AMERICAN LABOR AT A GLANCE

(From Northwest Organizer) By FARRELL DOBBS

The most pleasant surprise experienced by the Local 574 committee which was sent east to visit the national leaders of the industrial union movement was to learn of the popular national support which 574 enjoys. Wherever we called-and we talked with many important labor tigures-we found that the General Drivers' Union was known and admired. All. inquired not about what we have done -this they knew-but what the union intended to do next. They expressed satisfaction with our account of the present healthy condition of 574 and its excellent pros-

In every big industrial center we found the workers and the progressive union leaders in very good spirits. All are highly enthused over the new possibilities of effective union organization now opening up for them through the strong movement for industrial unionism. Every sincere, intelligent leader and the overwhelming majority of the workers in the beliefs are not based on pure the-

Craft Unionism Disastrous

A union is created in a steel plant, an automobile factory, a rubber plant-it matters not where, for the story is the same. All the they swoop down for the killl. It is a sorry sight that they leave in their wake. They gain a few members for the various crafts, but I.O. most of the workers are driven back into the ranks of the unorganized, embittered by the experi-

intensify their anti-union cam- of the C.I.O. (Tobin, the charter paign. Active unionists are fired. revoker, who probably still thinks No organization remains to defend them. The cloak of a special "labor board," which the government better without him than it ever did has obligingly provided for the craft union officials, quickly proves its impotence. The union is gone and with it the rights of the workers. We were shown the spot where also believe in "rule or ruin," who a year ago the Akron rubber work- are drunk with imaginary powerers made a huge bonfire of union | Hutchinson of the carpenters, for cards after such an experience.

"give us a free hand to organize

Workers Want Action

Beginning with a series of sit-down year plant at Akron have shattered tised and methodical manner in and, swarming to the picket lines are paying per capita tax to the by the thousands, they have dem- A. F. of L. on additional members.

574 Leader Gives His Impressions of Indus- The very air is charged with a trial Union Movement in the East

workers in New York is a second stake; the jobs of the craft union unions. example. Here again the sweep of office holders vs. the welfare of the movement was tremendous. The the workers of America. Every strike spread like wildfire. Eleva- vote counts. tor operators, caretakers, janitors, over one hundred thousand workers fighting as one, and fighting estate czars.

convinced of the ridiculousness of taste; they hunger for more. The vincing stories to show that their vincing stories to show that their covery has shocked them deeply.

"Rule or Buin"

has ordered the Committee for Industrial Organization to dissolve, who stands in the way of this ob- the C. I. O. has lent aid and direcbracing unit. They prepare to do will the Executive Council take at members of the C.I.O. have declared tant strikes; a notable example is battle with the employers, to fight its next session? Will it expel the themselves for the industrial form the Akron rubber strike. The profor higher wages, shorter hours, a the GLO 2 meter to make the local state of organization. They are assum- posals to organize the steel indusdecent living. Then, on the eve of the C.I.O.? This is very doubtful. ing the leadership of this movement try put forward by the C.I.O. action, the craft union officials As a matter of fact, the order to in a cautious and hesitant manner. proved a great embarrassment to sweep down with their paper claims dissolve was issued to the C.I.O. They stand with one foot firmly the craft unionists. of jurisdiction, their program of only with great reluctance on the planted on the old; with the other division. It matters not that they part of most of the members of foot they feel gingerly about for unionist Executive Council has set these plants. They poise, motionless, like birds of prey, until they

cause of any sympathy they might have for industrial unionism, but Many worker, look upon the C. type of local was created in an atsee a good opportunity, and then because they were well aware that L.O. as a messiah. There is a tempt to forestall industrial unionthe demand would meet with re- strong tendency to render it blind ism. It has since become a staunch fusal, that their bluff would be allegiance. This is a dangerous supporter of and a potential springcalled, had to be called, by the C. attitude which can very well de- board for the industrial union

