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Launch United Unemployed Organization

Defense **Attorney**

Whitewash Planned in Tampa Flogging Trial

TAMPA, April 6.-The appointment of two outstanding Florida attorneys to strengthen the prosecution in the flogging murder trials is being asked of Governor Dave Sholtz by labor, religious and civic groups that are fighting Ku Klux Klan terrroism here.

by the defense.

When the first of the trials re-

The hiring of Luke Johnson in a criminal trial in Polk County constitutes the nearest thing to buying an acquittal. Johnson is reputed to have compiled a highly every man on any given venire and he usually wins his cases right after the jury box is filled and before any witnesses are called. Such a convenience should bring great relief to the defendants and explains further the anxiety of Pat Whitaker, chief defense counsel, for a change of venue which meant moving to Polk County.

Attorney Paid in Cash

Johnson is said to have demanded and received \$5,000 in cash be- Tampa is famous for cigars, fore consenting to help acquit the gambling and flogging. Labor in 11 ex-cops and Klansmen who are the cigar factories and in the surindicted for the murder of Joseph rounding citrus groves is merci-Shoemaker and the kidnapping and lessly exploited. Unemployment is is also said to have received an in- racket is worth a million dollars a itial payment of \$5,000 in cash as month. As in the rest of Florida, chief defense counsel.

While the defendants may have (Continued on Page 4)

Unions Flay **Grand Jury**

The following telegram was sent to Mayor La Guardia, Governor Lehman, and to Borough President Robert Ingersoll by the Conference for the Defense of the Rights of Organized Labor in Brooklyn:

April 2, 1936 The Kings County December Grand Jury presentment of April first is definite challenge to organized labor in Brokolyn, They charge that the strike at May Department Store conducted by Local 1250, Department Store Workers Union, American Federation of Labor, was organized by certain uninformed persons neither patrons of Brooklyn stores nor residents of Brooklyn consisting of a disorderly rabble of some two or three hundred young radicals aided, abetted and encouraged by the responsible heads of the Union.' The recommendation of the Grand Jury calling upon city magistrates to deal with the situation with a firm hand is direct encouragement to all antilabor forces to crack down upon picketing in Brooklyn. Our organization, a firm supporter of ers, and representing twenty-six Brooklyn American Federation of Labor unions with a membership of one hundred fifty thousand Brooklyn workers, maintains that the decision of the Grand Jury is in direct line with the desires of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and other anti-labor forces in Brooklyn. We demand you take action with regard to investigating the personnel of the Kings County December Grand

Conference for Defense of Rights Jesse Lane, Secretary. Shoemaker, Poulnot and Rogers

Klan Pays Tokyo-Berlin Alliance Sentence Against USSR Reported Chambers,

Adequate Soviet Defense Made Extremely Mini, et al. With Chinese Bourgeoisie

By LO SEN

Germany and Japan have struck a virtual pargain for joint action against the Soviet Union.

This alliance, in preparation for several years and often reported consummated, was the outstanding development this week in an international diplomatic situation crammed with plans and counter-plans, notes and threats, offers and promises, under cover of which the powers of Europe are jockeying into position for war.

News of the Berlin-Tokyo pact, while not official, came through Au- chine on the mainland with a view gur, a White Russian emigre close to eventual hostilities against the to the British Foreign Office and U.S.S.R. These groups are dissatisfied one of the best-informed correswith the conduct of the state's case pondents in Europe. If not yet up to now by State Attorney J. Rex embodied in a formal document, Farrior. The addition of new the understanding between these counsel, they feel, is essential to two Powers is complete as to milithe vigorous prosecution of the tary details. The frequent ex- Moscow has recognized this fact cases and to resist the introduc-change of military and economic tion of false and extraneous issues commissions between Japan and Germany during the last three years has not been for purposes of these hopeless formulas with which. opens next Monday in Bartow, courtesy or mere display. Now that somehow, in some way, the inevit-Polk County, the defense will be Germany has upset the European able day of reckoning is to be postbolstered by two additional crim- applecart by marching into the inal lawyers, Luke C. Johnson and Rhineland and the crisis brought E. A. Borsage, whose record of ac- nearer, it is logical that Japan the whole careful system of pacts for the prosecution's mendacious quitals is among the highest in should seek means of correlating and alliances has foundered. its own plans against the Soviet Union more closely with similar arrangements in Europe.

