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Green - Woll Forces Suffer Heavy Setback At AFL Convention

Rift Among Fakers Gives Industrial Unionism an Opportunity; Red Resolution May Fail to Pass

By A. J. MUSTE

The fortunes of battle ebb and flow at Atlantic City in thine most exciting convention of the American Federation of Labor since the war.

While the convention is still inprogress as we go to press and a definitive evaluation must wait until its close, certain assertions can safely be made as a result of the events of the last couple of days. The rift in the leadership between the Green-Woll and Lewis-Hillman-Dubinsky, etc. forces is out in the open. There will be a more open Georgia Negro Is Given and intense struggle between various tendencies in the Federation during the coming year than at any time since the early 1920's. Thereby genuine progressive and militant take advantage of it.

ning blow when John L. Lewis it was stated yesterday by Mary arose in the dramatic fashion he Fox, secretary of the newly formed knows so well how to use and asked defense body which includes repre-(after the regular time for pre-sentatives of the Non-Partisan Lasenting resolutions had expired) for bor Defense, the League for Indusunanimous consent to introduce trial Democracy, the General Deresolutions. Amid electric tension two die-hard old guard Labor Defense and several other leaders, Wharton of the Machinists and Covelski of the Hotel and Restaurant Workers, objected unless the resolutions were first ence in New York on October 19,

The Slam at Woll Thus the drama was heightened,

MUSTE SPEAKS ON

A. F. OF L. CONVENTION A. J. Muste will speak on "Lessons of the Atlantic City Convention of the A. F. of L." on Sunday evening, October 27 at Irving Plaza Hall, Irving Place and 15th Street, N.Y.C.

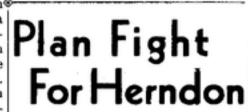
the peace-between-capital-and-labor of the Jim Crow South, Woll as one primarily identified on a Georgia chain gang. with an organization outside the labor movement and against which a deep resentment existed at least in many of the unions, and thereby to deprive the craft unionists of their right to claim that they are the only simon-pure pillars of trade unionism, was Lewis' aim.

That his shot took effect in a vital spot was indicated when only a lew hours later Woll announced least in the past 30 years has a

"Communists" from membership is why the struggle for a genuine a journey to Moscow, to appear will not be obtained, and that at Communist party, the struggle best the old guard will be able to against the usurpers and the plebisput over some comparatively mild citary regime is a struggle for the mittee there, and take up my case the G.P.U., and the warden. The tion. And when in answer I gave terms. In a single day 103 men resolution against the "reds."

Industrial Unionism Edged Out

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"Death" Sentence on Chain Gang

The refusal of the U.S. Supreme elements are given a magnificent Court to rehear the case of Angelo opportunity, if they know how to Herndon has given added importance to the work of the Joint Com-The old guard received a stun-mittee to Aid the Herndon Defense, fense Committee, the International defense bodies.

In addition to holding a conferthe Committee is planning a variety of activities to push the signing of petitions and to increase the pressure on Governor Eugene Talmadge which undoubtedly was just what of Georgia for the release of Herndon. The Committee has already issued a pamphlet, "Wisdom, Justice and Moderation-Motto of the State of Georgia," which tells the

The Herndon case deserves the class elements. Tried under an old "slave insurrection" law, Herndon Lewis wanted. His first and most was convicted for the crime of orthe Resolutions Committee, would fighting for better relief. His contorbid any officer of the A. F. of L. viction was a blow at organized from holding membership or office labor and all elements who dare tremist groups who take the Trotin the National Civic Federation, challenge the existing social order skylst position that the Socialist tal question only from "the small sion") of the struggle. In the im-

organization founded by Mark The U. S. Supreme Court hides cooperation with democratic gov-Hanna, which in recent years, with behind technicalities in order to ernments and the League of Na- that "war is merely the continua-Matthew Woll as acting president evade the real issue. This body, tions in its efforts to curb Fascist tion of politics by other means." and the notorious Ralph Easley as which some people proised so high. Italy, organized labor throughout Add to that the dictum that "Polisecretary, has specialized in red- ly for its attitude in the Scottsboro baiting and other forms of extreme case, lines up in the Herndon case economic organizations has taken nomics on another plane," and you Toryism. The Lewis resolution was, with the Bourbon rulers of Georgia. of course, aimed primarily at Woll The latest Supreme Court decision himself, leading spokesman and is really a sentence of death against be, to the war policies of Mussolini ionists in the convention. To smear have ever lived through 20 years behind the League. . . .