The bosses seize the chance and from the A. F. of L. of the affiliates this form of organization creates. on the slightest pretext. that 574 is smashed because he revoked its charter. 574 has done with him. The A. F. of L. will probably some day enjoy the same pleasant experience.) There are other Tobins in the Council who example. They support him. The But now the whole picture is slightly more intelligent of the

changing. Hope has taken the craft unionists opposed this proplace of despair. "Get these craft gram. They understood better than union leeches off our backs," say Tobin the weakness of their posithe workers in the basic industries, tion. The order issued was a poor compromise which will return to industrially, and we will show the haunt them at the next session of world a union movement the likes the Executive Council. There will of which has never before been be much bluster and tall talk, but their efforts to "purge" the C.I.O. will be as ineffective as were Meyer And these are not mere words. Lewis' efforts to "purge" 574. Another development in the fight

strikes, the workers in the Good- at the top is the quiet, unadverthe fetters which restrained them, which the International Unions onstrated the value of industrial it has long been a recognized cusorganization combined with mili- tom for International Unions to tant struggle. Nobody scabbed on pay a tax on only part of their exception of Troy, New York. a craft union card in this strike. membership. Even Tobin that

Southern Illinois Unions Back Kroger Strike tactics to organ factories first.

BELLEVILLE. III., Southern Illinois and Missouri un-Coulter, who in the most trying ion men, assembled in conference, time of the strike tried to blackwere affame with anger at the jack it by signing a contract with treatment accorded St. Louis ware- the boss, over the heads of the house workers, whose strike against workers, and containing none of the Kroger Grocery and Baking the original demands of the strik-Co. extends over an unbroken peri- ers. od of five months, by C.C. Coulter of the International Retail Clerks. Their resentment was expressed in renemed and vigorous support.

45 delegates from 24 unions, unemployed and fraternal organizations and over a hundred fraternal these demands. Support for the delegates and visitors heard a re- strike, enabling it to continue and port from Oscar T. Wiles, secretary dealing a serious blow to the comof Warehouse Union 667 and unanimously decided to broaden the anti-Kroger boycott movement, to pre-throughout Illinois and Missouri by pare for a general strike movement organized labor as well as by genin St. Louis and to further aid the crous financial contributions. strike by soliciting strike funds.

Wiles' Report

In a stirring speech, punctuated by vigorous applause, Wiles regle of local 667. He reviewed the leadership and guidance of the St. rise of the union under NRA, the Louis workers. attack made on it by the employers, the resistance of the workers and the outbreak of the strike on Nov. 6, 1935. One hundred and fortymportation of scabs and strike should deem it advisable and nechowever, but the leader of the In- deciding to reconvene.

ternational Retail Clerks, C. C.

The demands of the union, Wiles continued, remained the following: seniority rights, higher wages, and a forty-hour week and no settlement would be made until some satisfactory adjustment is made on pany, has been manifest in a growing boycott of Kroger stores

Outstanding among the organizations aiding the strike have been locals of the Progressive Miners of America who have helped finan-though all the bosses would capituviewed the long, hard-fought strug- cially and by lending men in the

Gerry Allard, leader of the Il linois Workers Alliance, was elected chairman of the conference. Other committees were elected to foster six men manned the picket lines the boycott movement, to solicit and kept the strike going, battling support from local trade union bodtwo detective agencies, the Pinker- ies and to prepare a general strike ton and the Ahner, and the steady in St. Louis, if the committee

Role of the C.I.O.

The craft union controlled Ex- the workers are determined to have come. ecutive Council of the A. F. of L. industrial unionism, that they will Through the medium of its par-The C.I.O. has refused. What action jective. Understanding this, the tion to the local unions in importhe Executive Council. Not be a safe place to implant themselves about a deliberate campaign to

One union for all and all on the great exponent of the sanctity of | The workers should support the picket line. The craft union lead- per capita tax, has followed this C.I.O. in its stand for industrial ers would have liked very much to practice. Voting strength in the unionism, but, at the same time, pluck this union, but they did not A. F. of L. convention is based on they must constantly put forward dare. All eyes were on this strike. the paid-up membership of the In- demands for the elimination of the The lessons to be drawn from such ternational Unions. Hence the cam- machine control which now exists action would have been too obvious. paign to pay in for every possible in the A. F. of L. and the restora-The strike of the building service member. There is a vital issue at tion of true democracy in the local

