

WE DID IT ONCE... WE'LL DO IT AGAIN... NOW FOR 1000 SUBS

OUR Russian Revolution anniversary edition last week was a milestone in the history of the NEW MILITANT; for the first time since its inception our paper has appeared in eight pages.

On December 1 we'll do the trick again with another enlarged issue!

We are certain that those of you who have followed the NEW MILITANT from week to week, who have watched its struggle to keep its head above water, who have noted how woefully limited four pages are, must have been delighted in the last issue and wished that it could continue regularly.

Judging by the enthusiasm with which the anniversary number was greeted in New York someone ventured the idea that if enthusiasm alone were enough the eight-pager would be an accomplished fact. Unfortunately enthusiasm is not sufficient, but it can be the beginning of a drive that will yield real results.

For our part, from the editorial office, for the first time in

years we felt that there was some real elbow room. It gave us an idea of the scope of events, the features, the educational, propaganda and polemical articles which might find their way into the NEW MILITANT with the additional space provided by four extra pages. It almost tempted us to brush the dust from the old plans so hopefully prepared when the eight-pager was first projected.

And although we cannot offer you another eight-page paper this week it was decided almost as soon as the November 7 edition came off the press to do the job again on December 1. December 1 marks one year of the Workers Party. We will celebrate it by another EIGHT-PAGE NEW MILITANT.

The December 1 issue, unlike the previous one, will deal almost exclusively with the American scene. If our plans pan out we promise you a humdrum of a paper.

You will then be able to take the two eight-page issues and get a cross section of what the enlarged paper will look like. But the big job is still ahead.

It's a swell idea to rent a new suit for a day every few

months, but it's a much better one to own the suit outright. That's precisely what we want to do. We want to sport the eight-pager every week and not merely every few months. And these must be your sentiments too.

After all our agitation and especially in view of the brilliant opportunities for the party there isn't any need for discussing how useful four additional pages would be in situations like Minneapolis, in the new progressive drift in the A. F. of L. in the unemployed movement and among Socialist and Stalinist workers.

It's no exaggeration to say that our paper can become the best ever in the history of the labor movement. With the talent and ability at our disposal the eight-pager can combine agitation for the uninitiated worker and education for the more advanced in such a way that will set a new high for labor journalism.

With the eight-page paper we can show the world that the working class doesn't need the gutter journalism of the People's Press recently born out of the cesspool of Stalinism.

The working class deserves the best and not the rottenest; it deserves the attitude not of masters to slaves but of comrades—it should get it.

The reasons are too numerous to mention and you can probably add more than we can think of.

Having perfect agreement, let's quit discussing and hoping. Let's get down to business and put the thing over.

What's needed is push, drive and energy. Everybody must do his part, do it quickly and enthusiastically.

By the W. P. convention, Christmas week, we want 1,000 subs!

We want donations, pledges and good American coin in any form it can be gotten!

And it can!

Let's get the will-to-the-eight-pager, the determination to see the task through and the work it takes to make it a fact. If we have all of these the goal is in sight and the EIGHT-PAGE NEW MILITANT is here to stay.

To work!

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Hundreds Turn Out for Shachtman Meetings

Chicago, Detroit and Northwest High Points on Tour

DETROIT: Close to a hundred workers gathered on comparatively short notice at the Wayne County Socialist Hall to hear Max Shachtman present the position of the Workers Party on the Italo-Ethiopian conflict. The analysis of the position adopted by the Socialist Democrats and the Stalinists with regard to the British and League of Nations policy on sanctions, as contrasted to the revolutionary anti-war position of the Workers Party, was followed with keen interest by the workers present. The local branch of the Workers Party promises to experience a considerable growth in the immediate future, especially in view of the fact that it is well connected in the trade unions, above all with the leading forces in the automobile industry. Here as in every other locality visited by Shachtman during the tour, the local comrades are vociferous in their request for experienced organizers to take advantage of the excellent opportunities the party has for growth.

