

# Stalinists Start Drive To Capture Or Smash U. A. W.

## CAMPAIGN OPENED BY FRANKENSTEIN

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and baggage the most obnoxious ceremony of servility and humiliation from Stalin's totalitarian regime in the Soviet Union and in the Communist parties of the world:

"3. Public pronouncements, pledging loyalty, and allegiance to the duly elected officers."

Should this program carry, not only will militant union workers and leaders be forbidden to have disagreements and criticisms of the leadership, but they will be forced to beat their breasts in public. Instead of a union fighting the tyrants of the motor industry, the U. A. W. will become the scene of revolting spectacles of confession to the Stalinist tyrants over the auto union.

"4. Agreement to take disciplinary action against any member or group of members who are found guilty on trial through regular procedure of spreading rumors or untrue charges against any officer or member of the Executive Board. These things to be done on the basis of the program of the International Union."

### Muzzle for Union

This power in the hands of the unprincipled clique that wants it will slap the muzzle over the mouth of the union. Anyone who criticizes or differs will be charged with making "untrue charges" or "spreading rumors," brought before a court martial and properly "disciplined." The Stalinists don't want control over the union. They want a stranglehold over it.

Summed up, here is the oracle Frankenstein found by gazing in the crystal bowl of Stalin and Browder:

1. Grease the guillotine for the opposition even if the heads that roll count up in the thousands;

2. Smash democracy by abolishing all groups and caucuses except the Communist Party caucus;

3. Put the heretics and the infidels through the paces of belly-scraping and breast-benting;

4. Frame-up and Moscow Trial anyone caught standing on his own feet and expressing his own point of view.

### Sugar Coated Pill

This is the real program. The rest of Frankenstein's letter is only the sugar-coating to make the pill go down easier. All the chatter about organizing competitive plants, fighting wage-cuts, improving working conditions, organizing the unemployed, bringing efficiency into the International office and cutting down on expenses, etc., is just a hypocritical promise when it comes from a crowd which demands as a price that the rank-and-file become a pack of goose-stepping soldiers.

Goose-stepping is good for men who are fighting someone else's battle, fighting the battles of their enemies. It is no good for union men. They must have their own union, run their own affairs, make their own policies. A big struggle with the corporations lies right ahead of the union. The strike at Federal Screw and the series of smaller strikes which followed it are straws in the wind. The entire membership must be mobilized; 350,000 workers will have to do the fighting. That is why—although there are a million other reasons—democracy and not bureaucracy must be the yardstick of the internal union regime. Whoever like Frankenstein

## U.A.W. LAUNCHES DRAMATIC SECTION

DETROIT.—With the production of "The Lonely Man," a pro-labor play by Howard Koch, the educational department of the United Automobile Workers will launch its newly-formed dramatic group May 10 at Detroit, it was announced here today by the educational department of the union.

Less than a year ago the U. A. W. set up its educational department, primarily concerned with the forming of classes in trade union subjects. Since then it has made strides in the use of the radio in union work, using a Detroit station, WJKB, for 15 minute daily broadcasts.

From the talent developed on the radio programs, drawn from the ranks of the 350,000 auto workers in the Detroit area, the dramatic director has chosen the cast of the forth-coming play.

and his new-found allies preaches bureaucracy, preaches capitulation and defeat in these coming struggles.

### Backing for Murphy

We cannot refrain from referring to two other points of this program. One is the pledge for full and active support for the re-election of Murphy as Governor. With one hand the workers are to be deprived of their independent rights within the union and with the other they are to be deprived of the right to independent participation in politics. A Stalin regime in the union and a capitalist regime in the State. These things march hand in hand!

The other point reeks with hypocrisy. We shall have occasion to return to it in the not too distant future. It pledges the International Union to combat discrimination against union members because of race, creed, color, nationality or political affiliation. Some of the records of the people advocating this program smell to high heaven!

### Warning Given

On April 2 we warned the auto workers: "Look at the internal regime in the Communist Party," we advised, warning against the Stalinist campaign in the auto union. "There is no more democracy in that party than you can stick in the corner of your eye. Look at the record of the Communist Party in the unions where it has control: the furriers, painters, food workers, maritime union. Gangsterism, unity with racketeers, suppression of minorities, dictatorial practices . . ."

We repeat that warning today with Frankenstein's open threat a dagger aimed right at the heart of the auto union. No doubt, as is their practice, the Communist Party will charge us with red-baiting. They charge anyone who criticizes them with red-baiting. The truth of the matter is that we are not baiting reds but denouncing reactionaries—from the Frankenstein crowd right down to the Stalinist party. Real "reds" are those who fight for democracy and class struggle policies within the unions. That is our fight. We shall carry it on to the very end.