Our long conversation with John Brophy, director of the C.I.O., gave us a very comprehensive picture of the present activities of this group. To properly understand the role the principal work of the commitof the Committee for Industrial Or-1 tee is confined to the educational very effectively, against the real ganization, we must first recognize field. Books, pamphlets, news rethe background of the committee leases and editorials sent to labor The craft unionists do not like members. None of these men can editors, speeches, and other medithese manifestations; they do not boast of a clear record of progres- ums of expression are being used like the zest with which the work- sivis. Some of their past actions to clarify the issues throughout the ers take to the ideas of industrial are downright reactionary, and to national labor movement. The C. unionism; they do not like the say the least, undemocratic. This I.O. has not, however, taken the manner in which the workers ap- is a matter of record. True, they initiative in solidifying the indusply the power which is theirs when are now supporting a progressive trial union groups in the various they are organized industrially. cause: the movement for indus- industrial centers and co-ordinating But the workers do like it; they trial unionism. But their prime the movement on a national basis. have enjoyed the thrill of the first motive is one of personal ambition. As yet the strong feeling of the The members of the C.I.O. have workers is only a seething ferment, sitting on a powder keg. The dis- ionists: they have been able to the impending storm. Organized correctly estimate the mood of the action to rid the movement of the working masses. They realize that evils of craft unionism is yet to

sooner or later unseat every leader ticipating International Unions,

On the other hand, the craft eliminate the Federal Unions. This his usual self-centered, narrow- thing more than industrial unions. craft Internationals wherever this minded, hard-boiled attitude. He We need a democratic freedom of can be done. These charters are

Craft Union Blocks Shirt ist leader of the Asturian rebellion, are being heard more and more by the Socialist masses. Norman Thomas, John L. Lewis, ference. Get your organization, your union, your cooperative, your the Socialist masses. Workers' Organization

By ALBERT DANE

before the N.R.A. Since the N.R. A.'s demise these low wages natur but a union could satisfy them. ally have retppeared.

national scale. The workers eagerlast was the Philadelphia district, which is the biggest shirt factory

The Amalgamated had entered Philadelphia at the start of the campaign but selected the strongest factory as the first for organization and lost a drawn-out, violent strike. This probably made it change its tactics to organizing the small town

Amalgamated Progress

organizers and plenty of money, it ed Garment Workers, which had conditions). original jurisdiction in the A. F. of L. over the shirt workes, had signed an agreement with the Amalgamated to avoid such a jurisdictional quarrel, one part of which said that the Amalgamated could organize any dress shirt area (the Amalgamated had first right in organizing the work-shirt factories) which the U. G., for whatever reason it had, would not try organizing.

The U. G., a disintegrating organization, made no attempt to organize any area and so the Amalgamated had the shirt industry for itself. From the very start of the campaign in Philadelphia the response was gratifying and it looked as

late without much of a fight. When the A. F. of L. convention for his efforts. ended, as rumor has it, a Mr. Polson, organizer for the U. G. in Philadelphia, received a telegram from his President to "shoot the works," -in other words to smash the Am-

"Organizing" with Bosses Aid

Philadelphia area without the U. excessive demands and strike to get place in June in Asturias. "Ya" in particular, that pay envelopes them; and in order to keep the Am- says that Prieto considers himself were as low as \$4, and less, a week, algamate out for good, the workers would join his union, as nothing because Spanish socialism is trans-

The bosses, seeing his logic, per-The Amalagmated Clothing Work- mitted him to enter the cutting ers in 1933, then not affiliated to rooms (being a craft union official the A. F. of L., started a campaign he only sought the cutters and, into organize the shirt workers on a cidently, without them no strike could be successfully called by the ly responded to the Amalagamated rest of the workers) where he made wherever it went and by 1935 it had speeches denouncing the Amalgaentered practically every shirt fac- mated and told them it was foolish tory district and organized most of to stick to it, as the bosses would the shops. The one area it left for never recognize that union but would recognize his organization which was "responsible and sensproduction center with the possible ible." Those workers who balked were called into the office of the boss and threatened with the loss of their job.

