Mooney Wages New Battle To Gain Liberty of the Socialist Workers Party, has been completely exonerated on all charges brought against him five months ago by James

State Assembly Passes Resolution For A Full Pardon

SACRAMENTO, Cal. - Tom Mooney, America's most famous class war prisoner, last Thursday faced the California State Assemble the law-making body of the State that has kept him behind prison bars for 21 years, and told the legislators once more that he was the victim of a frame-

"The only crime I am guilty of," declared Mooney, "is attempting to organize the 2,200 employes of the United Railroads in San Francisco."

The State Assembly, after two days of debate, early Saturday passed a resolution introduced by Assemblyman Paul Richie, designed to grant Mooney, convictet, with Warren K. Billings, of the Preparedness Day bombing in 1916, a "full and complete pardon." Acting the same day, the State Senate killed the measure by an almost unanimous voice

Merriam Has Pardon Power

The "pardon," without legal status even if passed, was introduced by liberal legislators in an or Merriam, in whose hands rests the only bona-fide power of pardon. In connection with this plan, Mooney was brought from San Quentin penitentiary on a subpoena issued by the State As-

Mooney, old and gray from to the crowded Assembly and galleries packed with his supporters. He outlined in detail his part, as a well-known labor organizer, in the strikes prior to the 1916 Committee for the Defense of

"I was in had repute with most week, declared in effect that Beal of the labor leaders in San Fran- was a victim of frame-up and ing that the old line labor fakers tice, in my opinion, will be fully were opposed to the militant served if Mr. Beal is rendered a struggles that the workers in the pardon by the Governor of North West were conducting at that Carolink."

Mistrusts Courts

Mooney, whose defense in the

Mooney-story was not a new one. heartily in that effort." In California and throughout the The Communist Party and its nation it has long been establish- International Labor Defense take back control of their own ed that Mooney and Billings are organization have deserted Beal absolutely innocent; that their in his hour of need because he stock had flooded the union with conviction was obtained on a has become an opponent of the vicious and thoroughly exposed Stalin murder regime. Going thing to get new jobs to employ conspiracy between the union- even further, they are working these men, thus only adding to hating industrialists of Califor- might and main to destroy the the already crowded list of unnia and the San Francisco courts efforts being made to bring about and police.

Goff Demurs Alone

At the time of Mooney's appearance not one of the assemblymen attempted to portray Mooney as guilty. The next day Captain Charles Goff, San Francisco ty. policeman and one of the last survivors of the frame-up gang, charges.

between Mooney and me," he Morris Ernst, Charles Yale Har-

frame-up has been a continual Quincy Howe, Dr. Alvin Johnrevelation to the working class son, Ferdinand Lundberg, Prof. to be used in an attempt to cut small as 74 cents for a full week's of the travesty on justice as John L. Childs, August Claespracticed by the capitalist courts. sens, Prof. George W. Hartman, Despite a mass of incontrovert- Brof. A. A. Friedrich. ible evidence showing the inno- Endorgement of the commitcence of the two men, Mooney tee's work has been announced and Billings remain in prison, by the national executive com-Only the might of the organized mittee of the Social Democratic workers can force open the prison Federation at its recent session gates and free them.

Fights On



TOM MOONEY

Labor Leaders Offer Backing For Fred Beal

effort to put pressure on Govern- AFL Head Aids Defense; Dubinsky, Others Join Up

The voice of organized labor was heard last week in defense of Fred E. Beal, leader of the 1929 textile strike in Gastonia years in prison, yet erect and North Carolina, who is serving a fearless, spoke for several hours 20-year prison sentence on a frame-up charge.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor. in a letter to the Non-Partisan Fred E. Beal, made public last Mooney stated, explain- said: "The ends of simple jus-

Dubinsky Speaks Out

David Dubinsky, president of past has been led by the most the International Ladies Garment militant sections of the working- Workers Union and a prominent class; told the legislators that his C. I. O. leader, wrote the comcase had been a "political foot- mittee: "Fred Beal was railball," and declared his distrust of roaded to prison because he led ers with wasting the union funds, the various court actions, that a strike. The least that Amerihind the effort to obtain his and open neglect in protecting the

> Beal's release. All this notwithstanding their admission that Beal is a victim of frame-up and 51, addressed the meeting as rethe fact that in 1929 he was a presentative of the Painters Edu-Communist working under the cational Society, a group of militdirection of the Communist Par-

> > More Join

Latest among those to join the democratic union. "You can take your choice Non-Partisan Committee are rison, Rev. Frank Olmstead, Max The long history of the Mooney Eastman, Charles R. Walker,

in Washington.

