

# Stalinists Routed At UAW Executive Meet

### Browder-Frankensteen Combination Flops Completely

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by accepting certain agreements because prosperity was "right around the corner".

The stand of the auto union against the danger of imperialist war found prominence in the report of the president. Here again the advocates of collective security took a sound drubbing:

#### Opposes War

"Our struggle against the reactionary legislation of the type of the Sheppard-Hill Bill or the May Bill has been based on the fact that labor sees in such plans the danger of bringing Fascism into our country, which will lead to the destruction of our unions and the undermining of our standards of living. Labor has learned that it must struggle against the industrial and financial plutocrats in order to earn better wages and to work under decent conditions. Labor is not deceived by propaganda to the effect that it must go to war to protect the money bags of these same interests who are trying to undermine American working conditions by employing coolie labor in far-off Asiatic countries."

Two points of the program concretize these remarks by stating definite opposition to the Sheppard-Hill and May bills and favoring the passage of the Ludlow amendment. As on the other points of the program, no articulate opposition was heard from the known sponsors of Roosevelt's quarantine program. In other words, Wyndham Mortimer is now committed to go before the workers with a program he took public exception to in the "United Auto Workers" about two months ago. He stated in a letter to the paper that his vote on the war resolution, adopted at the last Executive Board meeting, was falsely reported in the paper. In this letter, among other things, he opposed that section in the resolution which called for the withdrawal of U. S. armed forces from the war-torn waters of the Far East. Let them remain there, he wrote, as long as Japan keeps her gunboats in the same area. This meeting of the Executive Board was Mortimer's opportunity to correct false impressions. He failed to take it. Apparently principles are not the strong point with these people.

#### Reasons For Retreat

What accounts for the helter-skelter retreat of the fake "union saviors" who were going to rescue the U.A.W. from a "crisis deeper than that of the current economic recession"? One month ago they were adopting resolutions for the "removal of Martin and his gang" and the calling of a special convention for this purpose. One week ago, the Detroit District Council of the U.A.W. was presented with a resolution from a Toledo local calling on the local to cease paying per capita to the International if Frankensteen's anti-democracy proposals were not adopted at the Executive Board. After all this preparation and campaign, it was only logical to expect at least a little fireworks. Instead, the Executive Board sessions found the "crusaders" stricken utterly speechless. Your correspondent can venture two reasons for this change of heart. In due time, no doubt, their full strategy will come to light.

1. The Stalinists and Frankensteen were banking on a split between Homer Martin and John L. Lewis. They believed that Martin's critical and independent position on the question of C.I.O.-A.F.L. unity would push Lewis on the war-path against him. Here they thought was the perfect set-up for the little crucifixion party they had been planning since Martin's campaign against their violently pro-war policy.

2. With Frankensteen a respectable front and peace and an end-to-factionalism the tender theme song, the Stalinists had hoped to capture control of the union with a little publicity as possible. The membership was to be treated to the spectacle of a very quiet and very orderly revolt against the "factionalist" Martin.

#### Both Misfired

In both cases their calculations went awry. Firstly, for various reasons which space does not permit dealing with in this article, Lewis refused to throw his influence on the Frankensteen scales. Instead, the two representatives he sent to the Board meeting showed a strong pro-

## UAW Adopts 20 Point Program of Activity

The following 20-point program, submitted by President Homer Martin, was unanimously adopted by the International Executive Board of the United Automobile Workers of America.