When the Amalgamated entered to follow this advice, especially be-Philadelphia again about eight cause the Amalgamated OK'd it, months ago, with a big staff of which they figured foolishly was a clever maneuver by the Amalgawas a member of the A. F. of L mated, and also because they got a This A. F. of L. affiliation is im- \$2 raise (but that was all the U. portant because the U. G., the Unit- G. got them in improved working

Polson Finishes His Work Polson then went around to several other shops and put the fear of the Amalgamated in the hearts of the bosses and by showing the agreements of the other shops to the cutters, made them feel it was useless to fight the U. G. and the boss alone. The Amalgamated soon left town with the lame alibi that if it con-

tinued organizational work, the rest

of the shops would be forced by the bosses into the U. G., and it didn't wish to organize for the U.G. The bosses in the other shops did

not even bother to get their workers into the U. G., as it would mean a raise of \$2 to all the cutters. Polson did not object, probably because he was already so well rewarded With the Amalgamated definitely

gone and the U. G. rejected by the workers, the only perspective of the cutters, who should enlist the support of the operators, pressers, etc. algamated campaign and, if pos- in their shops, should be one of insible, get the workers in the U. G. dividual shop organization, and of striking when strong enough. In Whether this rumor is true or that way the Amalgamated help can not, the effect was the same. De- be demanded, as it could not claim not been the detective agencies, /The conference adjourned after spite the promise from the Amal- then that the workers are not asgamated that it could organize the suredly behind it.

feeling of impending change. paring in its gigantic, lumbering way, for a tremendous stride forward. Local 574 can look ahead with complete confidence. We are on the side of progress.

Azana Speech Conservative (Continued from Page 1)

firm intention of carrying out the People's Front pact, and the Communists will loyally support him throughout (en todo momen-

This is true enough: the Stalinist 'Mundo Obrero" has been more lavish with praise of Azana than even

the Stalinists. Asked to comment to the Young Socialist meeting in tions of the country. Madrid, in a speech bristling with revolutionary phraseology, served notice on Azana that if his government does not solve the political and economic problems, "the road will remain open" for the dictatorship of the proletariat. Caballero declared that the Azana government will not solve the problems "easily." Azana was right, said Caballero, in terming his governrule by cannons and soldiers.

Pricto, are reported by the conservative republican organ, "Ya," hundreds of others. which states that Prieto and twenty forming itself into revolutionary communism. Since the Right Wing Socialists actually have a majority at present on the National Executive Committee, and control the "El Socialista," Prieto's threats are undoubtedly merely a maneuver to scare into line wavering elements who are impressed by the British C. P. finds it necessary

sentiment in the ranks. President Zamora, which had been o January 26, William Gallagher a foregone conclusion after the flung an "annihilating" charge February elections. Under the against the I.L.P. It appears that all that, comrade Gallagher? Naturally the workers joined, par- Spanish constitution, the President Maxton and Buchanan are continticularily because the Amalgamated has no power comparable to that ually in the company of Tory M. had strangely falled them. All the of the American, or the German P.'s and refuse to associate with unemployed agricultural worker to Amalgamated did was to tell the under the Weimar republic. He is Labour M.P.'s. Gallagher further receive the ordinary unemployed workers to remain loyal to it, but similar to the French president, charged that on the day of the if their jobs were thereby jeopard- Zamora has been succeeded by ized they should sign up with the Martinez-Barrios, who was elected U. G. The workers did not besitate Speaker of the Cortes by almost unanimous vote, including the rightist deputies.

which receives the United Press service, suppressed the full U.P. dispatches describing Azana's speech agher has asked for it, and he and its friendly reception by the shall have it." And McGovern prorightists and Stalinists. Their ceeds to list the following facts: only story this week on Spain was one hailing the ousting of Zamora. the platform at Edinburgh with and he got it!