Partners in Social-Fatriotic Betrayal of Asia: Japanese imperialism, in systematic agitation against Englished full stride of its own expansion land largely as a protective meas-

may be obtained from Pioneer Pub. the New Leader, New York organ lishers, 100 Fifth Ave., at 2 cents of the Old Guard Socialists. The New Leader, an old hand at reformism, gives a much clearer theoretsupport of all militant working- ical and practical explanation of the important resolution, which after ganizing white and black unem and effect of the sanctions policy is The social democratic betrayers his reading of it was referred to ployed together in Atlanta and made all too clear. We quote from who have moved not one inch from the issue of October 12:

> "With the exception of small exparties and labor must reject any the world through its political and ties is merely the extension of ecotions and armed resistance, if need ysis of the war question.

The Stalinists find yeoman sup- isolationists, embracing the Trot- expand. No matter what political story of the Herndon case. Copies port in their battle for sanctions in skyist position . . . fail to see the form they may take these economic rope's preoccupation with the crisis issue in this light."

Here is a clear and unashamed exposition of the social democratic position on war, manifested at sanctions policy than the novice present in support of government Leader that the real basis, purpose, in detail it is important to note: quish themselves in this fundamen- the logical outcome ("the exten- without leading to new explosions

A military writer once remarked

"Only small groups of utopian constant conflict in their efforts to

Now they take the form of a 'adventure." "peaceful" struggle for markets, warlike struggle. Politics is mere-Daily Worker. It is in the New sanctions. Before we deal with it ly the the outward form of this

> perialist epoch war is almost unceasing; sometimes in the form of mere diplomatic threats, sometimes in the form of economic boycotts, sometimes as colonial expeditions, sometimes as open large scale war.

Britain - Italy Threaten War For Control of The Mediterranean

N. Y. Mass Meet On War Crisis

In response to the grave danger of a new imperialist war flowing from the League of Nations policy of sanctions and the need for solidarity with the Ethlopian people against Italy's robber war, the New York Distriet of the Workers Party has called a mass rally for Sunday evening, October 20, at Irving Plaza Hall, Irving Place and 15th Street.

Maurice Spector, former member of the Executive Committee of the Communist International and one of the ploneers of the present movement for the Fourth International, will be the main speaker.

Threat of U.S. War Ove, Faced with a national economy Market Snatch During African Trouble

By LO SEN

Echoes from Ethiopia, bringing nearer to Europe the thunder of were not unaware of the impending have already resounded ominously evidenced by the fact that from the against the troubled sounding board first day of the invasion the entire of Asia: Japanese imperialism, in Italian press has been conducting a on the Asiatic continent, has dis- land, largely as a protective measplayed its readiness to squeeze the ure to stiffen the backbone of their last drop of advantage out of Euconflicts never cease for a moment, precipitated by Mussolini's African

The "utilization" of imperialist fortunately, the exclusive monopoly of "realistic" Stalinist bureaucrats. struggle which, change as it may, Events of the past week along the cannot do away with the struggle. | China coast and at the Soviet-Man-

