sacre of the New Deal measures by coal sold. the Supreme Court is the most pronounced expression of reaction's growing strength. What the Liberty Leaguers proscribe, their judicial tribunal hastens to sentence to bitterly opposed by big business in-

Control Act unconstitutional, the was sponsored by the United Mine Supreme Court has already con- Workers and favored by the uniondemned seven of the most import- ized coal operators who sell their ant measures in the New Deal pro- product under highly competitive gram, including the N.R.A. and the conditions in the open market. A.A.A. Two escaped execution for special reasons: the T.V.A. because, although it threatened the monop-Shoals was needed for national de-

an industrial commission appointed cycle.

The reaction against the reforms by the government. Production was of the Roosevelt regime sweeps for to be rationed, prices fixed, wages 5,000 ward on the swelling tide of eco- and hours of work regulated, and a nomic recovery. The unabated mas- 15 percent sales tax imposed on all

The Guffey law represented the maximum of governmental interference in private industry, short of nationalization. It was therefore terests as well as the corporations Before declaring the Guffey Coal who operate the captive mines. It

Conservative circles are therefore jubilant over their victory, as the oly of the power trusts, Mussel in the Republican Herald-Tribune editorial commending the decision in the Republican Herald-Tribune and interpreting it as a slap in fense; the Gold Clause because it Roosevelt's face, indicates. Reaccould not have been interfered with tion is in the saddle and riding without creating colossal financial high, trampling the hated New Deal into the dust. Finance capital has The Guffey Act was a posthumous plenty of reason to be overjoyed at child of the N.R.A. It was designed the decision. For it was an utterly Workers Alliance Calls to accomplish for the anarchic and reactionary decision, untainted with decrepit soft-coal industry what the the slightest suspicion of liberalism. N.R.A. was supposed to accomplish The irreconcilable and almost insofor all big industry: "to stabilize lent tone of Justice Sutherland's the bituminous coal industry opinion is in itself a sign of the through the regulation of labor and courage and confidence that has prices." The Act provided for the been restored to the big bourgeoiregulation of the entire industry by sie by the upturn in the business

Reactionaries Rely on State's Rights

the law unconstitutional on the here as in the N.R.A. decision, that A legislative deadlock between Re- ing voice was raised. Strike comground that it violated state's Congress possessed none of the sig- publicans and Democrats threat- mittees have been established rights. "The States, Sutherland nificant powers assumed in the Act. ened to cut off relief abruptly for throughout the affected area, and wrote, "were before the Constitu- Congress could not impose a sales- an indefinite time. The State Emer- scores of men and women scoured tion and therefore their legislative tax, because that was not a tax but gency Relief Board had exhausted Northeastern Arkansas, Saturday

est issue of the "Nation" carries a tions of the employer to the employ- rolls unless the Senate and the The landlords, fearful of the leading editorial complaining that ce is a local relation", . . . "all the House passed an appropriation strike, have redoubled their workgan of state's rights to be taken ils," and do not therefore come unover by the reactionary Republi- der the category of interstate comcans. The Supreme Court decision proves anew, what should surely not require proof in this day and age that, contrary to the belief of the "Nation", the slogan of state's significance. Just as the slaveholders before the Civil War inscribed this slogan on their banner, so our contemporary slaveholders, the capitalists, are using it to defend their property interests.

clothes of petty statehood, and now visions. it has also outgrown its youthful

are in safeguarding the interests of vor of price fixing.

evils of the industry are local ev-

tions of colonial America in mind. They have also however the presrights can only have a reactionary While they flatly state that the labor provisions are unconstitutional, they do not declare that the pricefixing provisions are illegal. These are rejected now presumably because they are inseparably inter-The shibboleth of state's rights is other words, Congress may have the gates then elected the following of- actually on a starvation basis and as antiquated as the stagecoach. power to set prices for the interests ficers: John Muldowney of Wilkes- hundreds of others having been chairman of the Socialist Party, is The capitalist class itself recogniz- of the mine-operators but it certain- Barre, Chairman; Sam Gordon of evicted, the Union is in desperate attorney for Norman Mini and will ed this in its heroic days when it ly has no power to set wages for Allentown, Secretary; waged civil war against the slavoc- the mine workers. The proposal racy. Today the slogan is doubly has already been made that a new man; Charles Spencer of Philadel- people will suffer, and terror is resented by the International La- tion of Rubber Workers, a dis- present policy of the French Stalreactionary. The American people act be prepared that will regulate long ago cast off the swaddling prices but leave out the labor pro-