It has become increasingly clear purpose, frankly stated, of streng- 1934. thening the Japanese military ma-

Japan will plan its anti-Soviet moves now in tune with developments in Europe where British support of Germany has placed the U.S.S.R. in a dangerous position. by coming out for "German equalicollective security, another one of

On the Far Eastern Front

front. The Ministry of War in golia which was formally signed Tokyo on April 6 asked for a "spe- on March 12 this year, but which cial budget" of \$300,000,000 for the has been in effect since Nov. 27,

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FACTS ON TAMPA

The Background

flogging of Eugene F. Poulnot and widespread. Relief is pitiful. In Sam D. Rogers. Whitaker himself Tampa, the unrestrained gambling politicians fight each other for the privilege of sharing in the booty. Anyone who tries to buck this combination of capitalists, racketeers and politicians, either by organizing workers-employed or unthe Ku Klux Klan is the law.

The Crime

On the night of Nov. 30, 1935, the constitution-drafting committee a private home in Tampa. In spite of any threats, they were going ahead with their plans for a progressive party opposed to the local swindlers. Joseph A. Shoemaker, formerly a member of the Socialist Party, was chairman. present were: Eugene F. Poulnot, former president of the Pressmen's a member of the Socialist Party; against eleven policemen and memthe May department store strik- | Socialist Party and an officer of | indictments were for second degree turn to their homes. McCaskill maker, with deadly weapons, to of Organized Labor in Brooklyn, turned out to be a stool-pigeon. whit, whips, straps and tar, a fur-

were "released" by the police into waiting cars in front of the police others recovered.

The Protests

When the news leaked out, a employed, or by forming opposition roar of protest descended upon political groups, is branded as a Florida-- where life at its best "red," kidnapped, flogged and some- costs less." Thousands of organitimes murdered. The official flog- ations and individuals expressed of Senator, and Congressmen to its ton reduction" plan of the AAA was ging agency for the combination is their horror to the Governor and support. the Ku Klux Klan, a secret band to Tampa officials. Committees for unsurpassed by anything Hitler has Tampa were organized in New yet produced. The police and most York, with Norman Thomas as government officials, high and low, chairman, and in Tampa, with the are directly connected with the Rev. Walter Mitcalf, pastor of the Klan. Nobody knows how many First Congregational Church, as lished-by the State Chamber of relief, have had their hopes dashed floggings and murders have taken chairman. Protest meetings were Commerce which aims to smash when they tried to enforce their place. They occur regularly. Their held in Tampa at one of which unionism through the C. S. law, rights against planters. perpetrators have never been pun- Norman Thomas addressed 3,000 ished by law because in Florida enraged workers and many thousands more over the radio. President William Green announced that the American Federation of Labor convention would be withdrawn from Tampa unless those of the Modern Democrats met in guilty were properly punished. It seemed impossible to ignore this act of terrorism as scores of similar acts before it had been ignored. State and county officials were forced to act.

The Indictments After three weeks of investigat ing, the arrests began. Within Union, A. F. of L., Chairman of two and one-half months, a series the Florida Workers' Alliance and of indictments were returned Sam D. Rogers, a member of the bers of the Ku Klux Klan. The the Florida Workers Alliance; murder, an assault with the intent Walter Roush and Charles E. Jen- to murder, kidnapping, conspiracy to sen, chairman and secretary, re-kidnap and accessory after the fact. spectively, of the Socialist Party The information filed on the murof Florida, and John A. McCaskill, der indictment declares that the a city fireman. Suddenly, without defendants "with force and arms warning and without warrants, did unlawfully and by an act imseven policemen entered the home, minently dangerous to Joseph Shoeconfiscated all papers and arrested maker and evidencing depraved the six men present. They were minds, regardless of human life but taken to the police station, ques- without premeditated design to eftioned for "communist" activities ect the death of Joseph Shoemaker, and "released" one by one. Roush an assault did make in and upon and Jensen were permitted to re- the body and limbs of Joseph Shoe-