CHICAGO: More than 200 workers packed the large hall of the Capitol Building at the mass meeting organized by the local organization of the Workers Party to hear the position of the W.P. on the coming world war and the present conflict in Africa. Shachtman, now on a national coast-to-coast tour for the Workers Party, was the principal speaker, and he effectively ridiculed the social-patriotic position of the two official "labor" parties—S. P. and C. P.—on the working class attitude towards imperialist war. Despite repeated challenges by the chairman, Norman Satir, for representatives of the C. P. or S. P. to take the floor in defense of their official position, nobody in the audience ventured to speak in their behalf. In his concluding remarks, Shachtman revealed the reactionary sectarian position of the United Workers Party which was defended by its principal spokesman, Mattick, who, characteristic of all ultra-Leftist sectarians, denounced the Workers Party and Leninism for their defense of the right of self-determination of Ethiopia.

DAVENPORT: All efforts to obtain a hall in this city for a mass meeting at which Max Shachtman, (Continued on Page 4)

Meeting in Mpls. Sunday Nov. 10

A. J. Muste and Arne Swabeck will expose the Red-baiting drive launched by William Green against Local 574 of Minneapolis, the most militant section of the American labor movement. The unholy alliance of Green with the Minneapolis bosses will be revealed in this meeting on Sunday evening, Nov. 10, 8 P.M. at Irving Plaza, Irving Place and 15th Street, N. Y. C.

C. P. Votes For McLevy

S. P. Faker Gets in with Aid of Republican and 'Solid' Citizens

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 5.—The Socialist mayor Jasper McLevy of Bridgeport was returned to office today with a clear majority of 5,000 votes over all his opponents. Nearest to McLevy's 24,000 votes was Republican Wilson with 10,000. The Democrats suffered terrific losses as compared with the last election. The Socialists won in every ward.

The big issues of the campaign were honest, economical government and Communism. The latter issue became hot when the Communist Party after getting 500 names on a petition, enough to put candidates on the ballot, decided to withdraw in order to support Jasper (with mental reservations) Jasper, "the sales-tax Socialist." The withdrawal was not allowed, but the C. P. shouted all the louder in support of the Socialists. Earl Browder came to town and addressed an audience of 1,000, who were attracted by Republican and Democratic cries that McLevy was getting support straight from Moscow. Browder frowned on Comrade McLevy but pleaded the need for working class unity at any cost. This was the case all over the world, he said, including Bridgeport.

The high point of the campaign was a radio statement during a Socialist program on the eve of the election by a commissioner of the Park Board: "I am personally a national and state Republican. In voting for Jasper you are voting for honest home government."

Report Reveals Terror Rule of Wall Street Regime in Cuba

Eight of the leading trade union leaders of Cuba were seized last week by government agents in Havana, taken before the so-called "Emergency Tribunal," sentenced to six months each in the dreaded El Principe fortress-prison, and are daily being tortured, according to information received today by the Non-Partisan Labor Defense.

Lasalle, General Secretary of the Havana Federation of Labor; Villar, secretary of the National Federation of Labor, and six others were seized. Four delegates each from the Havana Federation and the other organization, which are not affiliated with each other, were conferring together on proposals for joint action when secret service men burst in and arrested them.

The Cuban National Committee for Amnesty for Social and Political Prisoners, a joint committee representing thirty-one political and labor organizations of the Cuban masses, including the Havana and National Federations, the Workers Party, the Communist Party, the Trotsky-

Leninists ("Trotskyites") and others, is leading a spirited struggle against the Mendieta government's terrorism. Press reports last week that the Cuban Supreme Court declared unconstitutional a press-gag law were described by the Amnesty Committee as attempts to give an atmosphere of legality to the fraudulent elections soon to be held by Mendieta. The terror has actually increased during recent weeks.

On the pretext that some political prisoners have escaped, prison conditions are being worsened. Heart-rending stories seep out of El Principe, whose superintendent, a Captain Coloma, is an addict of marijuana smoking. When under the effects of this "loco weed," Coloma has prisoners beaten with supple staffs which whip the blood out of their bare backs. Political prisoners are employed long hours at rock-breaking and road-building. Distinguished writers, teachers and doctors are being killed off by such (Continued on Page 4)

French C. P. Gets First Payment

Radicals Elect Cachin In Gratitude For Services

By H. F. ROBERTS

On October 21, the day after the French senatorial elections, l'Humanite, organ of the C. P., appeared with a banner headline: "Victory of the People's Front." Under the masthead was the proud legend: "Director—Marcel Cachin, Senator from the Seine." Modestly, the new dignitary in a front page article admitted that "for the first time a Communist has penetrated into the French Senate."