St. Louis Unionists Spike Fake 'Unemployment' Plan

supply St. Louis employers with limited to those unemployed who likely to find it difficult to get a Over 700 arrests have been docile labor from the ranks of are "loyal American citizens." Job working at his trade. the unemployed came to nothing Unfortunately-for the spons- In a leaflet circulated by the kept in jail for days without when alert trade unionists ex- ors-the public meeting was at- Communist Party fraction, any charges. As many as 10 and 12 posed the "company union" tended by leaders of the local one voting for the secret ballot strikers have been crowded into features of the proposed Co- C.I.O. movement. They pointed was charged with being a stooge cells built to accommodate not operative Employment Council. out the reactionary nature of the for the employers. Nevertheless, more than four prisoners. Police

the Public Library the sponsors danger of such a "cooperative" ment, and in Local 261 the Sta- centration camps for the strikers of the Council, a Mr. Chestley venture ending by outright scab- limists were forced to break up if picketing continues. and a Mr. Gill, explained how the herding. principle of "no jobs for women When, in reply to a question the chairman from declaring the intimidate the cruelly exploited whose husbands are working, and put by a representative of the passage of the amendment. The workers, but funds are needed only one job to a family" would C.I.O. Electrical Workers union, "employers' paid stooges" had a urgently for feeding and other create vacancies for the unem- Mr. Chestley admitted that his clear majority. ployed. Then the Council, run chief supporters were officials of by and for the unemployed, would the Montsanto Chemical Co., the

men of St. Louis did this plan appear that they volunteered to supply Mr. Chestley and Mr. Gill with the necessary funds to get the Council going. Member- ing was adjourned in a uproar.

ST. LOUIS .- A novel plan to ship in the Council is, of course,

At a public meeting held in idea, and made clear the potential Local 1011 passed the amend- have threatened to set up con-

International Shoe Co., the Cent- SUBSCRIBE NOW TO So appealing to the business- ury Electric Co., the St. Louis

ST. PAUL, Minn. - Paul A. Rasmussen, former field representative of the C.I.O. in Minnesota and a well-known member of the Socialist Workers Party, him five months ago by James Porter acting for the state council of the C.I.O. and for the Stalin-

ist slander machine. The charges preferred by Porter alleged that Rasmussen, with an honorable record of militant struggle in the ranks of the workers' movement, was a spy and a disrupter in the United Packinghouse Workers, C.I.O. affiliate, of which he was a member.

The executive board of Local 62 of this union, after sifting all the "evidence" against Rasmussen and hearing his defense, decided unanimously "that we find Brother Rasmusson not guilty of the charges brought against him by the State C.I.O. Council S.W.P. had given critical supthrough James Porter." The board port to the five councilmanic canfurther unanimously resolved didates of the Farmer-Labor that we will, as workers and Party. union members, do everything n our power to restore to him nis union membership, his good

1,000 PAINTERS FIGHT MACHINE **RULE IN UNION**

Hold Mass Meeting To Denounce Weinstock Leadership

under the jurisdiction of District city council Council No. 9, met last Saturday at the Central Opera House to protest the ruthless dictatorship of the Stalinist machine entrenched in the New York District of the Painters Union.

The meeting, called under the ers League, a loose federation of opposition groups representing various shades of opinion, marked the first mass action against the ruinous policies of Louis in the union.

Weinstock Pilloried

Weinstock, elected on a program of economy and trade union democracy, was charged by speakfavoritism and discrimination in have consistently failed to ob- can labor can do is to unite be- placing men on painting jobs, To most of the legislators the speedy release. Naturally I join conditions of union men on the

Speakers urged members to atunion. They charged that Weinnew members, but had done noemployed members.