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Calif. Prison Board Sets Sentences for Sacramento Defendants

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 10. -The California Board of Prison Terms yesterday set sentence for tive of the Sacramento criminal syndicalism prisoners. Pat Cham-Martin Wilson and Jack Crane were given five years, Albert Hougardy three and a half years, and Norman Mini three years. Both Mini and Hougardy inists. will serve 16 months of this period on parole. Assuming time off for good behavior, since both have alty" within a general framework of ready served one year; the two have about four months more to serve in prison.

Of the 18 defendants tried, Caroponed. But coming from Moscow, line Decker, Pat Chambers and this proposal shows to what extent Norman Mini were special targets wrath. The first two had led the strikes which won \$2,000,000 addi-Meanwhile, on the Far Eastern tional wages in 1933 for the exfront, mutual relations among Ja- ploited migratory workers of the that the Hirota Government is car- pan, China, the U.S.S.R. and Mon- State. In Mini's case what partirying through on all fronts inten- golia, are likewise undergoing a cularly infuriated Sacramento rereputed to have compiled a highly informative file of all the eligible jurors in the county. He knows the life history and prejudices of all threats and "moderate" in the life history and prejudices of threats and pressure rest. actionaries was the spectacle of an firming in open court his devotion to the idea of a new social order and a particular road to it. It was because he so defiantly affirmed that "the future belongs to us" that the Sacramento Bee and other reactionary institutions have hounded Mini and the National Sacramento Appeal Committee ever since

Tribute to Sacramento Committee

That Mini has, nevertheless, restation. They were driven to a ceived a relatively short term is a lonely spot 14 miles outside of tribute to the effectiveness of the the Department of Agriculture Tampa. There, they were stripped, work of the National Sacramento meets with representatives of the flogged with chains and whips and Appeal Committee. Although its planting and banking interests of was torfured and his right leg was setting of minimum terms for all Southern Tenant Farmers' Union gering days, during which time his Terms knew that the N.S.A.C., campaign of terror with which the leg developed gangrene and was Mini's chosen representative, spoke landlords of Arkansas and Oklaamputated. Shoemaker died. The for a vastly broader force than did home hope to smash the organizathe International Labor Defense, tion of the share-croppers and day representing the other prisoners, laborers negro and white. In Wash-The Board has no desire to prolong ington, new plans are being laid to the activities of a body which ral- continue the subsidy to planting inlied ten International Unions, five terests by means of a "conserva-State Federations, two-score city tion" scheme since the Supreme central labor bodies and r group Court has declared that the "cot-

> Compared with the sentences oners in 1931, the Board has been ers, who hoped that the AAA conharsh. The fact that a great re- tracts of plowing under would afactionary drive is under way, fin- ford them some slight measure of anced-as the N.S.A.C. has estab- by both local and Federal Courts underlies this harshness. Many Share Croppers Not Represented persons expected 7-year terms.

A partial victory has been won, dom of all the prisoners. The The local committees are composed of their organizations solidly bethree women in Tehachapi have of planters and their agents. The hind Widick. yet to appear before the Board. share-croppers are not represented. Prisoners now denied parole will The courts hypocritically ruled that be eligible for parole later. Even they could not entertain the disafter Mini is free, there will still putes because the contracts were tivity. As was observed at the srict. be prisoners in whom the N.S.A.C. signed by the landlords and the is interested. Pressure must go on, government and not by the farmers as well as legal moves.

Muste to Speak On April 19th meant that the planter had a joint

A. J. Muste, National Secretary of the Workers Party, who has just completed a tour through the mid-west and is at present attending the Unity Convention of the Workers Alliance in Washington, will speak at Germania Hall, 8 P.M. Sunday, April 19. Comrade Muste will speak on present trends in the labor movement, political and economic, dealing particularly with the strike of the Akron rubber workers and the Labor Party ballyhoe of the Communist Party.