1. Recognition by all members of the International Union of the responsibility and authority of the International Executive Board and the International officers, subject to the Constitution, which is the basic law of the Union between conventions.
2. The guarantee of democratic rights of local unions, consistent with the Constitution and the welfare of the membership of the International Union as a whole.
3. Maximum responsibility in carrying out joint agreements with employers.
4. Cooperation of all officers and members of the Union in the prevention and elimination of wild-cat stoppages and strikes.
5. Continued effort to elevate standards of living, improvement of working conditions, and reduced hours of work.
6. Mobilization of the entire union against wage reductions and undermining of the gains already achieved.
7. Vigorous drive to obtain closed shop contracts in all plants within the industry.
8. Launching of comprehensive drive to organize competitive plants.
9. Full mobilization of the Union in support of all legitimate authorized strikes.
10. Intensive activities in behalf of federal and state legislation in the interests of Labor.
  - a. Federal Wage and Hour Bill.
  - b. The Wagner-Healy Act.
  - c. Federal housing legislation.
  - d. Federal appropriations for relief.
11. Opposition to anti-union legislation such as
  - a. Sheppard-Hill Bill or May Bills.
  - b. Amendment of National Labor Relations Act.
12. Strengthening of drive to organize aircraft workers of the nation.
13. Active prosecution of Ford organization drive on nationwide scale.
14. Intensification of campaign to organize W.P.A. workers.
15. Building of strong local and international treasuries as a reserve of strength to the Union, by avoidance of all unnecessary expenditures, to provide maximum available funds to carry on organizational activities.
16. Maximum participation of all local unions in Labor's Non-Partisan League. In Michigan, support of Governor Murphy for re-election.
17. Pledge of continued whole-hearted support to the policies and principles of the Committee for Industrial Organization, including regular and prompt payment of per capita tax as a fixed obligation of the International Union.
18. Constant resistance to war propaganda, and cooperation with all sincere efforts to keep America out of war. Support of LaFollette-Ludlow Amendment as a guarantee of Labor's democratic right to determine whether or not it will wage a war of aggression abroad.
19. Program of close cooperation between organized industrial workers and organized farmers. Encouragement of bona fide cooperative movements.
20. Assumption by all International officers of full responsibility for carrying out the program and policies of the International Union.

Martin bias. Secondly, the glaring searchlight of publicity on the fact that an alliance did exist between Frankensteen and the Communist Party combined with the exposure of the anti-democratic nature of the program, sent these peaceful gentlemen flying for cover. The Socialist Appeal played an important role in unmasking the real situation to the rank and file of the union.

The twenty-point program (printed elsewhere in this issue) is a comprehensive plan of action and with one important exception it by-and-large fills the bill. It calls for a mobilization of the entire union against wage reductions and undermining of the gains already achieved and for all full mobilization of the union in support of all legitimate strikes.

2. It calls for a drive to organize competitive plants, the aircraft industry and an active continuation of the Ford Drive.

#### No Support for Murphy!

However, approval of the union program must be accompanied by unambiguous opposition to the political plank which calls for the support of Governor Murphy, a capitalist candidate, for re-election in Michigan. This support undoubtedly coincides with the views of the top C.I.O. and Labor's Non-Partisan League leadership and reflects the sentiment of large numbers of Michigan's auto workers. But that does not make it right.

Support of a capitalist candidate led to a catastrophe for the C.I.O. steel union in Ohio. The workers of Michigan will have to learn from their own bitter experience that they can rely only on their own independent action in politics as well as on the picket line.

It must also be noted that Martin's strictures and reasons for the non-ratification of the membership of the supplementary agreement with General Motors miss the mark entirely. The fact that the union was in a tough spot with General Motors, that the previous supplementary agreement had not been ratified either, and that John L. Lewis approved the procedure is no explanation for circumventing the most vital democratic process in the union. The assurance of

## Vigilantes Attack WPA Picket Lines

CAMDEN, N. J. — Vigilantes, armed with shotguns, rifles and clubs, last week, drove striking W.P.A. workers from the municipal gravel pits at Lindenwood, twelve miles southeast of this city, as the strikers attempted to pull W.P.A. gravel workers off the job.

The vigilantes, about 160 strong were summoned to the gravel pits by a pre-arranged siren blast, sounded when the strikers appeared. Fifty special officers were sworn in and thorough officials said 60 others were available.

About 3,500 workers are on strike in the Camden area, protesting against a staggered work week that needlessly forces men to work Saturdays on W.P.A. projects.

Efforts to coerce the strikers back to their jobs are being made by the W.P.A. administration. Henry D. Young, District W.P.A. Administrator, has threatened to dismiss all workers not on the job by the beginning of this week.

