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Revolutionary Working Class Can Upset Apple cart of Capitalist Politicans and Warmakers

Statesmen and diplomats of the Powers met at London this week not to decide the issue of war or peace in Europe, but to decide, if the furious struggle, conducted by their trade necessary to create riots condition to continue in this city?" they could, how and by whom and against whom the inevitable war the Goodyear rubber workers for and civil commotion, lawlessness He then referred to strikers "beshall be waged

Hitler's reoccupation of the Rhineland and his open offer of a bloe of western powers against the Soviet Union has once more precipitated the bubbling and uneasy solution of European alignments and forced the search for a new formula and a new compound. Irritants abound and the harried chemists at London feared momen-

Compromise

Reinstatement of

Many Strikers

Different interpretations of the

agreement have been given by union

leaders and spokesmen for the Real-

refuse to hire union men who had

been guilty of "violence" during the

The final interpretation of this

section will be determined by the

militancy and solidarity shown by

cases, building crews have met and

The Settlement

in part as follows:

The terms of the settlement are

The terms of the agreement en-

tered into between the parties on

Nov. 21, 1934, and of the Curran

award shall continue in effect, ex-

cept that there shall be an Im-

mediate arbitration of the min-

imum standards of wages, such

standards to become effective

At the end of one year, from

this date, there shall be upon

application of either party the

further arbitration of minimum

standards of wages and hours,

the award to be effective for the

second year hereof. There shall

be a further arbitration of mini-

mum standards of wages and

hours at the end of the second

year upon the application of ei-

ther party, the award to be ef-

fective for the third year hereof.

in effect for a period of three

This agreement is to continue

Signatory members who ratify

this agreement are to immediate-

ly proceed to restore their em-

ployees to their former positions.

If individual disputes arise in

connection with the return of the

employees to work, such cases

shall be submitted at once to Mr.

Hugh S. Robertson as impartial

arbitrator, who shall consider all

circumstances and whose ruling

The representatives of the un-

The immediate arbitration of

the minimum standard of wages

herein provided for is to be con-

ducted by the Hon. Ferdinand

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ion hereby agree to send their

shall be final.

from the date of the award.

would be accepted.

tarily to see their whole laboratory go up in the smoke and thunder of Service Strike a shattering explosion carrying issues, conflicts and men beyond their

Nazi Army on the March For while diplomats parleyed at London, Germany was marching more thousands into the Rhineland. The French War office claimed that 90,000 German soldiers now stood poised at the French frontier. Estimates which included the Storm N. Y. Realty Board Refuses of a citizens "law and order league." The former Mayor in citizen, had a right to speak the "rule with lead pipes in South lead pipes lead pipes in South lead pipes l poised at the French frontier. Esried the total to more than 200,000.

Along the French border into the chain of mighty forts that France has built since the last war, more than 150,000 troops were moved over. Under a compromise settle- simultaneous reports that a quanti- of sickness and hunger now makes namely the Law and Order League. and the border towns placed on a ment on the question of firing all ty of guns and ammunition has dis- it imperative that these men do go He gave two telephone numbers war footing. From Czechoslovakia, strikebreakers and rehiring all appeared from the national guard to work. Belgium, Rumania, Bulgaria, Al- strikers, the union leadership armory. bania and Italy came reports of agreed to call off the strike and to mobilizations, preparations and the leave all questions of wages, etc. wheels of the whole war machine of Europe started to turn more satisfaction exists in the union with

imperialist horse trading was be- yesterday's union membership meet- to be given of wage changes; negoing played on with a number of ing indicated that the settlement, tiation on working hours; advance important changes in the dramatis hailed as a victory by the leaders, notice of layoffs. personae.

Only a few months ago French imperialism was the buffer between Britain and Italy over the issue of Ethiopia. Today it is Britain who ty Board. The former, basing themstands with arm upraised to pro- selves on one clause, claim that it tect the Third Reich from the blows meant the rehiring of all strikers. of an angry France. Italy is care- On the other hand, the bosses claim fully straddling while she waits for that a qualifying clause left the one side or the other to pull her door wide open to any landlord to chestnut, an Ethiopian settlement, from the fire. While three months ago it was Italy who thundered strike, and to retain strike-breakers threats to quit the League, today hired in "good faith." it is France who says she will bolt if in this crisis the League fails to serve her purposes.

