng, Wang Yao-hua, Hu Hwang- the appeal, "Not even as a means war. It will do no better with Italy should the negotiations bebeen no news since they were shift- ple." Stupidity number 1; for im- France, Britain and the U.S.S.R., Mussolini fail to reach a solution on comrade of ours who only recently war for the overthrow of the bour- gressor? Is there anyone who does for support of the anti-Italian im-He was periodically hung up by Fascism). More: it is not enough tory in Africa? And why wait so diplomats, these internationals his thumbs and suspended from a to say that "one should not in any long to intervene? Is there any which speak in the name of the beam so that his feet came just case resign oneself to war." One hope of accomplishing now, in exshort of the floor. "He was kept must give specific directives for tremis, what was not done earlier, chained by the ankles for the whole making war impossible. This is that is when Mussolini first started imperialist governments of France

L. S. I. Program

1. Organize great demonstrations of public opinion "to (a) Yorce the is obliged under Article 11 of the guard peace, the closing of the Suez canal to Italian military traf-

2. The Socialist and Communist parties of Italy are organizing a congress of emigrant Italians to protest the Abysinnian war for the end of September, at which the L. S.I. will be represented.

of China has appealed for demon- Italy will be able to utilize the war to Mussolini—at the expense of Aby-

continue our fight against the sales ferings of our Chinese comrades. er be stopped except by a close cotax, against the scab WPA wage We must make that sympathy man- ordination of effort between France and for a clean, progressive and ifest in demonstrations, in active and England on one hand, and bearbitration to Italy," "If Italy ac-

The Executive Committee of the hope for peace; if she refuses Italy

To us all this seems a game with can adventure was passed unani- plunged the world into the conflagmously, with one abstention by Al- ration of 1914. And after that conter, the representative of the Polish flagration the League has proved "Bund." "The L.S.I, could not in itself incapable of arbitrating even any case resign itself to war," said so minor an affair as the Chaco of deliverance for the Italian peo- Mussolini, whom the three powers, tween Great Britain, France and perialist war can never prove a are even now courting for his sup- Ethiopia multually satisfactory to means of "deliverance" for a people, port in the international race. Be- the imperialist robbers, the traitorunless that people is prepared to sides why go through all this riga- ous Socialist and Stalinist internatransform such a war into civil marole to prove Mussolini the ag- tionals are mobilizing the workers geoisie (Not war, but revolution not clearly understand that Italian perialists. will deliver the people . . . from imperialism is for new terrisending troops to Africa? Didn't and England to declare war against the Negus of Abysinnia appeal to imperialist Italy. the League on January 14, that is eight months ago?

But let us suppose for a minute that the U.S.S.R., France and Britain do really take the proposed step. What will it lead to? It will prove what everybody already fic; (b) force Italy to accept arbi- knows; that Italy is the aggressor; as it is certain that Mussolini will accept no arbitration that he is not sure of in advance.

France and Britain, although jealous rivals of Italian imperialism, are not anxious to offend their compere at Rome. Recent negotia- pect of withdrawing its troops from 3. If war breaks out all the tions have shown that in the mat- the continent and leaving itself open ter of concessions, both France and to an attack from Hitler. English such a change he stands to gain own colonies in Africa. In a word, Leon Blum in commenting on even greater loot. Would this pre- not only are England and France only show that the road is open to grounds but any action which they brigands, that all that is needed to may take, including war against win spoils is audacity.

It is pretty clear that there will militant labor movement. The po- protests. We must make our voices tween France and Russia on the be no change in the preparations sition of the Federation officials heard. We must reach across the other." According to Populaire only which have been going on for eight doesn't amount to a hill of beans," sea and stretch the hand of firm the coordinated efforts of France, months now, with the complicity of Charles Rossie of Du Quoin, a solidarity to our imprisoned com- Britain and the U.S.S.R. can stop the League. And then what? Then the Italian war. Without awaiting we will invoke sanctions, they tell Act now! Our comrades in China the Council of the League the three us, and from that pass on to a boyrecently elected chairman and vice- are appealing to us and awaiting aforementioned powers should "of- cott, which the League is obliged,

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cepts," Blum continues, "we may Of Sanctions

Traitor Internationals Paralyze Independent Action of Workers

As the League of Nations Council decides to invoke sanctions against

Even more boldly than the official working class, demand sanctions against Italy, that is, call upon the

Great Britain and France have not yet given up attempts to come to an agreement with Mussolini. Their interest is not the independence of Ethiopia, for not only are they oppressing millions of colonial people throughout the world, including Africa, but they have already offered Italy control of Ethlopia. They are interested in defending their own imperialist possessions in Africa.

France hesitates over the prossanctions as a threat against Ital-Italy would be an imperialist ac-

New Social-Patriotic Betrayal

In the midst of this dispute among the imperialist powers, the joint conference of the Second International and its trade union adjunct, the International Federation of Trade Unions, held early this month, decided to put pressure on the League of Nations so "that the Covenant, the whole Covenant, be now applied, including the sanctions provided for in the Covenant."

And if this policy is accepted by the League of imperialist powers, the social-patriotic betrayal of 1914 will be repeated-this time the working class is informed of the

"The two Internationals, conscious of their duties towards peace, are ready to fulfill them in their entirety, and confidently assure the League of the wholehearted support of the workers, both women and men, they represent, in any measures it may take for the effective application of whatever sanctions may be necessary against the aggressor."