The dissenting opinion of the migarments of nationality. The liber- nority in whom the liberals vest als of the "Nation" are advocating their hopes is little better. In a a reversion to local limits at a time feeble voice they reserve judgment when it has become urgently neces- on the question of the constitutionsary to abolish national boundaries! ality of the sales tax and the labor The majority opinion reveals how clauses. They speak forth strongly vigilant these judicial watchdogs and without ambiguity only in fa-

Croppers Rebel

Against System of Peonage

Strike Arkansas Sharecroppers Cotton Plantation

King Cotton's slaves is being lav-

ishly poured out for the extrava-

gances of this festival. While King

Cotton's retinue feasts from the fat

of the land, millions of slaves from

produced this billion dollar crop are

today naked and starved. While

throw money to the winds, they

themselves are fortunate to get a

day's work for 60 or 75 cents. With

thousands unable to get either crops

or jobs and with hundreds of thou-

sands of others barely existing on

starvation wages, the slaves of King

Enthusiasm for Strike High

The strike was called, and time

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 18 .- Five thousand cotton croppers and day laborers, members of the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union, will hang up their hoes and strike for higher wages. They are now being paid a wage ranging from 60c to 75c per day, working from sun-up to sun-set. Their demand is for \$1.50 per 10 hour day.

In Memphis the Cotton Carnival is in full swing. Thousands of visitors from all parts of the nation have flocked to the cotton capitol of the world to pay homage and obeisance to King Cotton. Each day witnesses mile long parades with costly floats. Wealth wrung from

Pa. Reief the cotton country live in wretchedness and want. Those who have

their economic overlords today for Appropriation for Emergency

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 12 .-Hundreds of unemployed men and women from all parts of the state Cotton are in open revolt. gathered here Sunday and Monday, under the leadership of the Workers Alliance of America, to halt the set by one of the most enthusiastic Pennsylvania legislators' disgrace- and earnest meetings in the history ful game of making a political foot- of the Union. With representatives The majority opinion declared their masters. The majority ruled, ball of the relief appropriations bill, of 78 locals present, not a dissentpowers antedate the Constitution." "a penalty." Congress could not fix all current funds at its disposal and and Sunday calling the people to By an ironic coincidence, the lat- wages and hours because "the rela- was prepared to shut down relief strike.

> at the Farm Show Building here It is plain that the justices who on Sunday afternoon. David Laswrote these words have the condi- ser, President of the Workers Alliance of America, opened the sessions with a stirring address denouncing the petty politics of the militant action to put a stop to it. The conference also heard addresses by Herbert Benjamin, Sam Gordon and John Muldowney, all members of the National Executive Board of own picket line. woven with the labor provisions. In the Workers Alliance. The dele-Sandwick of Bethlehem, Vice-Chair- nance the strike. Many of the peal. The other prisoners are rep-

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Chambers, Deckers

SAN FRANCISCO .- Norman Mini has been released from San Quentin Prison, first to complete his term of the eight workers convicted in the famous Sacramento criminal syndicalism trial of 1934. Norman Mini received a three-year sentence and must spend the next sixteen months under charge of parole offi-

bert Hougardy received three and a half years and like Mini will serve the last 16 months on parole; while Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson and Jack Crane got five years sentences, parole to be determined later. The National Sacramento Appeal Committee, defending Mini, conducted a national campaign for minimum sentences, rallying the support of ten international unions, five state federations and two-score Rubber Workers Rap Viocity central labor bodies and a group of Senators and Congressmen,

Of the other male prisoners Al-

Mini Appeals for Other Prisoners Upon leaving San Quentin Mini called for a renewed effort to upset the convictions, which come up on appeal soon:

"By releasing me the state of California hopes to obscure the fact that it is holding in prison the leaders of the California agricultural workers, Chambers and Decker. The fight for the freedom of these two and of the other prisoners is indissolubly bound up with the fight to organize the agricultural workers, Elementary solidarity demands that all workers and workers' organizations unite in renewed efforts to free these workers from prison."