By marching into the Rhineland ten days ago Hitler set the long ership given them. Already, in some farce out of it. and tangled European fuse spluttering. It splutters still and no decided that all or none go back to man can say whether today or to- work. morrow it will end in the weak pop of a firecracker or blow up the works. Meanwhile what is going on today is the scramble for safe

Main Positions in Rhine Conflict At present it is possible to summarize the main positions somewhat

France would like to crack down on Hitler if it were possible to do so without throwing either Britain or Italy or both to Germany's side. This being unlikely, France will retreat to its second line of defense, which demands of Britain a hard and fast military alliance with automatic guarantees of British military aid the moment Germany attacks. At the same time France will move to wean Italy away from the dangerous threat of an Italo-German rapproachement and possible alliance by forcing a settlement of the East African issue on Mussolini's terms. Lastly, France will announce that the "collective security" racket has petered out and continue to build its armaments and alliances to the maximum extent possible.

Britain fundamentally would like to come to terms with Hitler and at the same time retain the indispensable friendship of France by weaning the latter away from Moscow and giving Hitler a free hand in the East. In other words, while French imperialism considers a rearmed Reich on its borders as its immediate enemy, Britain sees more logic in tying the Third Reich into a series of pacts which will consummate Hitler's offer to preserve the Western European status quo and open the valve to let off steam at the expense of the Soviet Union. An inter-imperialist war will hasten the disintegration of the British Empire. Nowhere is

members back to work.

Shuffle New War Goodyear Picket Line Retains Firm Control; Prepared to Counter Bosses' Vigilante Terror Ground For Cards at London Union Plans to Extracts from the Rabble-Rousing Radio Gum Miners

Mobilize All **Ex-Soldiers**

proposal advanced by the company, them fellow Americans." erminates in the picket line.

open under the high sounding name has ceased to be a virtue."

the way negotiations were carried groups (this would estensibly in-At London the ironic comedy of on, and the compromise reached, clude the company union); notice

> While the union did not place itself in the position of rejecting all urday meeting and they include: Restoration of all wage reductions since Jan. 1; a uniform thirty-six hour week; straight seniority rights notice of layoffs. However, it is now clear that the company never meant to negotiate in the first place. It should be remembered that last spring the company agreed to meet representatives of the the returning strikers and the lead- workers and then promptly made a

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WPA - 1936 Football

(Special to the New Militant) By JAMES EVANS

WASHINGTON, D.C .- There is a degree of prosperity—in political speeches. Certainly, the President himself is a picture of prosperity. Just take a look, folks, at that great big smile which will increase in breadth from now until the November election. Of course, the Democratic jackass has gone a bit lame under Franklin's jockeying; but depend on Old Doc Farley to get the beast in prime shape for the coming sweepstakes.

The other side of the picture is considerably darker. In an article, last week, I commented upon the decision of Federal Administrator Harry L. Hopkins to fire 700,000 WPA workers, under the pretense that the majority would be re-employed by private industry. It is not necessary for us to go into an extensive analysis of this lie. Roosevelt's own Bureau of Labor Statistics reported an unemployment increase of 650,000 in privateindustry during January of this year. The National Industrial Con-

Roosevelt finds himself faced with dilemma. Opposition to his new

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Speech of Former Mayor of Akron