Azana Speaks Firmly For Conservative Spain Capitol Is

Loudly Applauded by Stalinists and Monarchists -- Cabellero Cautious; Swing to Right Apparent

By ALFREDO ROJAS

The Azana government took another hig step to the right this week. On April 4, only eight days before the municipal elections were to be held. Azana issued a decree indefinitely postponing them. The rightists-Monarchists and Catholics-had declared they would abstain from the elections and had called upon Azana to postpone them. This leaves bourgeois-republican majorities, elected in 1931, still in control of the local governments.

Azana's postponement of the elections was preceded the day before by a significant speech by Azana before the Cortes, and which was greeted with praise by all sections For Azana-Monarchists, Stalinists of the bourgeoisie and by the Stal-

Azana's Speech

The tenor of Azana's speech is summarized by "Ahora," republican daily, as follows:

"The fear that the recent disorders (i.e., strikes and peasant seizures of land) would continue, should be dispelled by Azana's speech. In it he declared, first, that he will go no further than the limits fixed by the electoral pact of the Popular Front; second, that he, heeding the dictates of experience and responsibility, would keep control of the execution of the (electoral) program, which is equivalent to regulating the rhythm, circumstances, possibilities and consequences of it; third, that everything will be done by legal methods and within the law, punishing all who violate it. These statements are satisfactory and reassuring and demonstrate that Azana knows that it is expected of him that

unconstitutional.

involved in the controversies.

the contracts. To do so would have

interest in the crop and could dis-

pose of it as he saw fit. In prac-

tice this would have meant that

even the few dollars accruing to

the share-croppers under the AAA

would have passed through the

hands of the landlords-and into

Tugwell Will "Investigate"

Now, the same interests are

ready to consummate the same

fraud by eliminating the contrac-

their pockets.

he stop the excesses of the lefts which have resulted in disorders the last few weeks."

for the reactionary Catholic Ceda, said: "I support ninety percent of the speech." Gil Robles, after praising Azana's attitude, declared: 'I cannot understand how some paragraphs of the speech could have been applauded by the Communists and the extreme Socialists." Even the arch-monarchist, Count Romanones, declared that Azana's speech would undoubtedly facilitate re-establishment of tranquility and calm in "public opinion." Calvo Sotelo, leader of the monarchists, said: "It was the expression of a true conservative. His declaration of respect for the law and the Constitution should make

The Stalinists were equally ful-The Stalinists were equally ful-some in their praise, the general cus by the various participating orsecretary of the Communist party

"We were pleased with the speech. In Azana we see (Continued on Page 2)

Akron Guild Croppers Swindled Man Fired

By BLAKE LEAR MEMPHIS, Tenn., Apr. 2-While

April 4.

Press and the Guild unit.

Across the Mississippi, in the strike in Milwaukee.

the C.L.U. has indicated its support of the move for his reinstate-I.O. addressed the Beacon-Journal unit on the Widick case. These disputes arose when the farmers could get no justice from

Sherman Dalrymple of the Unitbut the fight is not ended. The the local County Committees which ed Rubber Workers, and Wilmer lander, whose name is intimately N.S.A.C. aims to upset the Mini were set up under the AAA as local Tate, president of the Central Laverdict and to fight for the free- bodies to administer controversies. bor Union, are throwing the weight Lite strike of Toledo, spoke to the

The charge against Widick is 'incompetence," but the real reason obviously lies in his pro-labor actime in Akron labor union circles, "If it took three years to discover that Widick is incompetent, charg-There was a good reason for the the publisher instead!" failure of the share-tenants to sign

the strongest Guild centers in Ohio. emphatic manner; Charles Rossio This has come about largely of the Illinois Workers Alliance through the efforts of Widick to- which includes thousands of jobgether with other progressives in less miners in its ranks, W. K. the Akron organizations.

tack on Widick, if successful, will the Golden Gate. be a heavy blow to the Guild here. The militant note struck by the In view of the fact that Akron orator-delegates, the, applause is the mainspring of the Ohio or- which greeted all fighting proposals ganizational campaign of the Guild, to advance the interests of the jobthe successful conclusion of this less, including a resolution for a attack will seriously menace the mass hunger march of 50,000 to life of the Ohio Guild.

