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the victory of the workers.

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bourgeoisle and the national state. The struggle against war is not and cannot be conceived as an "independent" struggle, having a special status above class conflicts. It is an integral part of the revolutionary struggle for workers' power. The struggle against imperialist war means the day by day building of working-class strength, meansnot suspension of the class conflict until the war crisis passes-but the intensification of class conflict and the preparation to turn the imperialist war into a

civil war for the overthrow of the bourgeois state and

More clearly than any other phase of revolutionary activity does the struggle against war attest the international character of the revolutionary movement. It is an international struggle and must be conducted in terms of an international strategy, through an integrated international organization. Thus the struggle against war poses, in the most intense form, the central task of the present period: the building of the Fourth International, the dynamic generator to drive forward the revolutionary advance of the working class. Threatening as is the oncoming of the new war, relatively weak numerically as are the forces now ranged against it, there is no reason to despair. Out of the last world war came the first great step of the world revolution. Yet, in 1914, the internationalists were an organized force in only one nation, and the betrayal of social-democracy came to the great mass of the workers as a shock that was unexpected and not prepared for. Today, organized groups of revolutionary internationalists exist in nearly every nation, and are actively forging the parties of the Fourth International; today the Second and Third Internationals have annouced their betrayal beforehand, and we will thus not be trapped by surprise; and today we have the rich experience and

lessons of the past generation to draw from. The struggle against imperialist war is the struggle for socialism; the struggle for socialism is the struggle for the Fourth International, for the world revolution.

Support French Bolshevik - Leninists

RANCE today is the most important battle ground the miners while the mines are running and throwing of the classes, the key to the fate of Europe and perhaps of the world. Should Fascism add this country to its list of conquests it will hurl the proletarian cause back for decades and mortally injure the existence of the Soviet Union. On the other hand, the signal of the French working class revolution would arouse the oppressed of Germany, Austria, Spain and Italy and forever destroy the fabric of Versailles and Hitler's vision of Mittel-Europa, At the same time it would ensure the existence of the

Soviet Union by extending its base. The Bolshevik-Leninists constitute the spearhead of the revolutionary forces in France today (of active resistance to Fascism and the revolutionary assault on capitalism). They have raised in the French labor movement the demands for workers' militia, the general strike, workers' and peasants' government, socialization and workers' control. They have challenged and are challenging the social patriotism of the People's Front and its agents, the reformist bureaucracies of the Communist and Socialist parties. These bureaucracies are making the sharpest attack upon the Bolshevik-Leninists who advocate a complete break with the bourgeoisie, a slogan of revolutionary defeatism as against truce with the bourgeoisie in the imperialist war, the need for the struggle for power as the only means to defeat Fascism as against the betraying policy of unity with the bourgeoisle to uphold bourgeois democracy and capitalism. The Workers Party is pledged to give its fullest support to the French Bolshevik-Leninists in this struggle.

Consequently the Workers Party is responding immediately to the appeal of our French comrades for financial support for La Verite, organ of the Bolshevik-Leninists and their most important single weapon in the struggle in which they are now engaged. Additional funds to maintain La Verite and to enable it to greatly increase its circulation are particularly necessary according to an appeal just received from our French comrades "because the formation of the new revolutionary party in France has now become an immediate task.'

We call upon all our branches and members to make the utmost sacrifices in order that a preliminary installment of our contribution may be sent to France immediately. Collection lists are being sent to the branches and should be widely circulated among the workers and all our sympathizers. We do not hesitate also to call upon those who are not members of the party but who realize that in the present tense international situation nothing is more important than the defeat of social patriotism in France, to

forward their contributions in response to the appeal Muste and sent to 55 E. 11th St., New York. Please hesignate clearly the purpose for which the contribution is sent.

For prompt and enthusiastic support of our French comrades!

For the building of the Fourth International!

What the Miners Did Not Get

AST week the NEW MILITANT prophesied that the bituminous coal strike called by John L. Lewis would soon be over, that it was a shadowboxing act to give the operators a chance to get rid of some of their surplus coal, Lewis to bluster and show that he was "not to be trifled with" and Roosevelt-McGrady to put on their act and save the country once more from "bitter industrial strife." Our prophecy and analysis were quickly and completely vindicated for the paper was hardly off the press before

the settlement was announced. Despite the magnificent demonstration of solidarity by 400,000 miners who came out 100 percent in the union fields and nearly as solidly, it would appear, in the partly unionized fields of Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky, despite the prompt settlement on the basis of a union contract in most of the fields and the concessions won, the strike was not a real victory for the miners. On Lewis's part it represents a fresh betrayal of the workers.

