MASS PICKET LINE WINS FIRST STRIKE CONFI

Throw Back Police Army In First Major Skirmish A sitdown in key departments in Plant One was begun early Tuesday in sympathy with the strikers. A

(Continued from Page 1) posts. The women, organized in bring in the militia, the Union Buyers Club, have prov- A victory in Akron today will One and Three were closed by the ers is shown by an incident that throughout the country. occurred the second day of the strike. The weather was way below zero, and some of the strikers were rather loath to venture out into the cold to take care of the picket posts. The women caucused, and finally delivered the following message: You men cook. take care of the picketing! With 4,000 Goodyear strikers against strike. such a spirit, from that moment on armed vigilantes and hundreds of there was never any trouble in getting dozens of candidates for each intention of using a sweeping in giving out statements to non-strikpicket post.

Besides the picket posts that are maintained by the Goodyear local, 22 crui er cars are constantly on tee of fifteen was chosen by 300 the job. Apparently the strike cheering delegates at the Central committee has borrowed a lot of Labor Union special meeting last rected when key workers adopted ideas that were developed by the night with full power to do "any-Minneapolis truck drivers in their thing they advise to help the Good- had been hammered home by milistrikes of 1934.

There is the strike headquarter:, with hospital, commissary, loudbulletin, and there is a possibility in the near future.

Goodyear President Broadcasts

Tonight at 10:40, the pre ident of the Goodyear Company, Litchfield, spoke over the radio, presenting the usual boss line: Our company union has been in existence for seventeen years - reventeen years of peace and harmony, . . This is not a question of wages and hours, but a question of whether the government is to be transported into the middle of a law- though promised protection and efcracy or chaos, etc., etc., in the sympathy into active support. usual boss manner. Full-page ads appear in all the Akron papers, containing the usual run-of-the-mill tion to organize and fight in defense of their rights. Incidentally, cau'e if I get out, I don't know when I can get in again.,' This maintaining around the struck plants. No one enters or leavethe plant without the permission of the union. Up until a few days ago, the union was permitting the office workers to enter the plant. But four fink production workers were caught trying to sneak through, and 'ince then no one

gets by the picket line. Real Industral Union

Needless to say, the rubber workers have taken in almost all the craftsmen who work around the plant -- carpenters, electrician ; painters, sheet metal workers, pipe workers decided to go on trike fitters. These men saw that their immediately as the company remission into the union, and were zero weather and a blizzard. readily taken in. Even the machinists have cracked under the stre's of the strike, and a large section has already entered the Goodyear

Lewis Forces Strong

John L. Lewis i continuing to throw more and more strength behind the strike, as the tremendous importance of the situation becomes apparent. Last night Bro-Industrial Organization. Adolf Ger-line tomorrow; etc., etc. strike end in a smashing victory for the union-and there i every evidence that it will-the star of industrial unionism will be on the you can see the deta is of the bung- into the factory no matter how yoki, vice-pre ident of the Amalgaheights. Trade unionists from all ling job done by the union officials, much any un'on leaders plead to mated Clothing Workers, to the over the country are dropping into That is the potential Achille heel the contrary. In fact, Monday will strike scene, Akron and carefully observing of the giant Labor. The no doubt probably "ee half of Akron's rubtrial unionism will loom large be- strike already if a group of pro- is the sentiment for the strikers. ing clars because of this stuggle. fore the eyes of mass production gressives hadn't emerged under | Quite obviously this strike is a After 21 years of complete terrorpacking house industry.

ing it position of refusing to deal in an impeccable clas collabora- able and demanding of industrial matter what Goodyear does, they with the union or to open negotia- tionist way which has been greeted unionism, both William Green and can't build tires without us," the tions over grievances until the with joy by the company. strike is called off, it is difficult to | For example, progre sives insist- sues involved. So the center of the won't go back until a good settle-

eastern section of Ohio. The Goodstrikers have is the energy and rich and Fire tone workers are formed. high spirits of the women, who ready to come out at the drop of have turned out in great numbers a hat. Even now, the brothers through the Plant Two line failed ese imperialism. The very day of to back up the strike. Fifty girls from these other two plants spend Tuesday as more workers joined the Tokyo coup, Hachiro Arita, the are on duty at the strike headquar- all their free time on picket duty. ter: 24 hours a day. Every two The Central Labor Union in Akron hours, a thousand sandwiches are has sent a delegation to Governor made and delivered to the picket Davey warning him not to try to picket lines were marching in chain tions.

en tremendously effective in neu- mean the rubber industry has been 'sitdowners' who came out on strike. tralizing the prejudices of the local conquered at last by the union merchants and small business men. movement, and will be the signal An illustration of the spirit of the for tremendous campaigns in the ed features of the picket talk as the wives and daughters of the strik- other mass production industries temperature dropped to nine below

Every Aid Promised by Akron C.L.U. Committee

By JACK WILSON

AKRON, Ohio, Feb. 22 .- A general strike movement was rapidly gaining impetue here to support deputies who have announced the r junction as an excure to smash the ers and to the papers which kept picket line.

