# Progressive Painters Fight Bureaucrats

## **GROUPS IN TEN** LOCALS MEET TO MAP CAMPAIGN

Thugs Beat Up Militant In Local 51; Members Are Outraged

NEW YORK .- Progressives from ten locals of District Council 9 of the Painters Union met here last Saturday at an inter-local conference of opposition clubs to plan for action against the Stalinist-controlled Weinstock administration in the coming union elections.

All delegates reported sentiment against the Stalinist union wreckers on the upsurge, Good prospects for the fight are in sight, according to spokesmen of the progressives. A whirlwind campaign to "save the union from legalized scab conditions" is reported under way.

Riot at Local 51

NEW YORK .- Growing sentiment among the rank and file for a showdown fight against the corrupt Weinstock administration in the Stalinist-"United Front"-controlled Painters Union has driven the latter to employ outright hooliganism against the militants.

Climaxing a whole series of attempts to break up local union Reject Assessment Order meetings to prevent adverse votes, a scene of scandalous disruption was staged by Stalinist administration supporters in Local 51 last Friday night.

#### Throttled Discussion

A dissident member of the Stalinist-sponsored "Unity" Club in the Local, Tom Luttenberg, who like many of his fellows has become disillusioned with the leadership, requested the floor. The chairman, an administration supporter, granted his discussion was accepted by the speaker off the floor in flagrant the C.I.O. violation of union procedure.

Luttenberg protested. Immediately the Stalinist hatchet-man in the Local, one Charles Goslin, gave the high sign and the crowd of packed administration vent the militant from being position: "Shall our union contiheard.

### Luttenberg Slugged

slugged Luttenberg and those 3,226. beastly violence. Luttenberg lay would empower the executive as in the body.

Numerous administration sup- 44,841 to 3,475. porters were visibly disgusted The membership voted 25,919 with this display of Fascist-like to 21,804 against severing the gangsterism. As the meeting was mailers' craft from the I.T.U. adjourned by the chairman, with and establishing a mailers interthe scuffle still going on, mem- national union. The mailers, by pressed their determination to this proposition as well. In a clear the Local of Goslin-Wein- limited sense this was a vote stock gangster tactics. Un- against the tendency towards doubtedly, definite steps will be craft unionism in the printing taken in this direction in the trade. very near future.

It is only natural that the Weinstock administration should milar sluggings on previous occasions. In reward for thug- ting for the payment of the one Automobile Workers set up office ing of the system of shady deals illumined in these pages in coming articles.

#### Appeal to Publish Trade Union Series

A series of articles of extreme importance to trade unionists in New York as well as in the rest of the country, will begin in next week's Socialist Appeal:

INSIDE THE NEW YORK PAINTERS UNION

An account of the record and activities of the Stalinistcontrolled Weinstock Administration in District Council No. 9 of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers and of the fight of the rank and file militants for a clean and effective union.

#### Fink-herder



HARRY BRIDGES

## TYPO WORKERS REJECT FIGHT AGAINST C.I.O.

And Demand Poll On Issue

A smashing victory for the progressive forces in the International Typographical Union was scored when Woodruff Randolph, secretary-treasurer of the I. T. U., announced last week the results of the referendum held early this month.

#### Referendum Demanded

By a vote of 44,138 to 4,493 the union rank-and-file voted that a referendum must be held before payment of any assessment to the A F. of L. The pronue to maintain the policy adopted at the time the A. F. of L. was formed, namely, that the individuality of the International In the midst of the uproar thus Typographical Union shall be created, Hatchet-man Goslin maintained and that it shall not jumped to his feet and attacked take a charter in or be subordithe speaker. A hundred-odd of nate to any organization?" was his cronies followed this lead and carried by a vote of 45,284 to

who came to his defense with A fourth proposition which prostrated on the floor as the council of the I. T. U. "to take Stalinist hoodlums kicked him any action as may be necessary mercilessly in the face as well to retain the rights of the I.T.U.

bers in all parts of the hall ex- a majority of 200, voted against

### Blow to Green Machine

A serious blow was struckemploy thugs like Goslin as its against the William Green ma- tions at Fisher Body in Flint forces are not united except in hatchet-men in the local unions. chine by this referendum. The is in line with this attempt. Act-Hatchet-man Goslin has led si- executive leadership of the A. F. ing within the confines of the of L. was openly and whole- new supplementary agreement heartedly supporting and agita- with General Motors, the United work done in the past, Goslin has cent per month per capita tax; outside the gates of Fisher Body just been re-appointed an "orga- for the payment of any assess- and proceeded vigorously to nizer" at \$50 a week. His record, ment levied by the A. F. of L. bring delinquent members up to which is extraordinarily reveal- without referendum; for the sub- date. There is nothing in the ordination of the I.T.U.; and agreement forbidding solicitation against proposition four.

and terror used by the Stalinists | The defeat of the A. F. of L. dues outside of company proto maintain their strangle-hold took place in one of the most perty. Yet, in defiance of the in the union, will be thoroughly skilled of craft unions. While agreement, the Fisher Body the vote was not a vote for in- management closed the plant and dustrial unionism it was a vote locked the union workers out. against the union scabbing po- Homer Martin correctly branded hicy of the A. F. of L. in its this move as a deliberate blow struggle against the C.I.O.