Nothing could be clearer than

Comintern "Welcomes" Decision

"The Communist International welcomes this decision," brazenly

"Pressure" on the imperialist

What is needed is the complete independence of the working class from their imperialist masters, The boycott of shipments of goods and munitions to Fascist Italy and the supplying of material aid to the Ethiopian people must be the action of the working class itself.

THE INTERNATIONALISTS NEED OUR HELP

By L. TROTSKY eney, and others. Letters from against the vanguard workers.

tempt at collective suicide, most geoisle of the entire world rightly form of social-patriotism - the question is of a burning political

years of his struggle against the former ally of Stalin, hold numer- themselves by patriotic necessity,

Moral and Material Aid whose leadership is thoroughly Fas- by two people, he stated: Marx and extended two, three, and even five sible circulation, the attention and of other countries the fighters for spective. Revolutionists must precist in tendency and in connections. Engels were the scientific founders years, without any new charges sympathy of the workers must be the Fourth International fill in in- pare themselves beforehand for suof the modern revolutionary move- whatsoever. A considerable num- aroused in those true heroes who creasing numbers the jails and con- preme trials and sacrifices. Among these are the Camelots du ment; Noske and Scheideman symber of them have been in prison have remained faithful to the ban-centration camps of the reaction-

"There is no sense in sending money able, share the remitted sums frat- name, for instance, the Hindoo internationalism. revolutionist Roy, now serving a All the parties and groups stand- League of Nations to declare war

Severe Trials Ahead

of the Second and Third Interna- parties, as well as the left wing be more open and brazen! Moscow Congress-holds in store It is necessary to build not only the especially severe trials for the pro- army, but also at the same time to The question, of course, is not letarian fighters, who stand under prepare the Red Cross and the

The recently published letter of Left Opposition. That is how mat- ous Bolshevik-Leninists, with Chen and even perhaps by concern for Du Siu at their head, the old rev- the "defense of the U.S.S.R.," the plan even before the war breaks olutionist, founder of the Commu- police and the prosecuting attorneys Moral and material assistance nist party, who is serving an eleven of capital will henceforth deal the tions with the General Staff but trast between the Third Internations and reprisals on the part of must be given, and it is needed im- year prison term. The leaders of internationalists redoubled blows, also through his close contact with tional under Lenin's leadership and the bureaucracy, and a no less mediately. The moral aid should the so-called "united front" pain in order thus to remove the obthe leading strata of the two great the Third International under Stal- horrible picture of the physical consist in the exposure on the wid- stakingly avoid all reference to the stacles in the path of the "united straits in which hundreds and thou- est scale possible of the Bonapartist | very name of Chen Du Siu, a name, | front" of Stalin-Laval-Cachin-Blum-The speaker presented a scathing sands of devoted, unselfish and self- bestialities to which the captive however, that should become known Jouhaux, and also in the path of tants and the Union Federale des criticism of the Seventh Congress sacrificing revolutionists find them- revolutionists are being subjected. to every revolutionary worker. In | . . . the new imperialist war. Anciens Combattants whose mem- of the Comintern. Each period of selves. Recently their terms of Any scrap of information that ar- Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, He is blind, or at any rate nearbership runs up to a million and working class history is symbolized exile and imprisonment have been rives must be given the widest pos- Greece, Indo-China, and a number sighted, who fails to see this per-

the Action Francaise, the royalist and treachery; Lenin and Trotsky 1928, i.e. for a period of almost ism over a period of several years the classic land of "democracy," those organizations which enter drawing their support largely from Communist International; and now additional hundreds, if not thou- and subjected to unheard of priva- severe tribute to the jails of capi- ous disagreements. These cannot be eliminated artificially. But if states the letter of that organiza-However, concerned here are not there is a sphere in which honest tion to the Second International. and active experience in street social patriotism. The pre-Congress exile, and incorceration during the main against the Stalinist terror only the Bolshevik-Leninists and revolutionary workers can and Whot is recorded active. fighting against the workers. They document of the Seventh Congress current year, for not sharing the which is directed not in the defense the fighters for the Fourth Internal should combine their efforts, it is What is needed according to the have figured prominently in all was the Stalin-Laval communique international policy of Stalin, or of the revolution against the class tional. In the countries of the Old in the organization of assistance to new comrades-in-arms of the Vanand New Worlds, the numerous rev- the fighters who are captives of the develdes, Blums and Bauers is "an olutionary organizations and groups bourgeoisie and who have been be- international movement against that stand outside both old Inter- trayed by the social-patriots. It is war of such power that the League ber now about 5,000. Another, The need for a Fourth Interna- exile received by relatives, as rare The material assistance must nationals and that have not taken necessary to set immediately to the of Nations would be compelled to alightly smaller organization is that tional "which has no fatherland" exceptions, depict a situation that come in the form of collections of their place under the banner of the of Les Jeunesses Patriotes which but aims to lead the workers for is hopeless and that gives no sign funds for transmission to addresses New International association to give aid against the aggressor of Italian used to have close connections with the conquering of the entire world of improvement. For instance, an in our possession: the men in exile victims in their own ranks. The to the revolutionists persecuted for fascism and German fascism under the army and which in years past was the conclusion of comrade old revolutionist writes from exile, and in prison, wherever they are same applies to colonies. Suffice to their fidelity to the principles of its pressure."

this is not enough. It is necessary League "in any measures it may to come to an agreement with all take for effective application" of The still closer drawing together the other independent revolutionary sanctions! Could social-patriotism