The significance of this world-shaking event is described by Paul Vaillant-Couturier as "a parry to the threats of the Fascist leagues against bread, liberty and peace. The country remains firmly attached to the traditions willed to it by the glorious French revolutions." (l'Humanite, Oct. 21.)

Social Patriot Comes Into His Own

France has proved itself true to its revolutionary traditions. It has elected Marcel Cachin, social-patriot of 1914 and of 1935, to the Senate! The day is saved. Our beloved leader, Joseph—pardon me—Marcel Cachin is the hero of the hour. His election, cries the Central Committee of the French Stalinist party, shaken with emotion, "is a symbol of the unswerving attachment to the Communist International, to the victory of the Front Populaire of peace, bread and liberty."

It is worthwhile stopping briefly to examine this "victory" of the Front Populaire. [The elections in (Continued on Page 2)]

700 at New York Meeting Back French Bolsheviks

In one of the biggest meetings held by the Workers Party in New York since its first days, more than 700 people jammed the Victoria Hall of Irving Plaza to hear James P. Cannon develop the program of the Fourth International on the turbulent events in France.

A true demonstration of international solidarity!

Not since the first days after Hitler's seizure of power has there been an American meeting which by its numbers, its spirit and its deeds rivaled this one of a week ago.

The enthusiastic reception accorded the work of the French Bolshevik-Leninists, who alone carried the banner of revolutionary internationalism, was converted into substantial solidarity.

\$150 was collected with great speed and great enthusiasm to help the work of our French comrades. A facsimile of the check dispatched appears above.

After a brief survey of the background of the situation in France, comrade Muste, acting as chairman, introduced, Cannon the speaker of the evening.

He opened his remarks with an analysis of the instability of world capitalism which seeks a solution either in socialism or reaction. France, he continued, held the key to the outcome of this struggle for Europe and ultimately for all the world.

The Laval government, Cannon explained, very closely resembled the type of governments which preceded Hitler in Germany. Balancing themselves on the armed Fascist bands of the Croix de Feu, on the one hand, and on the so-called People's Front on the other, it is holding the working class at bay as the day for the final test arrives.

Continuing with an analysis of the composition of the People's

Minneapolis Progressives Rally For Defense of Drivers Local 574

MPLS. W. P. SHOWS TRUE ROLE OF F-L PARTY

Statement of the Minneapolis branch, Workers Party of the U. S. on the Farmer-Labor Party.

OUR PRE-ELECTION STATEMENT

In the last municipal election campaign, the Minneapolis branch of the Workers Party of the United States issued a campaign leaflet in which we urged all workers to support the Farmer-Labor candidates, in order to break the stranglehold of the Citizens Alliance on the local city government.

"While the Workers Party urges the defeat of Bainbridge by the election of Farmer-Labor candidates, it declares that the Farmer-Labor officials will not and cannot give the working class any real lasting benefits—these will have to be won by the workers themselves through their fighting organizations: the UNIONS, UNEMPLOYED ORGANIZATIONS and REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS PARTY."

"Workers of Minneapolis: Elect the Farmer-Laborites to office but WATCH THEIR EVERY MOVE. DO NOT TRUST THEM. They will serve the workers' movement only if the workers' organizations force them to do so."

So we said in our leaflet. Today we see less reason than ever to withdraw our declaration and our warning.

THREE MONTHS OF FARMER-LABOR RULE IN MINNEAPOLIS

The Farmer-Labor Party campaigned on pledges not to use the police in industrial disputes, and to fight for more liberal unemployment relief. What has been the record of the Farmer-Labor administration—acting through its elected mayor and aldermen—since it took over political power in Minneapolis?

1. Reactionary officials, including Swanson, were not ousted but were retained in office.
2. The relief administrator, Kjaerug, was not ousted but was retained in office.
3. Such a gross mismanagement of strikes and of the police that satire itself stands disarmed. It is enough to recall Mayor Latimer's phony investigation to determine if the Flour City strike was "just." It is enough to quote the Minneapolis Journal: "Mayor Helps Reopen Plant—Latimer Directs Police Detail Guarding workers at Iron Works—The mayor or 50 policemen gave help to all employees (?) who desired to enter the plant. . . . Incidentally, Latimer or the Farmer-Labor Party has never to this day explained this strike-breaking act. The incidents at Stratwear and the murderous police charges at Flour City are alone enough to damn a party forever in the eyes of honest working men and women. But Latimer does not stop here. He whitewashes the police. And when the Citizens Alliance-dominated grand jury bellows for (Continued on Page 4)