The National Sacramento Appeal measure enabling them to continue. ing force; and plan to bring unem- Committee announced that it is The jobless met in a conference played relief workers out of Mem- sending to the State Parole Board phis and other cities to take the additional resolutions from unions, jobs of the strikers. Union officials demanding that minimum sentences received a pledge of assistance from be set for the girl prisoners, whose the Memphis local of the Workers indeterminate sentences are soon to Alliance of America to help prevent be fixed by the Board. The United unemployed Memphis workers from Rubber Workers International, Chil'ennsylvania solons and calling for going to the fields. Local leaders cago Federation of Labor, Boston of the Alliance will throw a picket | Central Labor Union, and the cenline across the Harahan bridge tral bodies of Pontiac, Lansing, leading into Arkansas. On the Ar- South Bend and San Bernardino kansas side the Union will have its are among the latest unions demanding freedom of the Sacramento With thousands of its members prisoners.

Raymond W. Henderson, state Charles need of money with which to fi- represent him in the pending appresiding committee including the tire section. Contributions for de- vitation of the National Sacramento ating on "safe" principles and officers and the National Executive fense and relief should be sent to Appeal Committee for one united charging an initiation fee of \$1.00

Croppers Rebel $\frac{ParoleMini}{Free\ Others}$, Blum Upholds At Slave Wages $\frac{His\ Demand}{His\ Demand}$ French Capitalism

Mini Appeals for Struggle People's Front Leader Pledges "Safe" Regime, Socialism, Only Solution to Crisis, Is Remote to S.P. - C.P. Moguls

> Within a few days, the first Socialist Ministry will be officially installed in France, with Leon Blum most likely as Premier.

> The French Socialist Party is about to make history in the same sense that the "socialist" governments of Vandervelde, Scheidemann, MacDonald, etc. made history in their time. That is to say, Blum will assume the vestments of power with the permission of the bourgeoisie on the self-same condition that his colleagues in other countries were invested with power, namely: that he protect the bourgeoisie against its enemies, tide it over a crucial period, provide it

lew Sitdown Goodrich

lation of Union Regulations

> BULLETIN By BLAKE LEAR

AKRON, Ohio, May 20 .-- Goodyear Plant 2 was closed down completely last night by a sitdown involving 7,000 men. At the same time there were three sitdowns in the Goodrich mechanical goods department. The sitdown at Goodyear began at midnight when a non-union "headlayer" was placed in charge of a pit crew though he had less seniority than two union men. The dispute at Goodrich also involved seniority. Both were settled when union heads conferred with the management.

The increasing intensity and frequency of the sit-downs indicate that a tremendous blow-up is ahead unless management makes a radically new departure in its tacties. It is doubtful if they can afford to do this. All signs point to a strengthening of their strikebreaking organizations and to a ruthless battle in the not too distant future.

AKRON, O., May 19 .- The Akron anti-social calendar this week recorded the apparently virgin births of three new strike-breaking organ-

The first of these is the Associa-(Continued on Page 4)

swith a sufficient interval in which the masses can be exhausted and demoralized, while all the necessary preparations are made for a decisive assault upon the revolutionary forces of the working class and the peasantry.

Blum's Capitalist Program

As there was not a shred of socialism in the "labor" governments in England, Germany, Belgium, etc., so there will be nothing "socialistic" about the future Blum government, a fact which Blum himself has openly avowed to the - mass meeting in the Salle Wagram, held in celebration of the "victory."

"Reminding his hearers that the country had not given power to the Socialist Party but to the People's Front coalition, Blum said: 'Our program therefore is based on capitalist society. Our task will be to extract from this social regime everything that it can still harbor of well-being and justice." (John Elliot, N. Y. Tribune, May 16.)

In these words of Blum we have the balance-sheet of the People's Front, its program and its "victory": it is that of capitalism. All that Blum is pledging himself to do as Premier is to extract "everything" compatible with the "wellbeing and justice" obviously not of the working class but of the capitalists on the basis of whose program Leon Blum and his associates are preparing to assume power

Stalinists Revive Cartel Policy

It ought to be noted that if Blum ind Co. did not "assume power" up to now, it was thanks only to their fear of the effects of such a step upon the French working class. The furthest that the Socialist leaders dared to venture in the sphere of parliamentary collaboration was to support the Radicals in powerthis was known as the cartel policy. and is in all respects similar to the phia, Assistant Secretary; and a likely to rear its head over the en- bor Defense, which refused the in- guised company union union oper- inists. Millerand, Briand, Laval, Paul Boncour and lesser fry who exploited the working class movement in order to carve out a ministerial career for themselves, all had to resign from the Socialist Party on becoming ministers. The French Communist Party,

from the very first day of its existence, aimed its heaviest blows against the cartel policy of the Socialists. And, in point of fact, fer months prior to the actual establishment of the united front between the C.P. and the S.P., the Stalinist leaders were seriously considering breaking off the cartel with the compromised party of the