Japan Moves In

African advance, has transferred Quai D'Orsay in an extremely empractically her entire Asiatic fleet barrassing position. They have from its China station to the Medi- countered Mussolini's invasion and The treachery of both the Stalin- terranean and Red Sea ports. The the troop movements of the Fascist a determined stand in favor of sanc- have the basis for a Marxian anal- ists and the social democrats begins response of Japanese imperialism General Staff with the complete when they regard wer as some ex- was so prompt as to be almost au- militarization of Egypt and their In the period of imperialism, the traordinary event, some political tomatic. A strong Japanese fletilla other colonial possessions in Africa strategist of the old line craft un- Herndon, since few if any people and Hitler, placing itself squarely present period, the economies of the phenomena apart from and excep- dropped anchor in the harbor of and with the greatest naval concen-

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France Caught Between Two Fires; Germany Waits Opening

The flare-up in Ethiopia is rapidly taking on the proportions of a world conflagration. Inside of less than a month the smokescreen behind the colonial "incident" has cleared up and the real contenders in the struggle have become fully revealed. It is now evident that we are confronted not merely with a case of national rape but with s major inter-imperialist struggle.

Great Britain and Italy are at each other's throats in a fight for control of the Mediterranean.

Fascist Italy at last embarked upon the conquest of the much heralded new Roman Empire. For more than one reason, Il Duce's decision is irrevocable. The Mediterranean is the indispensable gate-Japs Plotting way to empire. British imperialism, in control of the Mediterranean for generations, must maintain control of the route to her plundered possessions in India, Australia and Far East as a matter of self-preser-

declining to ever new lows and the first symptoms of internal rebellion, the Fascist dictatorship has grasped at the Ethiopian adventure with the frenzy of a drowning man grabbing for a straw. That the blackshirts new imperialist world war, clash with the British colossus is own hosts in preparation for the worst eventuality.

England Acts Rapidly

The cagy statesmen at Downing Street have likewise worked overnow a diplomatic struggle, now a contradictions is by no means, unsive of the Fascist upstarts. (Without any serious opposition they have cloaked their campaign for imperial self-preservation with the War is one of the political forms chukuo frontier already offer suffi- moral authority of the League of the traitors' role of 1914, now at of this struggle. War is not some cient assurance that the crisis can. Nations. They have even involved the approach of a new 1914, distin- exceptional phenomena, it is simply not develop much further in Europe France—for whom, as the major Italy is just as important an ally as England-in a policy of sanctions against Mussolini carried Great Britain, as part of her hur through with such speed and sweep ried preparations to counter Italy's as to leave the diplomats of the various capitalist nations are in tional to the ordinary run of pol- Swatow, a Kwangtung port in the tration in the Mediterranean since the last world war. The battle lines between the two imperialist powers have been drawn. Both sides are prepared to plunge wildly into the new holocaust,

The French imperialists, whose whole system of security hinges today upon the task of bringing aboutan Italo-British rapproachement, have been left floundering in the conquests and of the socialist con- theless I was arrested and commit- "freed" only after a 14-day hunger midst of an internal crisis. Rome has rejected any and all suggestions of retreat. The British have refused Laval's mediation in the naval conflict. The French bourgeoisie is thrown into a terrific turmoil by the diplomatic dilemma. The cabinet of M. Laval is due for a fall in the midst of the strife between the pro-British and the pro-Fascist factions.

The rest of the European nations are drawn into the same vortex of conflicting currents. Nazi Germany maintains a "neutrality" that has its eye peeled for the prospects of entering the fray with an attack in the direction of its formidable Eas-(Continued on Page 4)

NEXT WEEK The series on the Socialist

Party and the program of the Socialist "Militants" will be continued next week with an article on the "Militants" answer to the Bauer-Zyromski thesis on war and the S.P. National Executive Committee's resolution on