Issue Challenge to Nation's Militants to Hit Green Drive

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 2.—Blazing front-page headlines in the local press for three consecutive days have bannered the fact that William Green is mobilizing the whole machinery of the A. F. of L. bureaucracy to "open war on reds here." Green announces that Minneapolis is to be made "the center of a U. S. drive on communism." Meyer Lewis, a Green agent, has been working under cover in this city for five weeks now, quietly gathering together the forces of reaction in an attempt to smash the militant local union movement. The Minneapolis Journal quotes the 4-point plan of the "labor leaders," as follows:

Japan Rules North China

Chiang Crawls to Int'l Capitals for New Masters

By LO SEN

North China has been added to the domain of Japanese imperialism on continental Asia. British imperialism has intervened, via the currency route, in an effort, long belated, to stem the tide of Japanese domination and to retrieve, or at least protect its remaining interests. Such is the central significance of latest press despatches from China.

The attempted assassination of Wang Ching-wei (Stalin's firm friend and ally in 1927) was an incident coinciding with more important events. Wang was the principal proponent of pro-Japanism in (Continued on Page 3)

1. Contacting all employers who have been victims of communist aggression in labor disputes.
2. Conference with the heads of all unions in the city, including those under suspicion of communist direction, to learn their desires.
3. A general campaign among all unions of the city to educate the membership to the menace of communist leadership to the cause of labor.
4. An effort to have union members who have been encouraged to follow communist leadership to repudiate the radicals.

Lewis, Green's personal representative, elaborates on his master's despicable plan. "The American Federation of Labor, in beginning its national campaign to fight communism, will make Minneapolis its headquarters. . . . We propose to establish a worthwhile organization whose function will be to contact women's organizations, churches, veteran organizations, fraternal groups and civic bodies in order to combine the efforts of all these in one stupendous drive, which will concentrate on the one objective of eliminating those extremists outside the labor movement who are encouraging the promulgation of these undesirable radical principles. . . . It is of the utmost importance that the citizens of Minneapolis, regardless of financial status and regardless of belief shall co-operate 100 percent to see that the troubled waters of the industrial situation be clarified, and that the uppermost thought of the A. F. of L., the Minnesota Federation of Labor and the entire citizenry be combined under one common banner to completely purge the city of communism and set the industrial wheels of activity in motion along the right trail, that being a complete and underlying peace for business men."