tual rights of the farmers in the . Labor circles generally and es a great future for the new organnew contracts which are being pre- pecially the rubber workers recog- ization. pared. The share-croppers are not nize this a blow to the A. F. of L. A complete account and analysis invited to the conferences which as well. The National Office of of the sessions, resolutions and are framing the new contracts. A the Newspaper Guild has also work of the convention will be

Last Act

Johnson's Rump Convention Folds Up --A Fiasco

Uniting three separate and ofttime warring organizations the organized unemployed are now concluding their business in the nation's capital by creating the most powerful fighting machine the million-headed jobless have seen since the crisis began.

With the Workers Alliance, the National Unemployed League and the unemployed councils merged in-Jimenez Fernandez, spokesman to one cohesive body, the unity convention will wind up its stay in Washington with a mass demonstration around the White House and the Capitol.

More than a thousand workers, representing a force of unemployed some 200 times their number are expected to take part in the planned march which will protest the scheduled layoff of over 700,000 WPA workers. They will demand job and social insurance and a 6 billion dollar appropriation for re-

N U L Well Represented

At this writing with details not yet available, representatives to a good impression on public opin- the National Exective Board of the united Workers Alliance of ganizations for ratification by the convention.

Preliminary reports Indicate that the National Unemployed League, which merged with the WAA prior to the opening of the convention was represented by close to 150 delegates, coming from their battle grounds of struggle in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia and other parts of the country.

Rump Convention Fizzles

The rump convention of the NUL organized by Arnold Johnson, Stal-AKRON, O .- Branko J. Widick, inist stooge, proved to be a comhard-hitting chairman of the Ohio plete fizzle. With hardly as many district of the American Newspaper delegates as can be counted on the covered with hot tar. Shoemaker activities were all aimed at the the cotton-producing states, the Guild and leading militant of the fingers of your hands, this "con-Akron Beacon-Journal unit of the vention" had to abandon the preheld over a fire. After nine lin- the prisoners, the Beard of Prison is preparing a stiff resistance to the Guild, was summarily fired on text of representing the NUL. We learn from a Daily Worker Wash-The action came as the first blow ington dispatch that the traitor of the industrial reaction after the Johnson has been placed on the Exrecent Goodyear strike, and pre- ecutive Board slate as an "indepenceded by four days the opening of dent" from Kentucky (!). Placing negotiations between the publishers Johnson as a "representative" from of the Beacon-Journal, the Times- Kentucky, which the real NUL was unable to contact, the Stalinists Widick has a fine record in the have confessed failure to realize labor movement. He was instru- their wretched scheme to capture mental in organizing Ohio for the rhe NUL by a too-clever maneuver. Guild, and was a leading advocate The leagues throughout the country of affiliation with the A. F. of L. Euickly realized that Johnson was of cowardly, sadistic degenerates the Defense of Civil Rights in given the Imperial Valley C.S. pris share-cropping country, poor farm- On Thursday preceding the com- acting in their midst as an agent pany's action Widick spoke before of the Unemployed Councils, and the C. L. U. on the Hearst-Guild sabotaging unity in the interest of the latter, turned a deaf ear to his As a consequence of his record, appeals and convention calls.

Ted Selander and Anthony Ram uglia, former officers of the NUL, ment. Powers Hapgood of the C. were speakers at the convention. Ramuglia came to the convention fresh from the picket lines of the Lehigh County WPA strike. Semunity of interests between employed an unemployed, describing the cooperation rendered striking workers by the leagues in his dis-

Militant Note in Speeches

Other speakers included Ray Cooke of New Jersey, who led a es ought to be preferred against demonstration of unemployed into the legislature of his state where Akron is recognized as one of they presented their demands in an Patrick, one of the 1932 bonus It is openly admitted tat the at- marchers and others from Maine to

Washington this summer presages

delegation was sent to see Tug- stressed the importance of this given in the next issue of the New (Continued on Page 4)