The effect of this defeat of the A. F. of L. will be far reaching. The forces opposed to the executive council of the A. F. of L. will be heartened by this victory. Progressive unionists everywhere will hail the results of the referendum.

### Trend Reversed

Election of international offic-

assessment.

# Harry Bridges Orders **Union-Smashing Drive Against Coast Sailors**

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by offering to grant the S.U.P. will petition for such that the Shepard Line live up to its'contract.

Meanwhile the whole West Coast has been aroused by the union smashing of Britiges. Support for the S.U.P. has appeared from a number of sources. Teamsters have refused to handle the members of the Marine Firemen, Oilers, Wipers and Watertenders Association, who are bethe three unlicensed crafts on the West Coast, have given their full support to the sailors. The Stewards Union has rebelled against the attempt of the Stalinist bureaucrats who control against the shipowners."

# **AUTO WORKERS** FIGHT AGAINST

Strikes Meet Bosses' Plan To Break Unions

DETROIT .- The auto situation s once again loaded with strike dynamite. Hardly had the hard-

have voted more than four to Coast situation. one in favor of strike action.

### Bosses Determined

at the Federal Screw Works, it West Coast militants, Bridges is the company's books. now becomes evident they plan attempting to split the Maritime cutting, union-busting campaign.
Federal Screw had been used as a test to determine the strength must do the stren a test to determine the strength must do this quickly if it is to and effectiveness of the United serve the needs of his masters, Automobile Workers. The corpo- the Stalinists. For they on their in the A. F. of L." was carried rations found to their dismay part must be prepared in the that the workers were in no near future to turn over the bites.

> The new strikes at Bohn Aluminum and other parts plants indicate now that the Federal Screw strike was only the first skirmish in the bigger battle against the employers' offensive.

tion and discredit the union. The recent flurry over dues collecof membership or collection of at the union.

### Explosion Due

Now the grievances over lay-

advocated the payment of the tude with two strike votes to into cannon fodder for the comback them up: ing war.

their union, to force them into the C.I.O. without a referendum on the question-thus indirectly S.U.P. two of the five Shepard supporting the sailors' fight. The ships and re-open the case if the San Francisco Labor Council has unanimously endorsed the action action. The S.U.P. is insisting taken by the S.U.P. including its refusal to accept the N.L.R.B.'s "compromise" offer.

#### Opposition in I.L.W.U.

But what is most significant of all is that, 'on top of the hind the move to amalgamate made its appearance in San through decentralization. Francisco within the I.L.W.U.

> wrecking activities and is de-stiffened the spines of countless manding unity with the Sailors thousands of workers, and clear-

this fall.)

The old timers who fought in WAGE CUTTING the '34 and '36 strikes are beng rapidly replaced by "permit" men on the docks. Permit men have no vote and their right to work depends entirely on the amount of "loyalty" they show toward the Bridges machine. They are the men who are used to smash picket lines.

#### Fakers' Aims

uniting the progressive sentiment tion.' Meanwhile at approximately in all these groups and directing This demand-for the company the first anniversary of the it toward a united, progressive, to open its books and reveal its great sit-downs which establish- class-struggle program to pre- commercial secrets-the union ed unionism in the automobile serve the Federation is the task hopes will be fulfilled by Rooseindustry, Flint again hovers on of the Socialist Workers Party velt's investigating statistician, the brink of a strike. Workers which is playing a small but in line with its general confiin the Chevrolet and Buick plants ever increasing role in the West dence in the Roosevelt admini-

of new markets.

### The Opposition

Against this reactionary lineup stand the S.U.P., the majority of the members of the Fire-Pretexts are daily being men's Union, the Scattle branch sought to provoke premature ac- of the Cooks and the growing opposition of the rank and file longshoremen. As yet these sympathy. They need a clear cut program around which they can unite and rally all the progressive elements which still lie dormant in the maritime unions. Only such a program of unity of the rank and file against the bosses, their agents in the unions serves the shipowners so well, can save the Maritime Federation and with it the hard won conditions of the West Coast maritime workers. Carried out, this program would enable the maritime workers to stand their ground against the inevitable attacks which will be made on their living standards this fall. To fail means death to the Federation.

