

OLSON'S CONFAB A ROOSEVELT RALLY

Farmer-Labor Party Is Ruse for Political Trades

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"The date"—Governor Olson's conference at Chicago, May 30-31, to explore the possibilities of a national farmer-labor party—may prove to be a landmark in the history of independent political action and the great battle for the rights and welfare of the American people.

This is the leadership. It should hardly be necessary to remind our readers of the despicable role played by Governor Olson during the strike of local 574 when he declared martial law and had his soldiers throw the strike leaders into the stockade, not to mention the police assaults, under the direction of Mayor Lattimer, upon the Strutwear strikers and upon the strikers of the Flower Mill Iron Works.

Anti-Fascist Leaguers. What will this motley gathering do? Browder says: "The conference has the opportunity of working out a program which will be a clear guide for the growing sentiment in the United States for a national Farmer-Labor Party."

the so-called common people behind Roosevelt. Given the premise that already exists and reinforced by the Stalinist people's front ideology, it could hardly have any other outcome. It is therefore only in this sense that the clear guide which Browder seeks from Governor Olson's conference can have any meaning.

But the Stalinists are not going to "do or say anything that would tend to turn Roosevelt support over to the Republican candidate." This cannot mean anything else than no opposition to Roosevelt and the conducting of the election campaign in such a manner that votes will be garnered for Roosevelt regardless of whether or not the C. P. goes through the formality of nominating its own candidates, for, as we have seen from the statements of Browder, any other policy would bring the forces of reaction down upon us and "hurl the Statue of Liberty into New York Bay."

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Labor Party Leaders Vote Arms Budget in Belgium; Anti-Semitic Riots in Poland

Belgium
This column has already carried the story of the predicament that befell the leaders of the Belgian Labor Party, practically on the eve of the parliamentary elections. These leaders had vowed, and written into their platform that they would oppose any increases in the military budget, or in the military term of service; and they entered the Ministry, after they were assured that they need have no fears on the question of any increases, etc. Then the Minister of War proceeded to demand additional millions for defense and an increased term of service.

Poland
Behind the wave of anti-Semitism in Poland, and the changes in the government is the story of a frightful economic debacle. The index of industrial production has been dropping steadily, the number of unemployed has been constantly growing. According to the official figures the unemployed number between 600-750 thousand; the unofficial estimates reach the unprecedented figure of close to 2,000,000.

The Last Week Before the War

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yet struck but which will, all of you by taking the solemn oath to-day, at the same time that they give you the kiss of parting: advance soldiers of the revolution, it is not in vain that you will have fallen.

People's Front Upholds Capitalism in France

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The People's Front advocates a stronger League of Nations; closer co-operation with England; a stronger France; a League policy that involves the automatic designation of the aggressor nations and the automatic and universal application of sanctions against the aggressor.

hands off France. That is, in practice you will find that the People's Front will amount to... The editorials on the French elections that appeared in the New York Times, the Herald-Tribune and other bourgeois papers were a perfect echo of the remarks made by the French business men Jennie Lee interviewed in Paris.

turn in the business cycle; for a possible loan from America, a return for a promise to pay the war debts. The old system must be retained. The Sarraut ministry, on which sit reactionaries who have been attacked in both the Communist and Socialist press as agents of the Fascists, continues in power while Blum confers with bankers, makes speeches before business men's clubs, and pleads with Herriot, who sat in Laval's cabinet, approved all of Laval's economic measures, and disapproves all of the "economic measures" proposed by the People's Front, to become a member of his ministry.

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