A progressive-dominated commityear strikers."

The Goodyear strikers have adopted the slogan, "Hold that picket closed liquor stores, and generally speaker, etc. There are the cruiser line injunction or no injunction," ran East Akron under direction of a cars. There is everything in Akron issued by progressives and they special strike committee, all week. today but a printed daily strike prepared to resit any of the attacks which are being openly prethat even this will be established pared by Sheriff Flower, a National Guard captain.

Already national guard observers have been sent in and troops have been told to be ready for im-

Company union meetings have been packed by Goodrich and Firestone foremen, businessmen, supervi ers, and other rats, crying for against the workers. "a right to go into the factory."

Nearly 5,000 Goodyear workers refused to enter the plants even

Union Officials Timid

John Hou e, un on president, declared in the injunction hearing injunction would be given. slanders which bo ses always use that the strike was an "outlaw" against any group of workers who strike, thus giving an excuse for the injunction easily as House and it to maintain a striking indepenhave the courage and determina- the granting of the injunction and Ze iger flopped terribly in the court dence in Japan' own imperialist for the next war, and every suc- invited to sign a separate treaty Akron and its suburbs during the Pressure from progre sives, backed would. Litchfield announced he was broad by the rank and file, has forced

will give some idea of the rigorous they hoped for quick settlement and discipline which the strikers are want the men to go back to work blood in the pickets. as they fear facing a real strike.

But progres ive pressure became too strong and the union has announced it wants to abolish the mously by the CLU delegates brist-Flying squad, a company scab or- led in defiance of any injunction plains of Manchuria! gauization, the company union proceedings and called on all organ-

assembly, and no lay-offs. Signs urging the 30 hour week, seniority rights and return of wages Other rubberworkers locals officcaptain and the union officials w ll planned support for Goodyear strik- "Conflict" of Master and Servant barking on an active war policy in as an easier market to secure first. ed. In the present strike the entire

Strike Events To-Date Monday night the Plant Two on strike.

by the pickets and many employes coming to work joined the strike movement.

committee was sent to the union North China border. This pressure asking if the picket line should be was bearing fruits. Chiang Kai-

Two police attempts to smash with the strikers instead of trying new Japanese ambassador to China, to get in the factory.

By Wednesday morning, sixty fashion around entrances and Plant win de pite all obstacles were markzero for two nights.

The union officials wouldn't sanction a strike bulletin for Wedne day morning although hundreds of Goodyear workers were coming to the picket lines instead of going to work. No effort was made to win the non-trikers over primarily because the union officials feared a

Combating Company Maneuvers Valuable days were lost by not howling for "reasons why the men

are striking." Unfavorable comment began to be heard on the streets but the mi take was corcompletely a correct program which Pickets took charge of traff.c.

A company trick of sneaking in scabs instead of office workers in the payroll department while worker were waiting for checks brought a complete stoppage of every movement in and out of the factory. Even the company pre ident, P. W. Litchfield was kept within the plant along with 500 flying squad scab who have tear gas bombs, clubs, gas marks, etc. to use tomorrow

The First Set-back

First break in the picket line came Friday night when a court

casting from inside the plant, "be- Hou e to change his stand a little. for the trikers but the Central The union officials were afraid Labor union meeting was called to come out openly for demands as just in time to rally the disheartened workers and put new life

CLU Gives Support

The re-olution adopted unaniline and financially.

cut recently were made by picket ers met after the CLU meeting and them to be doing! have to ask for those demands too. er Already workers at Goodrich demanded that they be called out

a spontaneous movement o will all has known how to reach out to the class and the unemployed. The more than an opportunity for the trike in Akron, the effect of a fused to rescind lay-offs. A picket organized workers walk out even pea antry to establish a Fascist political ituation is much more various nations to get together and victory at Columbia will be treized rubber workers, asked for ad- line of 500 was formed despite ub- though certain local union leaders base of his own. Japan's drive of will beg them with crocodile tears Tuesday the plant was shut tight in their eyes not to.