## Roosevelt Tax Program Falls Hardest On Labor

### Threats To Load Major Crisis Burdens On Bosses Evaporate In Congress Bill Slashing

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saddled the burden of the depression on the backs of the workers in the form of unemployment.

### Wage-cuts, Speed-up

Another way is to cut the wages of those employed. This also keeps up profits, but it also cuts the purchasing power of the workers and smashes their living standards. A third way is to increase the speed-up for those on the job. This increases the output of each worker, cuts the cost of production for the capitalists and increases their profits.

Cutting down the bosses' share of the tax bill, can also only be done at the expense of the workers. The permanent decline of American capitalism has created a standing army of unemployed. There were 9,000,000 unemployed before the current "recession" began. There are at least 5,000,000 more now, making a total of at least 14,000,000. These are all debarred from employment and deprived of the purchasing power which employment gives them. They have only two alternatives: starvation or government aid. Rather than starve, they will overthrow the capitalist system which dooms them to starvation. And so the capitalist government, which still finds democracy useful, gives out miserly relief to the unemployed in order to keep them quiet.

### Taxes and Spending

Government aid requires government spending. Money for spending must be gotten through taxes. The question arises: Who shall pay the major burden of the taxes? Is it the workers and unemployed? But the crisis of ca-

## Rochester Unemployed Win Payments in Cash

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — Plans of Rochester city and county relief officials to substitute cash payments to unemployed on home relief in place of the present commodity vouchers received the support of the Federal Workers Section of A. F. of L. Laborer's Union last week.

Fred Struble, president of the Federal Workers Section, pointed out that cash payment to relief clients had long been a demand of the unemployed, but warned the administrators that any attempt to reduce the present relief allotments would be opposed.

The Federal Workers Section is taking the lead in swinging organized labor behind the progressive features of the plan and it is expected that the Central Trades Council will endorse cash payments. The Railroad Brotherhoods and A. F. of L. affiliates are being contacted in an effort to secure their endorsements.

## WAA Frustrates Plot To Expel Rasmussen

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Efforts of Stalinist bureaucrats in control of the Workers Alliance local in South Bend to expel Hugo Rasmussen, active militant in the unemployed movement, failed when the membership rejected the charges of disruptive action against Rasmussen.

Rasmussen, one of the organizers of the Indiana W. A. and a former member of the W. A. A. national executive board, has consistently criticized Labor's Non-Partisan League and advocated a policy of independent working class action rather than placing any support behind candidates of the capitalist parties.

The Stalinists, determined to permit no opposition to their campaign to line up the workers in support of their capitalist masters, sought in a resolution to the local . . . for the expulsion of Rasmussen, charging that his position on the L. N. P. L. was "disruptive." This action, taken at the close of the meeting when a number of members had left, and preceded by a limited discussion, was passed.

When Rasmussen appealed to the St. Joseph county executive board, the local was instructed to bring written charges before the membership and hold a trial. At the trial the rank-and-file upheld Rasmussen by a three to one vote.

## SWP Holds Enthusiastic May Day Meeting In N. Y.

### More Than 500 Cheer Demands For Class Struggle Policy; YPSLs Hold Outdoor Rally

NEW YORK.—In sharp contrast to all the fanfare about "democratic" and "people's" fronts and submission to imperialist war plans under the mask of "collective security" the Socialist Workers Party gave to its May Day celebration the sharp tone of the class struggle, the pitting of the real forces of peace, the working class, against the war-makers and exploiters, the capitalists.

More than 500 workers attended an enthusiastic rally at Germania Hall where the keynote of militant class struggle brought forth a cheering response.

The meeting was preceded by a parade of 300 members and sympathizers of the Young People's Socialist League, shouting slogans against the preparations for the coming war and carrying banners calling for resolute workers' action against the war-makers.

### Workers Will Struggle

Recalling the birth of May Day in the fires of the great struggle for the eight-hour day and its development into international labor day, the speakers declared that the workers, mobilized the day before under the banner of Roosevelt by the Stalinists, would again unfurl the red flag and march forth to battle their oppressors.

"Never before," said Maurice Spector, co-editor of the New Internationalist and main speaker of the evening, "has the American working class been more militant, more aggressively on the march. Never before have the appalling results of class-collaboration, or People's Frontism, been more clear to the masses. The crowd cheered again and

## SEEK TO OUST SAILORS FROM MARITIME BODY

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agreement seems to Bridges only a "dastardly plot."

In the face of the open sell-out tactics of the Stalinists the rank and file of their "own" unions are revolting. Splitting the federation means splitting even the unions where Bridges and his gang are firmly in the saddle.

In the headquarters branch of the Marine Cooks and Stewards, where the Stalinists are able to maintain a majority, Frank Koci, a rank and file member with an established record of militancy on the waterfront in San Francisco, was brought up on charges.