Despite the use of vigilantes and the open intimidation of the administration, the strike is largely effective and demonstrates a determination of the W.P.A. workers to fight to maintain decent working conditions.

## COAST SAILORS VOTING ON AFL

(Continued from page 1) Co. resort to "goon squad" measures against the West Coast sailors.

Conditions and terms laid down by the S.U.P. in seeking affiliation will guarantee full autonomy and rank and file control.

democratic rights will be meaningless unless this procedure is drastically revised in the future. Basically, however, in its significant and important features the program is progressive and probably the most thoroughgoing in the entire C.I.O. The Stalinists are now definitely in retreat. But the big job of isolating and destroying their pernicious influence in the ranks is still ahead. This can be done—and more important the union can get a big push forward—if the program is pressed vigorously throughout the union.

## STALINIST THUGS BUSY IN AKRON

AKRON.—Taking a page from the book of Mayor Hague's police and the Ford Service Department, a crowd of 30 Stalinist hooligans descended upon three S.W.P. handbill distributors last night as they were passing out the Open Letter to Communist Party Members in front of a C. P. state convention mass meeting here, and tore up 400 leaflets condemning the gangster murders of the Russian Old Bolsheviks.

The hoodlums, shouting "Don't read the Trotskyist poison" and even going so far as to snatch leaflets out of the hands of their own party members, threatened to beat up our young comrades while shoving them around in the gathering crowd.

The Akron-Times Press the next morning carried a front page story on the Stalinists' vicious attack, quoting partially from a S.W.P. statement that "this is a good commentary on the type of democracy in which the Communist Party believes." While the hooligans were doing their anti-working class work outside, the C.P. orator inside was calling for immediate severance of diplomatic relations with Germany and Japan—i.e., for the immediate launching of imperialist war!

## N. Y. Teachers' Union Fights Council Edict

### Unionists Have Duty To Back Move For Reinstatement

NEW YORK. — Recently the Executive Board of the Central Trades and Labor Council, meeting in executive sessions, suspended Teachers Union, Loc. 5, with a membership of over 6,000, from that body on the ground that the local had "usurped" the power of the Central Trades and Labor Council and overstepped its authority in calling a conference of A. F. L. locals for the purpose of discussing ways and means of attaining unity between the A. F. L. and the C.I.O.

The Teachers Union was not informed of the action pending against it and hence had no opportunity to present a defense. Furthermore, the Council's Executive Board action was ratified at a meeting of the Council, when only a handful of local delegates were present, in the form of a motion to accept the minutes of the Executive Board—without debate and without an opportunity for the defense to be heard. That the action of the Central Trades and Labor Council was illegal and undemocratic was tacitly admitted by its Executive Board, which later permitted the representatives of the Teachers Union to present its case after the suspension had been voted.

#### Reinstatement Sought

At present, the question of the locals' reinstatement is pending before that body, and it is important for all trades unionists to realize what issues are involved. First of all is the question of the right of local bodies to discuss the unity question, the most important question before the trade union movement. Secondly, the right of local bodies to call unofficial conferences for the purpose of attaining worthy objectives is being jeopardized.

It has become a tradition in the labor movement for unions to call unofficial conferences on unemployment, relief, housing, school construction, defense of strikers and strike relief, defense of political prisoners, aid to labor victims of fascism, etc. If a local trade union body can be suspended for initiating a call to a conference, then no unofficial conference to promote any cause can be called without incurring the threat of suspension.

It goes without saying that it becomes the simple duty of all trades unionists, regardless of differences, to place the question of the reinstatement of Local 5 upon the agenda of their next membership meeting and to obtain the passage of resolutions calling upon the Central Trades and Labor Council to rescind its action. In doing so they will not only defend a traditional right, but will assist the Teachers Union, which at the present is also under attack by reactionary school supervisors and their political associates because of this suspension.