William Kitt, member of Local

Fight Called For .

"The housing plans," said Kitt, our wage scale. We must rally work have been seen by union all members of the Painters leaders. Union for a real fight by all the building trades unions. We must clean house in the Painters Union to make that fight possible."

secret ballot, a measure now be- workers, both men and women. ing voted on in a referendim A 66-year-old man was knocked throughout the locals. Progres- down at the city jail and kicked sives were forced to advocate the by a policeman. On one occasion, secret ballot because of the in- the police lined up the strikers, timidation and coercion practic- men, women and children-included by the Stalinist officials. Any ing mothers with babics in arms member who dares to vote against |-and without warning shot tear the Communist Party machine is gas into their midst.

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OF FAKE CHARGES S.W.P. Candidate Polls Healthy Vote In St. Paul

Candidate

Stalinists Are Slapped By Farmer-Labor Politicians

BY CARL O'SHEA

ST. PAUL, Minn,-The Socialist Workers Party in St. Paul polled 559 votes in the primaries for its mayoralty candidate, Jules Geller. Ten thousand S.W.P. manifestoes were distributed on behalf of the revolutionary candidate, calling for support of the S.W.P. and the Fourth Inter-

The entire slate of Labor-Progressive (Farmer - Labor) candidates were nominated. The

C. P. Gets Slapped

The Communist Party, running name and standing in the indus- Leon Cuthill for the sixth councilmanic post, polled only 1,968 votes, despite the fact that Cuthill advertised himself as a member of the Parent-Teachers' Association, and one whose grandment to the F.L.P. ticket. The pay-off came the day after

sive campaign manager issued the following statement: "It has come to my attention that the Communist Party representatives in Ramsay county covered the the primary campaign with both pamphlets and handbills urging the voters to support the Labor-NEW YORK. - Over 1,000 Progressive ticket and to vote mion painters, members of locals for the Communist candidate for

election when the Labor-Progres-

Nothing New

this political trick, but its re- people it is most ardently woocurrence every two years has ing.

pudiate them publicly and to point out their tricks as they dad fought in the Civil War. The occur. It is not possible to em-C.P. gave unstinting endorse barrass them. It is not possible to shame them, for they have neither a sense of shame nor an Stalinists Force Split In the city. understanding of political decency.... All we can hope to do is to inform the public that there has never been a recognition of the Communist Party by us; that we do not want their support city during the closing hours of and that we have nothing in common with them. Comment: (1) The F.L.P. shrewdly waited until after the

JULES GELLER

become nauseating.... There is

no way that we can combat these

trouble makers other than to re-

primaries to issue its blast against the C.P. (2) It is a cosmic jest that the C.P. despite its degeneracy and grovelling before anyone whom it can even make look like a liberal, gets a "There is really nothing new in boot in the rear from the very

auspices of the Inter-Local Paint- Goodrich Locals Prepare To Oppose Wage Slashes Branch violated the State constitution of the Alliance, but the in fact. You are now trying to pated in by the office staff, sales-

all Akron labor-employed, un-stretched up to 40 from 36. employed, C.I.O., A.F. of L. -will participate on Saturday.

Leading the employers in their anti-labor drive is the Goodrich Co., ably assisted by the Greater Akron Association with a constant

Pecan Shellers Un Strike Six Weeks

Prior to the cut, their pay averaged less than \$2.50 per week which should furnish jobs for for from 60 to 80 hours of labor. of the industry in the past. many of us, are, at the same time, Pay envelopes containing sums as

Police Terror Rages

The right of the workers to picket has been denied. Police Kitt urged the adoption of the have beaten, clubbed and kicked

made. Scores of strikers have been

the meeting in order to prevent The police terror has failed to relief. Donations should be rushed to J. Austin Beasley, secretary-treasurer of the Pecan Workers' Emergency Relief Committee, cents for Box 1861, San Antonio, Texas. in at the APPEAL office before six Beasley is international organizer for the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America and is in charge of the San Antonio strike.