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to Main Omce:

Ferrero-Sallito Denied Writ By Federal Court Judge

the meantime the two defendants against our department". have been imprisoned in Ellis Is- Sec'ty Perkins "Has No Authority" land. Immediate steps have now been taken by the Ferrerro-Stallito Defense Conference for an appeal, and for obtaining the release of the two innocent men on bail

pending action on their appeal. The case has aroused widespread protest in labor and liberal circles, partly because of the openly antagonistic attitude taken by the U. S. Department of Labor in this case. The men were first arrested in San the government's own papers dare Francisco in April, 1934, on trump-Largo Caballero, whose strength minor functionary of the District fied groups believing in the overin the Socialist Party rests on the Office of the Department of Labor. growing Left Wing, was wiser than This official, acting as prosecutor, judge and jury all in one, after a on Azana's speech, he reserved de- perfunctory "hearing" on practical- nature are found to be sustained by cision: "It's much too soon to give ly no evidence, ordered the defend- the evidence, the Secretary of La-

Nation-wide Protest

Thousands'of protest letters, telephone calls and personal communications from all over the country have swept in to the immigration and labor authorities from such outstanding organizations and individuals as the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign-Born, the International Ladies ment the last bulwark for the de- Garment Workers' Union, the Amalfense of the right of the bourgeoisie, gamated Clothing Workers of Amerand that the government could not | ica, the I. W. W., the International Labor Defense, the League for In-At every step of Azana against dustrial Democracy, The Non-Partithe masses, Caballero delivers him- san Labor Defense, the Workers' self of such "left" oratory, but Alliance, the Workmen's Circle, takes no action toward breaking many central trades ond labor bodtract in a large measure from the movement. Federal Union charters with the bourgeois-republicans. So ies in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Daniel J. Tobin came into the ultimate gains to be made through are no longer issued. The Federal far, this has enabled him to ride Cleveland, Toledo and elsewhere, Miami session of the Council with industrial unionism. We need some- Unions are being dissolved into the mates the Socialist ranks, especial- painters, teachers, cement workers, demanded the immediate expulsion action to apply the power which being revoked on a wholesale basis by the youth. But other leaders, cooks and waiters, textile workers, their struggles. Every workers and position, like Javier Bueno, Social- book workers, carpenters, etc., and ly solidly behind the Defense Con-Wing Socialists, led by Indilecio Sinclair, Albert Sprague Coolidge, fense Conference in your vicinity.

of Labor authorities is clearly night at 8.30; in Philadelphia at industry is the most sweated in- went around to all the bosses, told the left Republicans. The split, it factories in the coal mining sections cal organization, and would make Socialist convention, which takes tion in San Brancher of Immigra- Box 181, Station D. New York, the Ferrerro-Sallitto case, address- the Defense Conference meetings ed to Commissioner D. W. McCor- and activities in Cleveland, Chicamack in October 1935:

After two months of procrastin- "Some of the newspapers out Events are moving at a rapid pace. ation, Judge Francis G. Caffey of here are calling frequently inquir-The next period will see many sig- the Federal District Court of the ing as to whether or not there has nificant happenings. Labor is pre- Southern District of New York fi- been a final decision on these cases. nally handed down his reactionary There are also a number of civic decision in denying an application organizations showing unusual infor a writ of habeas corpus by Vin- terest in the two cases. . . Should cent Ferrerro and Dominick Salli- they succeed in overcoming the orto. The hearing was held on Feb. der of deportation, we shall have to 4, 1936, and the decision was not be prepared to take it on the chin, rendered until March 26, 1936. In as the publicity will be very much

In reply to the demand of a delegation from the Conference that she review the cases of Ferrerro and Sallitto and intervene in their behalf, Frances Perkins, Secretary of Labor, wrote the Conference as follows on February, 1936:

"In reply, you are advised that the two aliens named have been ordered deported under the provision of law which requires such action where it is found that an alien beed-up charges, and taken before a longs to any one of certain specithrow of organized government or advocating measures having that end in view. Where charges of this

dence" submitted in Sallitto's case, that after the hearing had been closed, the record was sent back from Washington with a request for more convincing evidence. Whereupon these stool-pigeon inspectors of the Labor Department called another hearing and calmly introduced into Sallitto's record excerpts taken from the record of another case.