As for participating in the same government with Herriot-Daladier, Blum, Faure, Auriol and Co. actually broke with the so-called Neos, a group of Socialist parliamentarians who saw the quintessence of socialist policy in participating in Even most of us who read mutil- ministries. Most of these Neos, ly, they managed to obtain one and ated parts of this work which were after the split, joined with Paul Boncour's "Socialist and Republican Union." In a few days Leon Blum read this great work with far more will sit in the same ministry with insight today than was possible six perhaps the very same people whom he had voted to expel not so very How many of us, in the first long ago. It was all a very unfor-

People's Front Program

Fortunately, however, the French Stalinists intervened energetically and opportunely to reestablish the cartel on a "higher level." What sort of a "capitalist pro-

gram" is the program on which

Blum is accepting the premiership? In the sphere of domestic policy its outstanding demands are: (1) tion of the private manufacture of arms (the nationalization of the armaments industry); (3) the control and reorganization of the Bank of France (the nationalization of the Bank of France); (4) the immediate abolition of Laval's economic decrees (which hit the civil service workers, the proletariat and

In the sphere of foreign policy, (Continued on Page 4)

"I hird International After Lenin" Off the Press, A Lexicon for the Revolutionary Movement

When Stalin condemned Leon the Sixth Congress of the Comin-did! tern, which marked the completion of the rise to power of the bureau-

Between 1924 and 1928 the apparatus autocratically expelled the an indispensable guide to the revleadership of one after another of olutionary strategy demanded by the great parties of the International and replaced them with subserconvene the Sixth Congress.

Prevent Trotsky from Appealing

ity, however reasonable, to block would take orders from the bureau- Communist International bowdler-The Daily Worker echoes these the suggested legislation." The em- cracy. So, a few months before the ized and badly translated were givsentiments in its own fashion. Once phasized phrase gave the cue to congress, Trotsky was expelled en to the small number of delegates criticism of the Draft Program of cy were alternating phases of the again, like the plaintive bleat of a Congress. It meant: "Pass the bill; from the Russian party and march- in the Program Commission, and a the Comintern, written by Trotsky degenerate Stalinist bureaucracy's sheep, it calls upon "Roosevelt and the miners want it; but don't wor- ed off to exile. Although, according "report" on it was made to a se- in 1928! What was then presented false course of national-Bolshevism. Congress to act to curb the Su-ry, the Supreme Court will take to all the rules and traditions of the lected group of delegates which im- as a theoretical deduction has today To read this work now is to realize fal. These political cunuchs cry in The Stalinists, the labor and lib- confirm or revoke the decision out discussion. The document "What The "Amazing" Course of History fact, which has now been proven the peasantry); (5) the maintena shrill voice, "Is President Roose- eral supporters of Roosevelt com- against Trotsky as a member of its Now", which is Trotsky's letter of This striking prediction is only to the hilt by the Stalinist return ance of the "gold" franc; (6) taxvelt going to continue to dodge the pletely cover up Roosevelts role in Executive—this violation of com- appeal to the Congress for rein- one example of the surprises that to an even more emphatic opportuning of the rich. issue? Are the labor leaders who this train of events leading up to munist procedure did not make the statement, was never submitted to await the reader who comes afresh ist course.

Trotsky to exile in lonely Alma-Ata of the 1917 insurrection might have English. in 1928, after having expelled him succumbed to passivity. As the posuccumbed to passivity. As the po-

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His participation took the form of cracy. The Stalinist faction had writing the materials which constibeen in control of the situation at tute the core of "The Third Interthe Fifth Congress of the Comin- national After Lenin", published tern in 1924, but the prestige of this week by Pioneer Publishers. It the makers of the revolution was remains not only his most basic then still so great, and the bureau- work, but the fundamental platcracy still sufficiently doubtful of form of the Fourth International in smuggle it out of Russia. Thus did smuggled out of Russia in 1928 and its control, that Trotsky had been its struggle against Stalinism. A elected a member of the Executive rich theoretical distillation of the of day. Committee of the International successes and failures of the Communist movement since 1917, it is the conditions of our epoch, the period of capitalist decline, of wars and revolutions.