AKRON.—With the full impli- barrage of weasel-worded news- gressives had demanded militant to "confidential source of infor- antes composed of local business-Weinstock, secretary - treasurer cations of the rubber barons paper advertisements. Goodrich, class-struggle action from the mation." of D.C. 9, and chief Stalinist tool drive against the United Rubber pleading the loss of its competi- State Committee. Workers becoming clearer every tive position within the rubber day, Goodrich local here is hold- industry, boldly states that the ing division meetings daily this union must accept a wage reduccoming week in preparation for tion from an average of \$1.00 to drive the "Trotskyites" out of voting down a company-proposed \$1.15 per hour to 90-95 cents an the Alliance. At the last State program of wage slashes and hour for men, for women a drop Convention, the Allentown Stahour increases on March 20. The from 70-75 cents to 60-65 cents linists had insisted on the necesweek will culminate with an out- per hour. Furthermore, hours sity of forcing these locals into foor mass demonstration in which must be more "flexible," that, is, the one they controlled in order

Threaten to Decentralize

Threatening to speed up decentralization plans by investing \$1,500,000 outside of Akron if the ultimatum is not accepted by the union, Goodrich hopes to intimidate the largest and strongest local union in the U.R.W.A. If labor gives in, Goodrich "promises" a written contract, no decentralization for six months, passed against the Roosevelt war and saving the jobs of 5,000 rub- program and imperialist wars, ber workers.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas .- More | Hingeing on the outcome of than 5,000 of America's poorest the Goodrich situation depend the ant and class conscious progres- paid workers, the pecan shellers living standards of the workers sives. Making clear that he was of San Antonio, have been on in all the other rubber plants only invited to represent the strike for about six weeks in for the bosses hope to continue group to which he belonged, Kitt protest against a 20 cent wage a wage-slashing program nation-But the campaign in Beal's b2- advocated a conscious program to cut which would bring their al- ally on the basis of the Goodappeared to deny Mooney's half is acquiring added force, build a fighting, progressive and ready miserable earnings down rich workers' defeat. Thereupon to an average of two dollars per they would launch themse'ves Allentown unemployed, for which your job to make it available to Chicago, Ill., Karl Shier intra-industry price cutting wars own splitting tactics to blame, readers. that have been so characteristic

Acceptance of the wage cut in the Akron rubber plants would Unemployed League freed from order increases since the drive be the signal for similar moves the do-nothing, class-collabora- was started. Since most branches Total increase in bundle ordin other major industries, and tion policies of the Pennsylvania have failed to send in the names C.I.O. leaders realize this. Com- Alliance. pany officials privately admit that Akron was chosen as the City Convention, the League has suggest that each branch send in battleground on which to smash already accomplished more than the name of the comrade who got been the butt of criticism be-

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SOCIALIST PUBLIC FORUM March 20: GRACE CARLSON. "What Will Happen to the Wor-

SAN FRANCISCO.-Presenting the views of revolutionists the maritime unions, Maritime Truth, official organ of the Maritime section of the Socialist Workers Party, made its initial appearance on the waterfront here recently.

The feature article of the first issue outlined a five-point program for building national union- the New Republic, T. R. B., the Fight New Cut In Wage for such a campaign.

1.1, San Francisco, Calif.

FROM FOUR WAA Mr. Bruce Bliven,

Allentown; League Takes Lead

ALLENTOWN, Pa. - After trying unsuccessfully to force four locals of the Allentown Workers Alliance into the Stalinist-controlled Central Branch, the them please. State Committee of the Pennsylvania Workers Alliance (also ly interested in this question and controlled by the Stalinists) removed their charters.

The four locals in questionthe 9th, 10th, 12th and 13th Ward Branches-were under the leadership of Socialist Workers Party members and progressives in sympathy with their policies. The official reason given for lifttitution of the Alliance, but the action came only after the pro-

Aimed At Militants

It was obviously a move to to destroy the influence of the Trotskyists.