1. THE MINERS FAILED TO GET THE SIX HOUR DAY AND FIVE DAY WEEK, FAILED, IN 17,605. FACT, TO GET ANY REDUCTION IN HOURS. Almost before the negotiations began Lewis gave up this District, where four vice-presidents capacity for leadership, in order to floor of the drunk tank he was re-30-hour week. But a reduction in hours represented the one really important gain which they might have defeated for the seat vacated by B. Peterson, Freidl, and Co. In the died on September 4, never having show of considering the matter won. Without that, further reductions in the work- F. Dodge. ing force are bound to come, an increase in unemployment, and with it wage-slashing and incalculable misery at the first let-down in the industry.

Had the miners led a real fight for the 30-hour week, which the A. F. of L, has put forth as the major forecast by the adoption of a reso where while vigilante bands and held on suspicion of manslaugther. they refused to handle hot cargo. plank in its platform against unemployment, other lution asking local unions to expel Freidl's infamous "beef squad" At the subsequent inquest the cor- The I.L.A., the union, immediately workers would have followed. At once reality and Communists and members of allied vigor would have been given to the whole 30 hour organizations from their memberweek movement. But this the employers, once again ship. That this move is aimed not piling up profits during a temporary and spotty up- only at members of radical parties turn in business, did not want. The Roosevelt ad- but at all militants is made clear torneys. Freidl himself became a boss class to wipe out the more ad- warehousemen's unions lifted the ministration did not want it, being bent upon giving by the phrase, "members of allied victim of the wave of terrorism vanced workers in the ranks of the ban on goods produced by the Santa the employers a "breathing spell." Once again the organizations." Thus the way is that he had helped to launch, being unions and thus to strike terror Cruz Packing Co., and cargo trans-A. F. of L. bureaucrats yielded to these interests, made clear to brand all militants as killed by the police. His death has into the hearts of the rank and file. ported by the River Lines, Inc., surrendered before the battle had begun, betrayed allies of Communism. the interests of the workers. The miners' strike thus signalizes the end of the movement to reduce hours for the time being at least. In many industries employers are already increasing them. Soon this will action by labor and the adoption of this bitter campaign against the labor lieutenants of the bosses. with the employers announcing

2. THE MINERS DID NOT WIN ANY REAL bargaining as the sole means of ob-INCREASE IN WAGES. It is true that there is a taining economic security. nominal increase of 50 cents a day for day workers providing a \$5.50 basic rate in the Appalachian area. forts of President Roosevelt on be-A similar nominal increase of about 01 percent was half of the workers of the nation," given in other rates. But this will not even cover the demanding the freedom of Tom increase in the cost of living since the last contract Mooney, repeal of the Criminal was made. The miners have thus barely held their Syndicalism law, and condemning own. The operators, especially the bigger ones, can vigilante terror were adopted. go on unmolested, making profits out of the sweat of them on the scrap-heap whenever it suits them to activities of Capt. William ("Red") shut the mines down.

3. THE CHANCE TO FORCE THE OPERA squad" of the Los Angeles police Joint Committee to Aid the Hern-mark, N. D., to argue the appeal TORS IN THE NON-UNIONIZED FIELDS OF TEN- department was demanded in a res- don Defense has been set up by the of the Fargo strikers to the State NESSEE, VIRGINIA AND KENTUCKY TO SIGN A olution recently adopted by the L.L.D., League for Industrial Demo-UNION CONTRACT AND THUS TO EFFECT A Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. NATION-WIDE 100 PERCENT ORGANIZATION OF The resolution, submitted to the General Defense Committee, Nation-THE BITUMINOUS MINERS, LEWIS SURREND- mayor, chief of police, board of po- al Committee for the Defense of ERED WITHOUT PUTTING UP EVEN THE SEM- lice commissioners, and the city Political Prisoners, and League of BLANCE OF A FIGHT. This was done in spite of council, cited the payment of the fact that the union today is so strong and the \$7,393.69 by the Los Angeles Railoperators themselves are so averse to a real battle way for Hynes' strike-breaking serthat the union scale may be paid in these fields even vices during the street car strike if no contract is signed. Had Lewis delivered an last fall. ultimatum: Recognize the right of the miners to bargain collectively, sign a union contract in every field, or we will strike until hell freezes over, it is well this organization (Pacific Electric nigh inconceivable that the operators would have held Lodge No. 912, Brotherhood of out. As it is, the threat to the union and to the Railroad Trainmen) that public miners' standard of living involved in the existence servants, either elected or appointof even a relatively small unorganized sector remains, ed, are bound to serve the entire and the unorganized miners can point to another public and the action of a public instance of failure on the part of Lewis to back them official in lowering the dignity of up effectively in their struggle against the brutality his office by resorting to the activand terrorism of the Bourbons of the mining industry. ity of herding scabs is repugnant No, this is not a victory for the miners but for the to every sense of decency of his labor fakers, the operators and the Roosevelt admin- employer, the general public."