The members of the Socialist offs and violation of senfority Workers Party have given their combined with innumerable other full support to this struggle minor violations of the agree- both on the picket line and in ment in the plant are coming helping to expose the reactionto a head in the strike votes ary role of Bridges. We have the taken at the Flint General Mo- task now of tying together the tors plant. General Motors is different groupings which are feeling out the union. It wants groping for a way out and givers will take place next month. to determine whether it can get ing to them a clear lead toward The incumbent president, John P. away with more drastic steps. unity in the struggle for the Howard, opposed the payment At present writing it appears preservation of the Federation. of the assessment to the A. F. that the Flint grievances will be It is a great task and one which of L. and supported the position put through the paces of the calls for great sacrifices but it which received the endorsement machinery set up in the agree- is one that can and must be ful- MAY DAY CELEBRATION, of the membership. Claude M. ment. The best card held by the filled if West Coast labor is not Baker, Howard's opponent and U.A.W. in these negotiations to be driven back into the hands candidate of Bill Green and Co., is its militant, aggressive atti- of the bosses to be transformed

## GOODRICH UNION DEFEAT PLANS FOR WAGE CUTS

Akron Bosses Overplay Hand In Rubber Parleys

AKRON.-With a unanimous

decision not even to consider voting on the company's proposed wage-cut program, the Goodrich local union April 23 spiked efforts of boss stooges to get rubber workers' acceptance of wage-cuts. This decision climaxed weeks of frantic propaganda noticeable reluctance of the long- by business men's committees, the "hot" cargo. A majority of shoremen to obey Bridges' orders the chamber of commerce, the to work, behind picket lines, mayor and the daily press to inunder the protection of the po- timidate and frighten workers lice, an opposition bulletin has with the loss of 5,000 jobs

In overplaying their hand, the While not having a clear-cut business men's group, with a program this bulletin has expos- hysterical campaign that fell Seattle branch of the Cooks and ed a number of Bridges' union- short only of vigilante violence, ly demonstrated the necessity Through the bulletin is re- for militant unity against the vealed some extremely telling bosses' solid front. The union facts: The I.L.W.U. treasury resolved to press forward to a is empty and there is neither a written agreement with the strike fund nor any effort be- Goodrich Company and take no ing made to build one. (It would vote until such can be "submitseem that Bridges has no inten- ted to the membership in an tion of fighting the shipowners atmosphere of fairness and free-

#### Want Books Examined

A department of Labor statistician is now in town investigating the wage situation at Goodrich, and his report is exsected by the union to have vital bearing on the result of the controversy. In this connection, the statement of President Callahan of Goodrich local is of great significance. He says: "There is The action taken by the only one thing that will give us fought battle at the Federal teamsters and the Labor Council, a true picture. We've got to find On question one, the union Screw Works been ended with while being acceded to by well- out how much raw material is voted 35,730 to 12,115 against a defeat of the wage-cut when known labor fakers, is really an bought, how much finished goods payment of an assessment of one the eight plants of Dehn Ala supremion of rank and file dis- is produced, and what is paid for request. As Luttenberg proceed- cent a month per member to the minum w.r. and up in a strike gust with the Stalinists and wages in any given period of American Federation of Labor Following con y an its needs Bridges, a disgust which these operation. The company has to be used in the struggle of the came strikes against wage-cuts same fakers are attempting to pointed out the differentials in chairman, who then ordered the A. F. of L. bureaucracy against at the American Brass Company, canalize for their own ends. To wage rates, but has not pointed Michigan Steel Casting and Hulet prevent this from happening by out the actual cost of produc-

> stration. But the union is in for Uniting with the Shepard Line, a sad disappointment here; for supported by the National Labor such a far-reaching demand can Relations Board and covered by only be realized when the work-Despite the original set-back a smokescreen of slander direct- ers themselves control producsuffered by the motor magnates ed by the Stalinists against the tion and have complete access to

# West Coast Sailors

mood for wage-cuts. Heinie working class, bound hand and week when the operators decid-Pickert's uniformed thugs struck foot, to Roosevelt and his class ed to live up to the West Coast a hornet's nest and many of who are rapidly preparing an- agreement and shipped the deck them are still recuperating from other world war for the conquest and engine departments from the

the steward's department.

S.U.P. picket line.

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NEW YORK. - Picket lines around the Shepard Line "Windrush" were withdrawn last Sailors Union of the Pacific's New York hall. Possibility of a continued tie-up was probable should the National Maritime Union refuse to supply men for

In Baltimore the "Harpoon," another Shepard ship, is clear with a full West Coast crew. Reports from the Pacific Coast state that the "Seathrush," center of fighting on the San Francisco waterfront when longshoremen broke through 'the S.U.P. picket line, has sailed from San Pedro with a skeleton crew of N.M.U. men. Besides being short of men, the "Seathrush" is undoubtedly short of Bridges and the Stalinists, and stores as West Coast teamsters the bosses' government which refused to go through the picket

> In Seattle the "Timberush" is tied up tight, with sailors, stewards and officers off the ship and longshoremen defying their officials and refusing to pass the

start our open air meetings on Friday, April 29 at Pitkin and Bristol. All comrades of the branch and Y.P.S.L. and all party sympathizers, please be on hand at 8 o'clok. We need you all to put these meetings

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