AKRON, Ohio. March 15 .- The | bringing in firearms and gas to to an attack on "labor agitators community when the non-striking and Communist leaders who workers attempt to enter the plant. AKRON, Ohio .- In its fifth week brought with them all the tricks of | . . . Are we going to permit this the right to have a union of their and disorder in our peaceful and fuddled and coerced by the Pesotas. own choice, enters a crucial stage. law abiding community. I could Germers, and Kryckzys. . . . Work-On Saturday, March 14, the union not address them as fellow citizens, ers must run the gauntlet of bulrejected the so-called settlement nor could I stretch a point and call lets, clubs and brickbats in order ers in answer to the company's pro-

organizing under cover for some to wreck the industry! And wreck jackals around a carcass." time have now come out in the the city in the effort! . . . Patience

a prepared statement has an same as any private citizen on this Akron and West Hill" (residential nounced his acceptance of an in- matter affecting the whole commu- districts). So what? vitation to lead strike-breakers into nity. He also represented Good- He announced that an agency had the plants through action of these year men loyal workers who had been created in the last twenty-four The Building Service strike is vigilantes. Ominously there appear asked him to speak. "The specter hours to deal with the situation,

> The company's offer included: has been no semblance of law and municate. lence" ascribed to the strikers:

town leaders and agitators are the dignity of their going."

was devoted mainly create a regime of terror in this

to go to work. . . . Out of town posal to go back to work. as promptly as it had previously No one before, he said, has come radical and Socialist leaders have rejected the McGrady conciliation to the radio "and told you the real had the affrontery to praise our proposal. The company thereupon truth about what is back of the supine officialdom for preserving again served notice that it intended whole strike problem here in Ak- the peace and maintaining law and to reopen the plants, and that it ron." The henchmen of these out- order." Then he referred to "long" would refuse employment to all side agitators "were busy arming haired Hapgoods, wild eyed and strikers. The next morning at 4 the pickets with clubs, iron pipes loose tongued Tates (chairman of A.M. more than 6,000 men were on and revolvers. . . . They came into the Central Labor. Union of Akron our community with the sole intent and A. F. of L. organizer) chiselto either make the Akron rubber ling leeches, labor agitators, radi-Vigilante forces which have been industry 100 percent unionized or cals, communists, red orators-like

> He warned that radicals who now rule in East Akron (a work-

with which any who were desirous "For the past three weeks there of joining the League could com-

been bombed, windows smashed." union workers) will have to take Thereupon Sparks mentioned about the consequences. Help us to say twenty alleged instances of "vio- to the out of town leaders get the "Right at this moment out of going to be too much interested in

Reject Bad Settlement

By PAUL FIELDING AKRON, O., Mar. 15 .-"No, no, a thousand times no,

"I'd rather stay out than say yes!"sang five thousand Goodyear strik-

Five thousand fighting gum miners, on strike for the fourth week, shouted down a plan to go back to their jobs with nothing, and left for the plant to tighten the picket lines.

For two hours the men stood in line, braving rain and snow, waiting to get into the Akron Armory, the largest auditorium in the city. But it even it was too small. They formed a double line around the building, and when they finally got in the hall, they packed the seats and aisles, and stood on the window sills and balcony.

Across the street company men

the union leaders. But the strikers in such clashes, were ready for anything. As each union official entered the hallshouted NO!

Secret Ballot Howled Down

tion which rejected some points. emended others, and proposed new ones. All in all, it was little more than Goodyear had proposed a week before but had withdrawn.

Those supporting the resolution aise their hands," John House, union president, said.

Every hand but one went up. "Those opposed?"

One lone hand rose (Continued on page 4) Soil & Profits

(Special to the New Militant) By JAMES EVANS

 ${\sf 'Conserved'}$

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 7-Their immaculate clothing flecked with the blood of the share-croppers, the wealthy planters and landnever believed in the guilt of Carol- lords of this region gathered here ine Decker or Norman Mini and that to make a deal, under the guise of tors. The press has naturally conticipants spoke to each other in ly a reactionary institution serving over-work in the jute mill several soft, insolent voices; the air being to bind the masses spiritually to weeks ago, has now recovered suf- heavy with Southern courtesy and their masters, but is the most pow-Union, representing 25,000 croppers and wage-slaves. and having headquarters in this city, was not invited to send any burn a church in Spain today, is delegates. The gentlemen lost their the exact equivalent of the burning temper only once: when the repre- of the castle or manor of a hated sentative of the Department insisted upon paying them five, instead of tality of the Spanish priesthood