Once again we say to the miners: Awake! Build a an investigation of the activities of single united miners' union and a left-wing to make the "red squad" and demanded that that union clean, militant, progressive. Once again the report be made public. we say to the progressives throughout the trade union | Every union in the Los Angeles movement: Expose the fake progressivism and "in- area should pass similar resolutions dustrial unionism" of Lewis and Company! Build and continue the fight until this the left-wing in every union and every section of the scourge of labor is driven from the country in order that the native militancy and grow- city. ing solidarity of the American workers may not be prostituted as it was in the recent miners' strike, but may be organized and directed to victory!

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Two Int'ls For League Moves

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good fellows of socialism cheer the sentiments of pacifism in their ranks and then vote to send their workers off to the slaughter in the defense of British robber imperialism. Incredible hypocrisy, worse than capitalist, socialist hypocrisy. The moldy Second International rises out of its grave to grasp another million mass of workers and carry them down into blood and mire . . . a vampire international.

And the Third International? Its efforts are just as energetic in the service of the British bourgeoisiebut more ludicrous, if there can be anything ludicrous in this monster good fellow" before they order the

Worker question box for October 2: driven the British government to

to preserve peace [!] ... the communists urge the working class parties and organizations to FORCE their capitalist governments to act collectively through the League against Italy, even to the point of applying sanctions, closing the Suez Canal, etc. [Etc! In that little etc. is contained the word war . . . no more than an etc. to the degenerates of Stalinism] . . . the capitalist governments are not anxious to use sanctions. The British government has repeatedly offered to carve up Ethiopia with Mussolini . . . but the pressure of the English workers has driven the English government to the point where they may apply sanctions.

﴿[!!!] . . . The Stalinists are not even willing to vouchsafe Lansbury a "jolly workers out to the butchery. "The We take the line from the Daily pressure of the English workers has

ment into imperialist war!

they can't wait to send their work- ed the vicious attack were arrested. ers out to die, they can't wait to revel in the blood of millions of women and children of another race" . . . and workers of all races.

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by Fakerdom

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 23.last week.

president and secretary-treasurer strike last summer. respectively.

The reactionary nature of the convention is further evidenced by sult of some private feud. the rejection of the idea of political

Investigation of the scab herding

The resolution reads as follows: "It is the expressed opinion of

The resolution further demanded

Five members of Furniture Workers local No. 1561 were so severely beaten that they had to be taken to the hospital when strikebreakers attacked a picket line at the plant of the Morris Furniture Co. last Thursday evening.

The strike at the Morris plant has been in progress since April 29th, and has been characterized by the grim determination of the workers to stay out until better conditions have been won.

Determined to initiate a reign of terror in order to break the spirit of the strikers, a sudden attack was fringements by sanctions, etc! The launched on the picket line by a degenerates of Stalinism boast that gang of scabs armed with clubs, they are forcing the British govern- monkey wrenches, and screw drivers, as the day and night shifts Before the last war the Second were changing places. In addition International at least kept up ap- to the men taken to the hospital pearances and spoke against war over two dozen others were injured. until the very last moment. But in Police rushed to the scene of the

these times the two Internationals battle in several cars and took the don't wait for war to betray the most seriously injured men to the workers, they urge the capitalists hospital. Of course none of the on. They can't wait for the debacle, strikebreaking thugs who perpetrat-

MINNEAPOLIS N.P.L.D.

Assn.; Elmer Huset of the Farmer- dicalism, is chairman. Labor Veterans Assn; Farrell Funds to aid the Harlan miners Dobbs, secretary of Local 574; Mrs. should be sent to Herbert Mahler,

Cal. State Fed Union Militant Murdered Showdown Is Is Dominated In L.A. Vigilante Terror Close on Cal.

By EARL LANE ia vigilante terror claimed another was an outstanding progressive. The cause of progressive unionism victim on September 4, when Ar- On Sunday, September 1, in front The question of war or peace on suffered a number of severe defeats thur G. Ross, member of the I.W.W. of the I.L.A. hall in San Pedro, he the waterfronts of the Pacific coast at the thirty-sixth annual conven- and the International Longshore- assaulted Ross, striking him twice will in all probability be decided tion of the California State Feder- men's Association and for fifteen and knocking him to the pavement. within the next few days.

bitter warfare which ensued the regained consciousness.