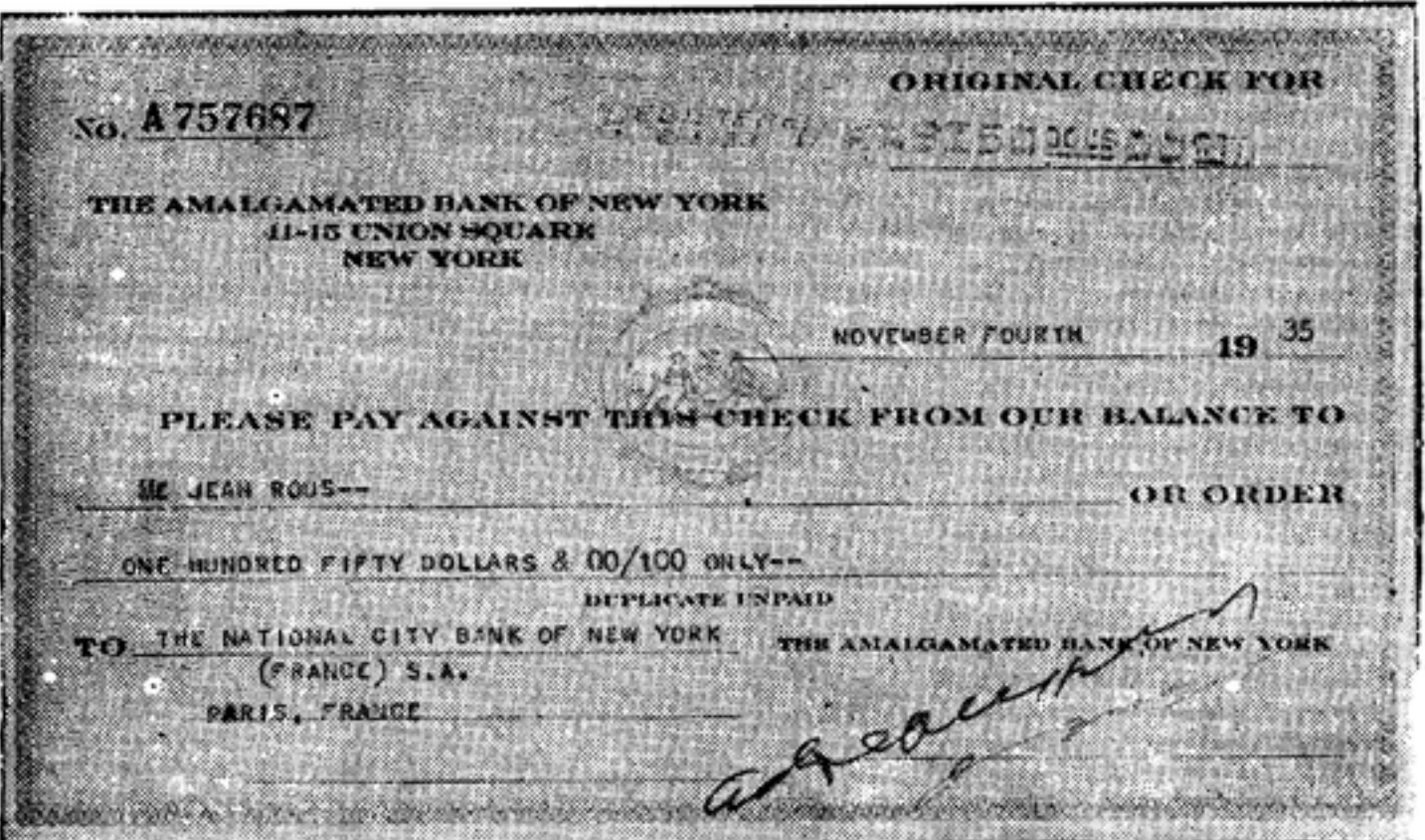
This morning's Minneapolis Tribune announces that work of contacting business, civic and other organizations to secure their active aid in the war on Communism is well under way. "The anti-Red activity will be in full swing next week. The Federation will then have established headquarters in downtown Minneapolis and officials of several international labor unions, whom Mr. Green is to send to Minneapolis, will be on the job."

Citizens Alliance Gleeful

To Green's splitting proposals, the bosses, the Citizens Alliance, the American Legion, the business men's lunch clubs, etc. are of course responding enthusiastically. So do various officials of the State Federation of Labor: So does Farmer-Labor Mayor Thomas ("Tear-Gas") Latimer.

The Citizens Alliance-led officials of the Stratwear Knitting Company, where a strike of 1,200 hosiery workers has been in progress for two months, have issued a statement damning the "reds."

"Falling through persuasion and (Continued on Page 2)



Facsimile of check sent to our French comrades from collection at meeting.

Front, Cannon dwelled especially with the Communist Party, whose treacherous policies have made it the most reactionary force in the labor movement. The quotations he read from the Stalinist press of France left the audience gaping in amazement, so unbelievable has the degeneracy of the party of Lenin become.

From there the speaker went over to the crisis in the social democracy, the conditions that brought about the entrance of the Bolshevik-Leninists, "their intransigent fight for revolutionary ideas and program. He concluded with an exposition of their program and an appeal for support.

Then came the discussion and the

intervention of the nuisance groups whose chief reason for existence is their putrid criticisms of the 4th International. One after another, i.e. Weisbord, Field and Oehler cliques fulminated against "Trotsky the traitor." "Trotsky the capitulator," they whined that "everything was lost in France," they bitterly protested at Cannon's failure to make distinctions between them, etc., etc.; but they didn't get a rise out of the audience which greeted their remarks with derision and remained 100 percent for the W.P., the Fourth International and comrade Trotsky to the last moment of the meeting.

In his summary Cannon gave the crushing reply to these splitters,

pointing to their reactionary role in attacking the Bolshevik-Leninists of France precisely at the time they were under attack from the bureaucracy of the S. P., the Stalinists and the police—the role of strikebreakers. To their cries about the suppression of democracy in the W.P. he showed the audience the internal bulletins of the party filled with the opinions of the minority, which walked out of the organization despite the democracy proffered them by the party. The hearty applause from the audience showed its complete solidarity with the actions of the W.P.

The meeting ended with a lusty singing of the Internationale.