Tarov Relates Torture of Real Bolsheviks in Stalin's Prisons

By A. TAROV

Hundreds and thousands of Bolshevik-Leninists are languishing in struction, and at the same time I ted to jail. Any one who is a Trot- strike, i.e., I was sent into exile. . that he had resigned from the Na- Stalinist prisons. Only yesterday I was one of them, and together with tional Civic Federation! Never, at them I underwent every conceivable brutality at the hands of the Stalleader of Woll's prominence in the inist jail keepers. Today I find myself in a semi-capitalist country, a A. F. of L. "lost face" so swiltly "free man." Sad to say, it seems to me that there is no free spot for a revolutionist on our planet. But for better or worse, today I have the Not only was this a blow at the opportunity to speak out publicly in protest against the Stalinist usurpstroke also served to discredit the ers. My duty as a revolutionist obliges me to turn to the world prole- an answer which would free me "red baiting" proposals of Woll and tarist with an appeal for help to free from the Stalinist jails the devoted from paragraph 58, and restore my

Company and the indications now and true revolutionists, the martyrs,—the Bolshevik-Leninists. The are that the two-thirds vote neces world proletariat must learn that the land of Soviets as such is perishing sary to pass the amendment to the imperceptibly, for Soviet power is unthinkable without a party of active A. F. of L. constitution barring all and self-reliant Communists. That

fatal degeneration,

On the other hand, as the NEW To acquaint the working class the Central Committee stating that ation, and the turnkey would lock the conceivable and horrendous epi- sole accomplishment of this com-MILITANT predicted last week, the with the condition of the Bolshevik- I, as an Oppositionist and a follow- and unlock the door of my cell likets: ". . . for anti-Soviet, anti- mission for "improving the condiadvocates of a clear-cut resolution Leninists in the U.S.S.R. under the er of Trotsky, was ready to cease whenever it became urgently neces. Communist, counter-revolutionary, tions" of the Bolshevik-Leninists for industrial unionism in the mass Stalinist regime, I intend to sketch ideological and organizational strug- sary. I was "sentenced" to solitary and other unspeakable activities, imprisoned in the Verkhne-Uralsk production industries proved too briefly my own personal experience, gle against the party leadership, confinement without any material . . ." I served my last sentence on penitentiary. We had received no optimistic in their expectation that in its unvarnished form. On June and ready to faithfully fulfill all evidence whatever. My room had January 22, 1934 — a three year prior visits from any commission. they could get a majority in this 30, 1934 I escaped from exile, from the orders of the party in the strug- been searched three times-and ab- prison term in the chief jails of the

personally before the Central Com-

underscored the need for joint ac-|skyist-must sit in jail or exile. tion on the part of all communists | Should one renounce the Opposition, against the advancing Fascist reac- then one obtains a "minus," i.e. the

The "Reward" for Capitulation

After sending this telegram to the Central Committee, I awaited party rights. Legally, to be sure,

I had not been sentenced under this reality, I was condemned to jail and

right to live in the U.S.S.R., "minus" all the key centers of the country. To some degree this would constitute an improvement. For instance, one might be transferred from Northern Siberia to

Southern Siberia. the city of Andijan, having in view gle for the defense of the October solutely nothing was ound. Never- G.P.U.—but, nevertheless, I was

The Oppositionists who were imprisoned in the Verkhne-Uralsk pen-

itentiary, about 150 in numberthere had been 485 of us in this prison, but many were transferred to other jails until only 150 remained there-went on a hunger strike in protest against the additional new prison terms. Prior to the hunger strike, in the summer of Rank and file Oppositionists are 1932, a Commission headed by a feparagraph by any judge. But in ruthlessly tortured while given the male, one Andreyev, arrived from advice to renounce their views. Moscow to Verkhne Uralsk in order exile for life. I had spent four years After an examination the magis- to improve the "conditions" of the in jail, three in exile. Throughout trate before pronouncing the sen- imprisoned Communists. To all this time I saw no living soul ex- tence offers the defendant that he those who had served their time in tern neighbor. Japan is threatencept the examining magistrate of renounce the views of the Opposi- solitary confinement, she added new salvation of the Soviet system from with the proper people. Back in examining magistrate, as a rule, a categoric refusal, it was my good were given a new sentence for the March, 1934, I sent a telegram to would go through a formal examin- ortune to hear in the sentence all term of two years. This was the We had demanded this commission

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