Such is the "evidence" which Madame Perkins is willing to accept as a basis for deporting workers to Mussolini's Fascist dungeons.

The Italian Fascist government has asked to be notified when Ferrerro and Sallitto are to be deported. Every worker who knows what is going on in Italy today will realize what this means.

Help Defend Ferrerro and Sallitto!

The Ferrerro and Sallitto case involves the freedom of expression and association which is a life and -death necessity for all workers in wood Broun, Kirby Page, Upton ings of the Ferrerro-Sallitto De-Robert Lovett, Roger Baldwin, and In New York, at the offices of the Joint Board of the I.L.G.W.U., 218 The attitude of the Department West 40th Street, every Monday go and San Francisco.

Peoples Front John Bull Model

In its sharp turn toward collaboration with the Labour Party. the growing strength of Left wing to concentrate a sharp fire against the I.L.P., particularly because of Stalinists, Right wing Socialists the latter's position on sanctions and the bourgeois republicans and the imperialist war. Lacking joined together to peddle to the for arguments, the Stalinists have masses as an extraordinary and to resort to invective. Thus, at a significant victory the ousting of meeting at City Hall at Glasgow

Hoare-Laval debate, Maxton "had ed to the House? his hands on the shoulders of two Tory members." No more, no less!

John McGovern, M.P., retorted with "a hard hitting reply" in the The American Daily Worker, February 14 issue of the New Leader. Says he, "Such an attack demands a forthright reply. Gall-

1) Harry Pollitt appeared on the Moderator of the Church of Scotland, Mr. Guy, M.P. (Tory K. C.) and Sir Archibald Sinclair, M.P., the Liberal leader and land-

owner of 23,000 acres. bassador, was chatting with the labor will stage a mass demonstra-Prince of Wales on his right side, tion at 8 P.M. Friday in front of and Signor Grandi (Fascist am- the News building. It will be the bassador of Italy on his left side first night demonstration at the -in the gallery of the House of News building during the strike, Commons on the day of the Hoare-Laval debate, the same day on which Maxton was observed in a will be host to all Milwaukee newscompromising embrace with two papers at a party at 10 P.M. Satur-Tories. Adds McGovern, "They day at the Hotel Schroeder. There

state secret in telling that Galla- here Monday with five other pergher himself had asked Maxton sons arrested during a mass dem-"to speak to Tories and Liberals onstration a few weeks ago. Broun to get a requisition signed for the is charged with resisting an officer. For further information apply signature of Mr. Marcus Samuel, Cities where the guild pledged

to be enjoying themselves immense-

Anti-Communist Union."

Auring the Scottish Hunger March Gallagher who was sent to Edinburgh, remained hidden in his

5) Next, in Gallagher's election address, the latter also preferred to remain incognito. He never mentioned that he was a Communist candidate nor did he even mention the word Socialism. Comments the irate McGovern, "It was the poorest document I have ever seen and could have been issued by any Liberal."

McGovern then asks Gallagher some very embarrassing questions: 1) What have you to say about

2) Why did you, Gallagher refuse to vote for the right of the 3) "What do Gallagher and Pol-

litt have to say about Maisky and Litvinov's part in the late King's funeral and their presence at dinner with the new King at Buckingham Palace?" Adds McGovern, "The truth is

that they dare not criticize these Russian representatives, because they are their bosses and paymas-

In short, Gallagher asked for it,

GUILD STRIKE SOLID

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Apr. 7 .--Striking editorial workers of the Wisconsin News and hundreds of 2) Mr. Maisky, the Soviet am- their supporters from the ranks of which is now in its eighth week.

The Milwaukee Newspaper Guild (the trio in the gallery) appeared will be a midnight supper. Heywood Broun, national president of the guild, will be speaker. Broun 3) McGovern reveals another will appear in the district court

purpose of having the Daily Work- J. Nash McCrea, strike chairman, er in the library of the House of and Jonathan Eddy, national sec-Commons; and even secured the retary, returned from the Twin M.P., secretary of the anti-Socialist \$400 more for the strike fund. The Twin Cities guild has already given