Koci committed the crime of pointing out in his union meeting that the S. U. P. had a written agreement with the Shepard line and that picket lines were established by the sailors to enforce the agreement. For this simple statement, which can be proved by documents, Koci was charged with advocating the program of the S. U. P. and attempting to confuse the membership.

spending program will come out of indirect taxes, taxes on the workers and unemployed, farmers and middle class. This has been increasingly true since the great decline of American capitalism set in with the crash of 1929.

In 1930, the workers and other consumers paid about 30 per cent of the national taxes. In the bitter depression of 1932, they had to pay 40 per cent. Roosevelt's New Deal consisted in shifting the major burden of taxation on to the workers and other consumers by making indirect taxes equal to 66 per cent of the total taxes in 1934. In this tax program, as in other New Deal tax bills, the workers and unemployed, farmers and middle-class—all those least able—will have to bear an increasing share of the burden of taxation.

Roosevelt and Congress represent big business and use the state in its behalf. The interest of big business is to pass the burden of the depression on to the workers and unemployed. Roosevelt and Congress do its bidding in a tax program which bears down on the workers and unemployed and at the same time "gives real relief to business."

The funds for the government

again as Spector declared that only workers' action could solve rican capitalism; that to the bankrupt schemes of the capitalist ten-year-old crisis of America and their allies the workers must counterpose the revolutionary class struggle.

### What Happened Before

Max Shachtman, editor of the Socialist Appeal, told the audience how the social-democrats in Germany forbade May Day demonstrations in the early years of the World War, only to have the proletariat, within a few brief years, rise and send thirty crowns rolling into the dust.

"Despite the betrayal of the Second International," Shachtman declared, "the workers of Europe rose in revolt and in Russia founded the Soviet Union and the Third International. Despite the betrayal of the Third International the international proletariat will rise under the banner of the Fourth International, the banner of Lenin and Trotsky."

## C.P. Celebrates May Day With Patriotic Parades

### Militant Traditions of Labor's Day Continue Under Banner of Fourth International

May Day this year found the forces of labor split throughout the United States, as in many other countries. Despite the deepening crisis of capitalism, the demonstrations were on a far smaller scale than last year. The most alarming feature from the point of view of the labor movement was the corraling of large numbers of workers behind the patriotic banners of the Stalinist parties in demonstrations which did violence to the fighting, proletarian class traditions of May Day.

### Patriotic Parade

In New York City, some 50,000 paraded under the auspices of the Stalinist-dominated "United May Day Committee" to the accompaniment of patriotic songs. Replacing the militant rallying cries of former years, the dominating slogans were for "jobs, peace and democracy." Placards were carried denouncing the "fascist aggressors."

The speeches were in line with the rest. Not a word about the preparations for a new imperialist war, which was hardly surprising in view of the fact that the Stalinists, with their sponsorship of "collective security," are the foremost proponents of war.

The Socialist Workers Party, refusing to take part in this patriotic demonstration, which violated not only the spirit of May Day but ran counter to the vital interests of the workers, held its own parade and rally, reported elsewhere in this issue. The Stalinists, however, did not have things entirely their way. The New York locals of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union declined to take part in the Stalinist flag-waving parade and held their own separate rally. Norman Thomas' Socialist Party and youth organization likewise declined to associate themselves with the Stalinists.

### In Philadelphia

In Philadelphia, however, the S. P. and its Clarityite wing tagged along, content to become a vestigial appendage of the Stalinist machine. Our comrades participated to the extent of being present on Reburn Plaza, where they distributed hundreds of anti-war manifestoes and sold many copies of the Socialist Appeal. They followed this up with a May Day meeting held in conjunction with the United Libertarian Organizations. More than 100 workers attended this meeting, at which Manny Garrett spoke for the Socialist Workers Party and the Young Peoples Socialist League. The California comrades scored a great May Day success in Los Angeles, where they succeeded in attracting an audience of 750 to the Music Arts Hall to hear May Day speeches by S. W. P. and Y. P. S. L. representatives and to see the film "Tzar to Lenin," a pictorial history of the Russian Revolution. In the audience were Mexican agricultural workers, auto-workers, members of the I. L. G. W. U. and many other active unionists. A number of Stalinists forsook a Communist Party meeting in

## Mob Attacks Y.P.S.L. Speakers in Jamaica

NEW YORK.—One member of the Young Peoples Socialist League was thrown into a lake and chased a number of blocks last week by a mob of several hundred students of Jamaica high school who had been whipped into a patriotic frenzy.

The attack was organized by the reactionary Varsity club, with the aid of the athletic director, when the Y. P. S. L. announced their plans to hold an anti-war meeting. Police, newspapermen and a large store of rotten eggs and tomatoes were on hand at the beginning of the meeting.