Perspectives of the Akron Rubber Strike

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strike is over. Tomorrow crews seem nearly incomprehenable that an injunction because this is a of organizer from the Amalgamat-lanyone would consider a possibility peaceful strike! ed Clothing Workers, the Interna- of defeat. But that would ignore tional Ladies Garment Workers exactly those factors which now and the United Mine Workers are have become the balance between from other plants have aided the scheduled to arrive. Should the victory and defeat-the union leadership.

The Progressive: and Leadership In the news report of this strike, as the sheriff tries to slug his way sent Adolph Germer and Leo Kryz-

see how they can smash the trike, ed since Tuesday that the company craft vs. industrial un'on fight ment i made and realizing the They have appealed for the nation- would be given the unjunction in within the A. F. of L. has been company can't run without workal guards, but the understand quite its own money-dominated capitalist shifted to Akron. clearly that martial law would court and that plans to break the Green took honors in round one of all production. That profit is mean a general strike in the whole injunction were necessary. They by telephoning the international stolen from workers.

have won the rank and file to that bourgeoi press which is doing its vew, naturally for the average phy was in town and poke at damndest to swing sympathy to the picket has been two miles ahead of mer will remain in town until the In view of these facts, it would again that the court couldn't grant

All Akron Will Reply

Since easily 2,000 rubber workers

Japanese Intervention Threatens Soviet Union

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shek openly announced his readiness to make his deal with Japanarrived in Shanghai enroute to Nanking to open formal negotia-

Throughout the preliminaries to these negotiations the Japanese military openly announced that Militancy and determination to they preferred the direct method of open conquest. They continued to doubt the "sincerity" of Nanking's grovelling capitulation and continued to rattle the sabre in the North. This only helped swing Nanking into line.

Planned to Test U.S.S.R.

Similarly with regard to the U.S.S.R. The multiplication of border incidents along the Soviet and Outer Mongolian frontiers in recent weeks represented direct provocation by Japanese imperialism, in an of an independent weapon which attempt to "feel out" Moscow's tem- the High Command could hold over since the beginning of the Manchu- flict finally comes, as now, our take per, especially along the Outer Mongolian frontier, which Japan's militarists wanted to test as a potential battleground to discover the exact extent to which the Soviet Union would regard Mongolia' fight as its own.

which was compensated for diplomatically by an agreement to set up a "border commission" to adjudicate the frontier disputes.

The common theory about "disagreements" between the "military clique" and the civilian tools of Japanese imperiali m must always be qualified by the realization that the two arms supplement each other far more than they conflict. The Japanese military arm is driving forward to serve the interests of Japane e imperialism. The civilian arm wants to keep that drive within certain limits dictated by self-interest and factors over which the Japanese bourgeoisie alone has no direct control.

Aid to Japanese Diplomacy Seeming militarist "truculence"

order was given during the injunc- has proved very useful to Japanese feel they could stand the expense against Britain. While Britain is le's mob. . . . We must avoid auto- forts are being made to swing their tion hearing that coal be allowed diplomacy. The appearance of of an immediate naval race. And using Germany to try to frighten hauled in by train. Strike captains helplessness before uncontrollable they had to make some convincing France into giving up her overhad trouble re training pickets from militari to has enabled Japanese gestures to pacify their war-weary tures to Mu solini, France is try- ing efforts of the Ohio Insulator stopping the train as the company diplomacy to prevent itself from population. All these interests ing to use Italy to frighten Britain resulted in the threat of a general tried to provoke trouble so that the being laced into the straitjacket of combined to make them amenable into giving up her overtures to strike by the Central Labor Union some imperialist horse trade around to some real naval limitation. However, the company received conference tables. It has enabled reducing sympathy to the union. fight as progressives had said they interests, although that has not ceeding naval conference has regbeen an unmixed blessing for Jap-The situation began to look dark ancse imperialism.