> United States Senator-elect Allen can be assured that the mere loss Ellender, of Louisiana, did offer a of a church here and there is as resolution asking Secretary Wal- nothing to the frenzy which the lace to give 'due consideration to clergy will display when they are the small farmers." Nobody took threatened with no bodily violence Al's resolution very seriously, not at all but with systematic exproeven Al himself. Everybody knew priation by the organized proletarithat the Senator had to make some at. sort of gesture in order to keep Huey Long's political machine going. A round dozen of the smaller landlords voted for Al's proposal

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Suppression

Leaders Still Playing Fatal Game with Rapublicans

By ALFREDO ROJAS

The first sessions of the Spanish Cortes are taking place in the midst of wide, but still sporadic, battles of the workers and peasants against landowners, police and troops. Partly concealed by the press censorship of the Azana government, and especially suppressed by the bourgeois news-services to other countries, the clashes have grown in extent throughout the month since the elections.

The continued initiative of the masses is especially evident in the south of Spain, where the tandedestates predominate and where the land-workers and peasants have been exploited most bitterly. To say, however, that the masses are seizing the land would be an exaggeration. Powerful demonstrations involving the whole population have demanded the expropriation of the land, in many places watched the crowd, and went back in the southern provinces, and these to their bosses with an unfavorable demonstrations have often gone over to popular raids on the es-The meeting climaxed a week of tates of particularly-hated landownjockeying between the company and ers, some of whom have been killed

Peasants Waiting

The raiders have usually withlarge, the peasants believe that the new Cortes will decree the land to It had been planned to cast them and are waiting for that. secret ballots, but the workers flat- When they discover that Azana's hell out of here, and we are not ly refused. Each time they spied land program is merely a repetition the ballot boxes, a howl went up: of that of 1931-division of a few "Take them out! Take them grandees' estates and the Jesuits', out!"-shouts rose to the rafters preceded by interminable legal The meeting could not go on until steps plus a scheme for government Sac'to the boxes were taken from the purchase of estates for distribution; in other words, no serious move The company plan was put before toward solving the agrarian probthe group. A rank and filer took lem-there is no doubt that the the floor and substituted a resolu- prosants will overrun the estates.

Whether they will thereafter be decimated and driven off the land or whether they will remain on the land depends primarily on whether they are backed up by the workers in the cities, which can only happen if the workers' parties take the road of intransigeant struggle against the bourgeois regime of

The workers' struggles in the cities have received more attention in both the Spanish and the American press, these facts being less easily suppressed. What has not been made clear is that in practically every instance where a worker has been killed, the proletarian organizations have answered not only with huge mass funerals but with 24-hour general strikes in the localities involved.

The Firing of Churches

In an effort to stir up resentment against the workers, the world press has widely publicized the burning of churches by demonstra-"soil conservation," with the De-cealed the peculiar role of the partment of Agriculture. The par- church in Spain, which is not merethe smoke from two-bit cigars. It erful landowner and industrialist was a gentlemens' gathering, suh! in the country and the cruellest in The Southern Tenant Farmers' its domination of its land-workers

For peasants and workers to lord in feudal France. The brusix, cents per pound for ungrown evokes spontaneous retaliation from the masses they oppress; but we

Azana Consolidating Power

Azana follows a clever strategy of superficial conciliatoriness toward the proletariat, biding his time until his government has been consolidated. Arrests of the hand-(Continued on page 4)

of the points in this offer it nevertheless declared for non-acceptance in view of its most pressing demands being ignored. These demands were reiterated at the Sat-

transcript of the record of the trial try. of the Sacramento criminal syndicalism prisoners are being taken this week by the defense, and the forces in California are bringing attorneys will begin work on the pressure to get the Board to set appeal briefs in a few days. It is expected that date for the appeal hearing will be set in the near

Repeated efforts by the defense to force the State to provide several copeies of the transcript were blocked by the prosecution. Attorney Raymond W. Henderson, retained by the National Sacramento Appeal Committee on behalf of Norman terms should be sent to Chairman Mini, tried to compel enforcement of Frank C. Sykes, State Board of all the prisoners' rights to copies of the transcript. He, as well as Leo Gallagher acting for the other prisoners, was denied relief by the high- fact that none of the prisoners was er courts of California.