Attempts by members of the Y. P. S. L. to speak were fruitless, as hooping drowned out the speakers. Eggs and tomatoes began to fly, landing on the speakers, the crowd and the police in equal proportion.

A large number of students rushed the platform and seized Mike Bartell, student director of the Y. P. S. L. He was dragged to a pond in the park adjacent to the high school and thrown in. The mob then turned on the other speakers and stoned them for several blocks. Two were injured and required medical attention.

## Coast Office Workers Fight Bridges' Blackmail

### He Threatens To Withdraw C. I. O. Support From Union Unless It Knuckles Under

By KATHLEEN WALKER

SAN FRANCISCO.—Faced with increasing opposition to his policies in West Coast unions, Harry Bridges, West Coast Director for the C. I. O., is making a desperate attempt to discredit the progressive leadership of Local 34 of the United Office & Professional Workers of America.

At the last membership meeting of this union he charged the present leadership with conspiring to withdraw from the C. I. O. and seek affiliation with the A. F. of L.

### Bridges Threatens

He threatened that if this leadership were not removed, the Warehousemen's Union and the C. I. O. would withdraw their support. As a majority of the membership is employed in warehouse offices and dependent upon the support of the warehousemen, this was in effect an ultimatum to the membership to accept Stalinist control or see their union smashed.

At its previous meeting the membership voted to request the national office to remove Leo Allen, international representative and a Stalinist, from San Francisco. The charges brought against Allen were:

### Three Charges Listed

1. Failure to cooperate with the organizers and officers of the union or to produce organizational results.

2. Withholding communications and instructions received by him from the National Office which affected the work of the Local.

3. Stating to a member of the union that this puny little local of 250 members was not so important as the national organization and, if necessary, he was willing to smash this local and start over again.

By the action taken to request Allen's removal the membership demonstrated again its desire and need to rid itself of the Stalinist bureaucrats. This was first demonstrated in the union elections in January, when the Stalinists were overwhelmingly defeated after they had been in control for several months.

### Bridges Packs Meeting

In typical Moscow Trial fashion, Bridges packed the meeting with his stooges and presented affidavits which stated that a number of the leaders of the local had conspired with Harry Lundeberg, secretary of the Sailors Union of the Pacific,

to take the local out of the C. I. O. He then attempted to link Lundeberg with the shipowners, the San Francisco Industrial Association, Senator Copeland, etc., etc. The affidavits also accused officials of the local of carrying on a red-baiting campaign against Allen.

The affidavits were signed by persons who have proven by their past actions that they were only interested in feathering their own nests. Two of these persons left the local when it affiliated with the C. I. O. and took a group of bank employees with them into the A. F. of L. When they discovered the A. F. of L. was not interested in furthering their ambitions, they requested readmittance into the C. I. O.

Another "confession" signer dropped out of the union several months ago when the progressives refused to support him in the election as delegate to the C. I. O. Council because he was irresponsible. He openly stated at that time that his only interest in the union was to obtain a pie card.

### Snatch Majority

Having packed the meeting, the Stalinists were able to get a majority on the investigating committee which was elected to investigate the charges. They immediately proceeded to hold hearings at which the accusers were asked to appear at one time and the accused at another! Neither will have an opportunity to hear the other's testimony or to question one another! A petition signed by 150 rank-and-file members requesting that the investigating committee be elected by a referendum and the decision at a special executive board meeting to hold such a referendum on the basis of the petition, have been ignored by the investigating committee. Going far beyond the powers granted it at the meeting at which it was elected, this committee has practically set itself up as a dual power to the present leadership, calling itself a rank-and-file "policy" committee.

The militants in the union are exposing this Bridges-Stalinist union wrecking attack and are making every effort to rally the support of progressives in other unions to defeat it. They are working to unite all labor progressives in both the A. F. of L. and C. I. O. around a campaign to rid the unions of this wrecking band of labor fakers by exposing the real role of the Stalinists and their front man, Bridges, in the West Coast unions.

## Appeal Army

The following subscriptions have come in during the past two weeks:

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Philadelphia	4
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Rochester, N. Y.	1
Toledo, Ohio	1
Chicago, Ill.	1
Canton, Ohio	1
Boston, Mass.	1
Colorado	1
Michigan	1
Miscellaneous	3
TOTAL	60

Subs are picking up nicely, with New York City far in advance once again. On increased bundle orders we have to report a definite slowing-up. Plans are under way for a new and even more powerful drive to step up the circulation of the Socialist Appeal. A large part of this plan will depend on increased bundle orders.

Now, with summer more or less here, many comrades and sympathizers will start traveling around the country from place to place. We urge every comrade to take a handful of sub blanks with him. Also, those who are going away for the summer are requested to notify us of their new address. We need more traveling salesmen for the Appeal like John Boulds of Montana!

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