> Office wa: when the Japanese army gotiation undertaken to modify marched into Manchuria! With and improve the Washington Agreehow straight a face could ambas-

No, let no one fall for the notion of the original agreement. known a the Goodyear Industrial ized and unorganized workers to that those naughty soldier boys are support the striker on the picket doing anything that Mitsui and Mitsubishi & Co. (the Morgan and the eve of the next World War, gest obstacle to American expan-production. Up to the Columbia Wendels of Japan) do not want The economic contradictions which sion, nevertheless American policy Chemical strike only a few workers

be said to exist. It i the conflict between a master and an arrogant and tottering finances reinforced ure. But this is hardly true. It possession of the factory. Exactly as Goodyear's strike was servant, a servant moreover who imperialist conquest in China, its and fall of the revolutionary move- at close range. The conference it- that should the tie-up come in march toward war on the Soviet ment under the misleadership of elf is nothing more than an incl- Akron, the Columbia strikers will Union represents the basic nece sity of Japanese imperialism, crowded ists have the openly expressed as parations of the imperialists. The berton. within the geographically and eco nomically limited confines of a tiny archipelago. To carry out that drive Japanese imperialism has created a mighty military machine to ing class for their next robber war. same measure it will be a uccess labor dates. which it must extend power and The nations vanquished in the lat for their opponents. The only comwith whom it must share no small part of the poils.

strike headquarters, promising full company; arming of hundreds of the leader: on every issue that drive at a tempo and a rate of exsupport from the Committee for special deputies to break the picket arose. The union leaders hoped penditure commensurate with its and prayed and declared time and possibilitie and seeks to keep its unwilling instrument within those limits. That is the role Takahashi has played. He ha opposed not the huge appropriations for the drive but the excess which could be pared

> trikers on the picket line, spread- union officers of the United Rubing of the walkout throughout the ber Workers of America that he entire industry will come as soon would support them. Lewis has

Already valuable lessons have what is going on. In case of an sincere but incorrect policies of the ber workers out at the picket lines been learned by the workers which impressive victory in Akron, indus- leadership would have ruined the ready to battle the sheriff, so strong will increase the power of the workworker throughout America. The pres ure of events. Suffice it to make or break proposition for un- zation by the companies, smashing situation will unquestionably have say, that in so far as the strike ionism in the tire industry. The of all attempts at strikes and unan immediate effect in the auto has been placed on a class struggle companies have fully realized this. ionism, the companie: have been industry, in the steel mills and the ba is has it been successful. The The rank and file has forced the foiled in their attempts to curb the union leaders, while talking of union leaders to see it. Since this present walkout. The worker are Though the company is maintain- class-consciousness, etc., etc., act | a mass production industry cap- learning their own strength. "No John Lewis are aware of the is- tirebuilder says, determined he ers. That workers are the basis

hatred of the swashbucklers.

The Price of the Hireling But the Japanese bourgeoisie cannot avoid paying the price of its hireling. Just as the French bourgeoisie had to pay its Napoleon III, like the Chinese bourgeoisie has to pay Chiang Kai-shek, the German its Hitler, and so on down the line, the Japanese bourgeoiste may be finding itself compelled tomorrow to

emerges to take the helm. Nor has this military machine failed to reach out for its own base. Not a small part of War Office propaganda has been directed "against" big capital on behalf of the horribly impoverished Japanese peasantry. This was in part propaganda deigned to knit the ranks, composed of peasant youth, largely, to the High Command. But it was also

off and make the burden a little banner of "social justice." And it the recent election turn to "medera lighter. For this he earned the has allocated to itself the chief de- tion." fense of the divinity of the Emperor.

In this lie the bases of a Japanese military-Fascist dictatorship of a type which is likely to emerge when Japanese imperialiem enters its final life and death struggle for Japanese imperialism can dig fts its future.

Path Is Not Smooth

But the path of Japanese imperi-

alism, whether in khaki or in mufti, has not been entirely smooth, even pay its Araki, its Hayashi or its during there years of imperialist proletariat defending the Soviet Kawashima or whatever general waged on all world markets by it to victory. Japanese products cheapened thru imposing facade of rigid, indoctrinconsciously in part the development ated discipline. There have been the heads of the money bags. The rian campaign. A thick stratum of will be to gird for battle against army has pored as the champion of the Japanese petty bourgeoisie has American imperialism. We will demoral righteousness as against the felt the sharp pinch. Nothing de- fend the Soviet Union by fightnotorious corruption of Japanese monstrated this more definitely, ing its and our enemy in our own politician It has even raised the even though in dirguised form, than country.

On Guard!