In effect the court's attitude would deny the defendants their right to appeal. The only alternative has been for all the defendants to waive their right to separate copies of the transcript and to unite in applying for the single copy which the State is willing to pro-

Defense Difficulties Overcome Some time ago Attorneys Henderson and Gallagher agreed to

apply jointly for this transcript on behalf of Norman Mini and two tinuing its persecution of Jack Warprisoners represented by Gallagher. This did not break the log-jam, ants who was acquitted of the however, because five other prison. charge of criminal syndicalism last ers, defended by the I.L.D., were year. In its effort to deport Wartechnically representing themselves nick, who emigrated from Canada rather than retaining an attorney, at the age of 18 months, the Gov-A short time ago the LLD finally agreed to advise these self-defendants to give Gallagher a retainer as the only way to realizing an appeal. They have now done so.

The hearing of the State Board ference Board went the Bureau one of Prison Terms, at which sentence better by estimating the increase will be set for Norman Mini and at 700,000. Finally, the conserva- the other prisoners, has been posttive statisticians of the American poned for a few weeks. In the Federation of Labor declared that meantime, the N.S.A.C. is pushing 1,200,000 workers were dismissed its drive to win support for the idea in January, the largest turn-over of minimum sentences for all the in five months. Profits, incidental- Sacramento prisoners A number ly, increased fourteen percent dur- of trade unions are sending resolutions to the Board, and petitions and other resolutions

racy distributed 3,000 such cards to an honest working-class prisoner.

Final steps toward obtaining a its members throughout the coun-

The Hearst and other reactionary long sentences. The Board can set sentences anywhere from one to fourteen years. If it were to set one-year terms, the prisoners would be free in April. The Board's action, in the last analysis, will be a reflection brought upon it.

Letters appealing for minimum Prison Terms, Kohl Building, San Francisco. They should stress the convicted of any overt act, and that one of the convicting jurors has testified in an affidavit that he

Norman Mini, who collapsed from ficently to go back to work.

the whole verdict was a compromise.

Warnick Persecution Continues The Federal Government is connick, one of the Sacramento defendernment has dug up the fact that in 1926 he visited Juarez, Mexico, for two hours, and Niagara Falls, Canada, for a similar length of time. He is charged with illegal entry on

his return from these jaunts. Warnick, who resigned from the Communist Party last year in protest against its campaign of slandering Norman Mini, is now a member of no organization whatsoever. The immigration authorities are now charging him with Trotskyism, for which he was also denounced by the C.P. He has, of course, no on a standing poll. connection with the Workers Party, and his only "crimes" remain that

Dividing the Spolls

The conference recommended a ful of those who officially term he helped organize a trade union, division of benefit payments that themselves Fascists, a mild censor-As part of its campaign on behalf expressed views critical of the exist- naturally gives the tenant zero. ship of the Right press-but also Mr. Hugh S. Robertson, who is tax bill, an exceedingly mild mea- of all the Sacramento prisoners, the ing social order, and refused to sub- Thirty per cent will go the person of the labor press-numerous decthat better realized than at No. 10 to have final say on whether men sure, must be muffled by firing N.S.A.C. is supplying friends with mit to the orders of the Stalinist responsible for the "conservation," larations of loyalty to republican Downing Street. Whatever the zig- are to return or not, is an archi- enough relief workers to balance post-card appeals to the State bureaucrats when the latter set out and, needless to say, tenants who principles-Azana has given little zags or middle roads it takes, Brit- tect. The head of the arbitration any increase in taxes. At the same Board of Prison Terms. Last week to hide their own sabotage by claim such responsibilities will be more than this in return for solid ish imperialism will orientate itself board, Ferdinand Silcox, is an as- time, WPA must be used as a po- the League for Industrial Democ- assassinating the character of Mini, endangering their lives. Thirty- support from the proletarian or-

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