The expelled locals immediatly called a city-wide convention and set up a functioning organization. the Lehigh County Unemployed League, with an aggressive class-struggle program similar to that of the Allentown Unemployed Leagues before their merger with the Workers Alliance in 1936. Resolutions were and embodying demands for all project that is being initiated, for opening of the mines under workers' control, and the like.

Unemployed Benefit

again into another of the bitter the Stalinists have only their an ever increasing number of Baltimore, Md., Jack Rubin ... 10 is to be regretted, but the unem- And don't forget the prizes. In Toronto, Canada, Geo. Keene 15 ployed have already profited by next week's Appeal, we will pub- London, England, Margaret the vigorous action of the new lish the total sub and bundle

in the Alliance. It has succeed- month of the drive and the prizes up. Abe Miller, now in charge ed in getting the W.P.A. sew- for the first month will be award. of literature, has cooked up all which was recently shut down, that the branches send in. re-opened, and is carrying on an The third week of the drive Not only has New York started aggressive campaign for a real shows the following increase: housing project. The membership of the League is growing, and the Allentown politicians are again on the spot. kers in the Next War?"

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NEW SWP MARITIME | 'New Republic' Evades Challenge By Cannon

Fails To Name Alleged Stove Workers Win Provocateurs In S. W. P. Ranks

In the February 23 issue of ism and to assure an aggressive journal's Washington corresponstruggle against the ship-owners. dent, charged that a new attempt It called upon all genuinely milit- to deport Harry Bridges, leader ant, progressive and class con- of the West Coast longshoremen, scious maritime workers to unite was being based on affidavits made by ""Stalinites who have brutal attack by vigilantes, arm-Pertinent articles on the war turned Trotskyist." In a letter ed with tear gas, guns and clubs, in the Far East, the menace of to Bruce Bliven, editor of the C.I.O. workers of the Roberts the proposed government media- New Republic, which appeared in and Mander Stove Co. won a detion and other problems confront. the March 5 issue of the Social cisive victory, when, after a fiveing the maritime worker round ist Appeal, James P. Cannon, na- week sit-down strike, officials of out the neatly mimeographed tional secretary of the Socialist the company agreed to recognize little magazine. Regular publi- Workers Party, challenged the the Steel Workers Organization cation is planned and subscrip- journal to reveal the names of Committee as the sole bargaintions for 25 copies during the these alleged Trotskyists. Re- ing agency for the 800 employes. year may be obtained for one plying in a letter dated Feb. 24, The agreement, reached last Bliven said "we have every reas- Saturday, was signed after an Communications should be ad- on to believe that the statements unsuccessful attempt by the dressed to 310 Clay Street, Room made by T.R.B., our Washington company to break the strike by correspondent, are true. Natur- ousting the sit-downers, who had ally, we cannot reveal the source occupied the plant since early in CHARTERS of confidential information." Following is the text of Cannon's of confidential information." Fol- February. rejoinder, dated March 9, 1938; in the plant last Wednesday, a

The New Republic.

I received your letter of February 24 after an absence from bosses.

I did not ask you to reveal the source of any confidential infor- 500, protected by over 100 local mation. I asked you to give the and state police, bombarded the names of those Trotskyists who plant with bricks and tear gas. are alleged to have furnished af- The workers replied with flint fidavits to aid the deportation of Harry Bridges. Do you have a fire hose, but the fumes of the such names? If so, let us have gas overcame them and police

I assure you that we are deepwe intend to follow it up to the bers of the American Federation end. If some provocateurs have of Labor Molders Union who depenetrated our organization, we sired to go "back to work," but want to know who they are so this was denied by E. J. Lever, that we can get rid of them. You field director for the S.W.O.C., have made the accusation. We who pointed out that 702 of the

I haven't the slightest doubt company were members of the C. that you will fail to make good I.O. union. ing the charters was that their on this second challenge. Your Union spokesmen exposed the refusal to enter the Central contemptible slander in your "back-to-work movement" as a cover yourself up by reference men, "hired gunmen and vigil-

> you protest against the reference labor policies." to the New Republic as an organ of Stalinism. My dear Mr. Bliven, your rotten and cowardly onduct in this case is Stalinism.

Sincerely, (signed) James P. Cannon National Secretary

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