All this provides the basis for a new intervention of the Japanese masses in the determination of their own dertiny. The war policy of own grave. War, especially war against the Soviet Union, can and will accelerate the development of revolutionary forces deep within the Japanese mas. Solid with a world victory. In Japan itself the drain Union by taking up the struggle of the war cost has reduced the against imperialism on a world proletariat and peasantry to the scale (not supporting the capitalist barest levels of existence. They are regime? of the Soviet Union's tempaying not only for the war being porary bourgeois allies!), the Japwaged on the continent with bullets arese proletariat can step into the and bomb but for the war being van of that struggle and help swing

Let us be on our guard! Amerisweated labor. In the army itself can imperialism will greedily lap wide cracks have appeared in the up the fruits of a Soviet-Japanese conflict which it will turn to the advantage of its own aims in the mutinie hushed by censorship ever Pacific. When the inevitable com-

This was dangerous "testing" London Naval

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It may be wondered how the nations ever got together in a Naval Conference in the first place. In 1921 the Washington Conference actually saw an agreement between Great Britain, the United States, and Japan to limit their navies to a 5-5-3 ratio. But times were different then, and the nations had other immediate interests. To a are trying to drag Germany into certain extent they were satisfied the conference against the opposifor the moment with the conquest: they had made in the World War with their recent policy of playing high. at the expense of Germany and Germany against France. Austria. They were economically exhausted by the war and did not unsuccessfully trying to play Italy

Since that time the capitalist world has been steadily preparing the conference. But she has been which has proven its worth in istered the decline of the forces alone. No doubt she will accept at the major rubber shops have emthat made for the Washington Britain's protection for her efforts ployed it. Three times it has gained How regretful the Tokyo Foreign Naval Agreement of 1921. The nement in 1927 broke off without any sadors visit the chancelleries of results. In 1930 another grand ges-

Rearming on Eve of New War Only in one sense can "conflict" 1921 have to a certain extent been solved. Debts have been cancelled the London Conference i a failat the expense of the working was never intended to be anything surance of both the Stalini t and conference may be a failure for Socialist leaders in the "democrat- some of the imperialists who were in two years. The first was a ic" countries that they will have outmaneuvered and fail to get all victory and it is from that time the support of the organized work- the allies they wanted-but in the that the militancy of Barberton war are rearming and getting ready plete failure is the failure of liberto fight for a share in the spoils. The nations don't bother to hide by Bad statesmen and Bad nations,

However, it wants to conduct the their maneuvers for allies and po- to learn anything from the confer-

German-American pact. Such pact evidently has absolutely nothing to do with the limitation of Conference armaments. It is merely a proposal for a war alliance between Britain, the United States, and Germany.

> Britain has two big iron: in the London Conference fire. They are trying to come to some agreement to let food come in to the plant and with the United States for con- it had to be smuggled inside over certed action against Japan for the the fence, but finally the manageprotection of American and British interests in the Far East. At the bring supplies in through the gate. same time the Briti'h diplomats tion of France. This is in line Hour." The morale of the men is

Germany apparently will not join

under the same terms with Britain last month. Four times the workers to build up her naval war machine, victories for the strikers. The America's Game

United States will come to some agreement with Britain over the Rubber Co. Europe and America and deny the ture at disarmament went up in Pacific. If not at the London Conmarch of conquest during the very smoke. And now the London Con- ference, sooner or later in a ecret The men go into the factory but hours that it roared acro's the ference has lost Japan and is about or open treaty. The question for stand by their machines without to lo e Italy, two of the signers American diplomats revolves around operating them. They see that no the relative merits of the British one else does either. Thus in the colonies and China as markets. The London Conference meets on While Britain i finally the bigprevented the nations from em- in the past has centered on China in key departments have participat-

The capitalist press reports that force has not only refused to ope-

Britain's Stake

As for France, she in still trying Hitler.

als, who still think war is caused

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'Sit Down' Hits Chem. Plant

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outside of the plant reeing to # that the strikers get food and clothing. At first the company refused ment was forced to let the men The strikers also have radios and cards and Thursday night they staged a "Mayor Bowes Amateur

The management has been forced to move its offices to a downtown Akron building. Although it has threatened to eject the strikers it has made no move to do so. It recalls too well that the strike break-

a few months back. The "it-down" is a labor tactic fourth use .of this tactic has re-It is more than likely that the sulted in the bitter strike now being fought at the Goodyear Tire and

> The tactic is a very rimple one. mars production industries a small number of workers are able to stop rate the machines but have taken

With the possibility of a general

The present strike is the second

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