Resolutions "commending the ef- mate goal the smashing of the his union.

ation of Labor held at San Diego years an outstanding militant fight- Fellow union members picked Ross er in the labor movement of South- up in an unconscious condition. whether or not the maritime unions Despite a bitter fight on the part ern California died as the result After a cursory examination by the will handle "hot cargo" is being of militants to oust them, two arch of a beating received at the hands police he was turned out to wander fought out in San Francisco, with foes of progressive unionism, Edwin of Edgar Rueb, a fellow union mem- the streets all night and half the the I.L.A. bearing the brunt of the D. Vandeleur and Paul Scharren- ber who had fought side by side next day in a semi-conscious condi- employers' attack. Because of the berg were re-elected to the offices of with him during the maritime tion. Later he was picked up by strength of the militants in this the police on a DRUNK CHARGE key port the bosses have chosen it The death of Ross is but one in- and thrown in the drunk tank. His as the battleground, feeling that if

tions that will have as its goal the of course had the co-operation of mitted having struck Ross, claim- that office boy of the bosses' governousting of every militant from the the "law enforcement" agencies, ing that he was drunk and did not ment ruled that the longshoremen labor movement of the state, is The police were always busy else- know what he was doing. He was were breaking their agreement if roamed the streets of San Pedro oners jury ordered that he be held, asked for a rehearing on the questerrorizing and slugging militant | This case is more than the iso- tion. Sloss lost no time in denying workers, raiding meetings, and kid- lated death of a militant worker. this request. napping and beating workers' at- It is part of the campaign of the On Sunday the bargemen's and never been satisfactorily explained, It is hoped that by the use of these pending the outcome of negotiations

but in all probability was the re- methods that the workers will be with the employers and the labor resolution endorsing collective militarts Rueb deserted his former Every class conscious worker must through their spokesman, Thomas friends and became a tool of the consider well what these attacks G. Plant, their determination to dark forces that had as their ulti- on the vanguard mean to him and hire scab longshoremen to replace

maritime unions of the Pacific LOS ANGELES, Cal.-The con- Coast. He conceived a bitter hattinually mounting wave of Californ- red for his former friend Ross, who

Vandeleur was re-elected without cident in the attack that the boss fellow workers, having become they are successful there, the fight opposition, the progressives decid- class has launched upon the pro- alarmed at his absence, instituted in the other ports will be comparaing to concentrate their fire on gressive forces in the labor move- a search which ended with their tively easy. Scharrenberg. The vote for the of- ment of California. Upon the con- locating him in the jail. They office of secretary-treasurer was: clusion of last summer's memorable fered to bail him out but the police hot cargo was placed in the hands Scharrenberg 54,178, A. C. Rodgers marine strike the bosses determined would not accept bail and refused of the labor relations board that to drive out of the maritime unions to allow them to see Ross. After was set up under the 1934 award. In the Ninth (San Francisco) every militant worker who showed a night spent lying on the stone When this committee came to a were elected, three incumbents were strengthen the hands of their agents leased to his wife and friends who put into the hands of Federal arbire-elected and Harry Bridges was within the unions, "Pedro Pete" rushed him to a hospital where he trator, M. C. Sloss. After a great

terrorized into submitting to the relations board.

Labor Defense Front

THE SACRAMENTO APPEAL | HEISLER IN BISMARK

In response to a call from the Hynes, head of the infamous "red International Labor Defense, the Chicago N.P.L.D., is now in Bis-Struggle for Negro Rights. Mary Fox of the L.I.D. has been elected

> secretary. The committee announces several immediate activities to aid the drive for 2,000,000 signatures to petitions the Congress candidates as not comcalling on the governor of Georgia mitting them specifically to the en- wages." to release Herndon from the 20-year chain-gang sentence imposed by an party. Atlanta Jim Crow court. The new committee, in addition to publishing and circulating its own petiits constituent bodies, will during heated up about their inclusion in manner?" the coming week publish a new 16page pamphlet on this important Party is going through some amuslabor case. Already 20,000 copies have been ordered by various organizations. It will sell at 2 cents per copy. Send orders to the Non-

17th St., N. Y. C. The new committee is calling a October 19 at Imperial Hall, Har-

on sale. Through the sale of this pamphlet and circulation of petitions, W. P. their agitation for Herndon's freedom in an organized way. Rush your orders for pamphlets and peti- of the platform on which the can- Erwin, I.W.W. tions to the N.P.L.D.