Document Sees Light of Day rights as a member of the E.C.C.I. proletariat. Almost every action of ists to be a greater danger than The Stalinists did not dare per- to be heard as the great co-worker World Congress and the signing of that the same Communist parties mit Trotsky to appear at the Sixth of Lenin—Trotsky's materials were the Stalin-Laval pact confirms the would go back to bowing and scrap-Congress. Not all the delegates never distributed to the delegates social patriotic policy of the Comining before Chiang-Kai-Shek and Lethe disarming and the abolition of were handpicked; not all of them and were not discussed at the con-International, only a congress could mediately "settled" the issue with become a tragic reality!

at the Congress were numbered and social-patriotic betrayal. required to be returned. Fortunatethis great work first reach the light published in 1929 and 1930, will

Prophecy Fulfilled "The conception of the build-

ing of socialism in one country is a social-patriotic conception."

written recently. It appears in the both the opportunism and the luna-

Stalinists hesitate for a moment. any of the Congress members; it is to "The Third International After

A lesser man than the organizer | here published for the first time in Lenin." That reader is truly to be envied: He will find not merely Yet even this suppression did not awe-inspiring prophecies that have from the Communist Party of the litical and theoretical leader of the succeed. Among the small group of been fulfilled in the eight years Soviet Union, the Soviet bureaucra-cy breathed a sigh of relief. The expulsion occurred on the eve of of Stalin's armed guards. And he American C.P. and Maurice Spector of the Canadian party. They Trotsky in 1928 was not a mere were deeply impressed with Trot- prophet crying in the wilderness. sky's critique. They were not per- Trotsky was a maker of history, mitted to bring the materials with who knew that Stalinism could logthem out of Russia. The few copies ically lead only in the direction of

years of the Stalinist lunacy of the tunate misunderstanding! "Third Period", really believed that This statement excites no sur- the Comintern would inevitably prise when it appears in our press make a swing back to the opportuntoday. It is our major criticism and ism of 1923-28? When the Stalincondemnation of the Stalinist be- ists were breaking up Socialist In complete violation of his trayal of the interests of the world meeting and declaring the Social--not to speak of his moral right the Comintern since the Seventh Hitler, it seemed fantastic to many And yet this sentence was not Trotsky was already warning that how clearly Trotsky grasped this

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Roosevelt Receives Reward of Virtue

by this decision of the Supreme Roosevelt a blank check," etc. Court will doubtless rebound to the political credit of Roosevelt and add of the Daily Worker do not stay for considerably to his political capital. an answer. It can be given briefly All the righteous indignation of the in a single word: "Yes." mners and the masses of the people against this reactionary action will ident are not only futile and absurd be concentrated on the Court from the standpoint of the working Roosevelt, the spotless knight, will class. They are based upon an al-

receive the rewards of his virture. most criminal blindness to the true supporters in the labor movement Guffey Bill. For Roosevelt is no are doing their utmost to divert less implicated in the plot to assasattention from his art in the whole sinate the Bill than the Supreme affair and to treat him instead as Court. He was not merely an aca friend or ally of the working cossory to the crime but even its class. That worthy champien of the instigator, as we propose to show. workers, Daniel Tobin, President of | First of all, the Guffey Bill was the Teamsters, hastened to declare: presented to Congress after the N. "Every worker of every class(!) is R.A. had been declared unconstitu pledged tonight to President Roose- tional. It was therefore a foregone velt to vote for him at the next conclusion that the Little N.R.A. vient hacks. Only after they had election as a result of the decision would meet the same fate as its had firmly secured a stranglehold today. The decision has established model when it came before the high- on the entire organization, did they in the minds of the workers the est court. On this account the fact that the court is reactionary, is | House hesitated whether or not to living in ages past, and that Frank- pass the bill when it was certain to lin D. Roosevelt is a friend of the be declared invalid. worker. I hope we all work to the At this point the President sent end that we will elect to office a the following message to the House: Congress that finds some way of "I hope your committee will not had been tested to certify that un- gress. Two parts of his Criticism socialism in one country has led to opportunist policy had been entirepassing legislation to replace the permit doubts as to constitutional- der any and all conditions they of the Draft Programme of the social-patriotism in other countries. ly replaced by third period lunacy, Guffey Act."

preme Court," in its leading editor- care of it." And indeed it did. have endorsed Roosevelt for reelec-

The storm of protest engendered tion going to continue to give Like Pontius Pilate, the editors

The Stalinist appeals to the Pres-Roosevelt's open and concealed state of affairs in regard to the

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