PHILLY WORKERS FREE

Five members of the Philadelchia Retail Fruit Clerks Union of Philadelphia, held on charges rigged against them by the bosses' association during the recent strike, have been freed.

Since the last report in these colberts, union secretary, in charge. Attorney Frank Nowve of the N.P. L.D. of New York aided in organ- Party ticket. izing the defense. On a visit to New York Roberts, aided by the N.P.L.D., secured financial aid for the defense from brother unions.

HARLAN MINERS

Another drive is being made for the pardon of the six U.M.W.A. members railroaded to prison for life in Harlan, Ky., on charges of Having become a power in the murder growing out of the historic labor movement through its great "Battle of Evarts" between miners mass trial of mayor Scab Latimer, and deputies. A committee has the Provisional N.P.L.D. Committee been appointed by the N.P.L.D. to of Minneapolis has now been given aid this defense; Adelaide Walker, a charter. Among those on the who was a leading figure in the National Executive of the N.P.L.D. caravan of writers which went into for the charter are Henry Schultz, Bloody Harlan four years ago and secretary of the State Employees who was indicted for criminal syn-

"The aim of the communists in the point where it may" . . . defend the present situation in Africa is its colonial loot against Italy's in-

Francis Heisler, attorney of the Supreme Court.

Form Labor Party in Ohio

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dorsement of a Labor, or third

"big-time politics." The Communist into the picture.

sheet, stated: "While the preamble Workers Party; Treasurer, Claude didates are campaigning leads off An effort to draw every labor and with a Socialistic doctrine, it is liberal organization in the Los Anlikely that most of the candidates geles area into this fight for the signed the platform as a matter of rights of labor will be made. Each political expediency rather than a organization participating in the pledge of conversion to the doctrine Los Angeles local of the N.S.A.C. of Socialism."

Clyde Kiker, free-lance politician, lection lists and to widely circulate perennial office seeker and state the pamphlet "Union Smashing in secretary of the Ohio Federation of Sacramento." A mass meeting to umns, a defense committee was or- Teachers, is campaign manager for bring this case to the attention of ganized by the union, with Lou Ro- the Congress' slate. Kiker ran in the public at large will be held in the last congessional primaries for the near future. congressman on the Democratic

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 30 .-

The battle over the question of

The dispute over the handling of from all angles in order to be able A "red hunt" of major propor- bosses and their labor lieutenants | Rueb, placed under arrest, ad- to render an "impartial decision,"

the union members refusing to scab This morning it was announced that 1,440 longshoremen were on the blacklist and that 29 ships were tied up directly or indirectly because of the "hot cargo" dispute.

Ample proof that while they consider "impartial arbitration" an effective opiate with which to dull the fighting spirit of the workers, they do not intend to rely on it as their only weapon, but intend to launch a campaign of vigilante terrorism against the maritime workers if they consider it necessary, is contained in an article in a recent issue of the San Francisco "Shipping Register," organ of the waterfront employers.

Call for Vigilantes

Under a caption "Are All the Vigilantes Dead?" an editorial complained that maritime workers are "asking for abortive increases in

"There are hundreds of thousands of red-blooded Americans here in Local Socialists, emboldened by San Francisco," the editorial dethe favorable glances of the union clared. "What say we take a day officials, are running up a temper- off from our regular business and tion forms bearing the names of ature in the campaign and are all attend to the matter in a proper

Preparations were made for a ing contortions trying to squirm vigorcus, campaign to secure the freedom of the victims of the Sac-Although the Congress has put ramento conspiracy at a conference forth a platform containing a pre- held in Los Angeles September 25. Partisan Labor Defense, 22 East amble full of vaguely radical As a result of this conference the phrases, no particular fear is being Los Angeles section of the National evinced by the reactionary elements Sacramento Appeal Committee was New York City Action Conference in the city. It is pretty generally formed with the following organizunderstood, and the leaders of the ations participating: the I.W.W., lem. Angelo Herndon will partici- Congress are making no efforts to the Socialist Party, the Workers pate and the new pamphlet will be dispel this understanding, that the Party, Spartacus Youth League and bark of this movement is out of all the Young Peoples Socialist League. proportion to its bite. Commenting A steering committee consisting of in an editorialized news story on the following members was elected: members will be able to continue the formation of the Congress, the Chairman, Gardner Wells, Socialist Toledo News-Bee, Scripps-Howard Party; Secretary, Mark Knight,

has pledged itself to circulate col-

Similar committees already exist in San Francisco and Oakland.

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