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## Ford 'Union' Refuses To Leave Scene

### Workers Vote Affiliation To U.A.W. But Company Union Lives On

DETROIT.—Wm. S. McDowell, Sr., attorney for the Ford Brotherhood of America, company-controlled union, announced recently that the brotherhood had proposed to the Ford Motor Co. a \$1,500 minimum wage for Ford workers. Several weeks previously, the "brotherhood" held the only meeting since its inception, where a motion for affiliation to the United Automobile Workers was carried and incorporation—controlled officers removed. The National Labor Relations Board in its "cease and desist" order to Henry Ford, condemned the F.B.A. as a company-dominated union.

But the F.B.A. has not faded from the picture. Neither motions for U.A.W. affiliation, nor N.L.R.B. decisions, nor removal of officers have made the original officers veer from their planned course.

McDowell Contradicted McDowell's contention that his union "was recognized as a bona fide labor organization in the decision of the National Labor Relations Board on the Ford Motor Co. case" last December is emphatically contradicted by Harold R. Crane, regional attorney for the N.L.R.B. Says Mr. Crane, "Mr. McDowell's remarks are directly contrary to" and "he distorts the language of the decision... The Board's order was to condemn the F.B.A. as not representative of the employees because it was dominated by the Ford Motor Co."

A worker in the Ford plant has little trouble deciding whether the F.B.A. is company-controlled or not. Last summer, leaflets of the brotherhood were distributed on Ford property—at the gates of the company. No riots or beatings occurred. There was no attempt to hinder the distribution. No unusual number of service men were present. The company expected no trouble. On May 26, however, U.A.W. men came to distribute literature.

#### Slugged and Beaten

The distributors were slugged and beaten. Pictures taken by reporters were, where possible, destroyed by service men. And yet the distributors, as well as those who came with them—parson, N. L. R. B. officials, leading U.A.W. people—had every interest in preserving order. But the company expected trouble. They expected to provoke trouble in the hope that the U.A.W. Ford drive would thus be stopped in its tracks.

Within the plant, it is common knowledge that pro-U.A.W. talk is not healthy. But during the summer F.B.A. members wore their buttons openly and membership solicitation went on during working hours. Today this is not the case only because the Liberty Legion has taken the F.B.A.'s place. A Ford worker knows that the bosses are not interested in him. But what can he do about it? The F.B.A. has done nothing for the Ford worker. Neither has the U.A.W. He knows the F.B.A. is a company union. But is the U.A.W. a workers' Union? Only this lies unanswered in his mind.

Ford would like to confuse both the N.L.R.B. and the worker in order all the easier to quash the board's decision and to continue the same oppressive regime within his plant. This is the only reason for McDowell's statements and proposals.

Wages and Markets McDowell, however, pulled a boner when he asked for a \$1,500 annual minimum wage. Harry Bennett, service department head, tried to cover up by saying: "An annual wage would be a very fine thing, but who is going to guarantee the company an annual market to support employment for any specific period? It is the market which determines employment." Henry Ford, too, is forced to defend himself: "You can't have an annual wage until you have an annual market." These gentlemen are telling the worker that they cannot guarantee him \$29.00 per week.

And what does Ford offer as a solution? "All we need to do is to continue the way we are going." With higher prices, lower wages, more lay-offs and neglect of "duty"? With intimidation of workers and beating of union organizers? With company unions and scabs?

But even Ford does not want to continue exactly the same way: "If Government will get out of the way and give natural American enterprise a free swing it will do the job." He wants, we

## CLEVELAND RELIEF CLIENTS SIT DOWN

CLEVELAND.—The relief crisis in this industrial center took a new turn this week when the unemployed staged a sit-down in the Council chambers at City Hall in an effort to force the city and state administration to alleviate the misery and starvation facing 75,000 unemployed.

Thousands of people have been cut out from the rolls and have been storming relief headquarters demanding the right to live. Failure of the Ohio legislature and the Democratic and Republican politicians in this state to provide funds to give adequate relief caused the crisis.

Already the pressure of the industrial workers in Cleveland, Akron, and Toledo has forced Governor Davey to call a special session of the legislature to consider the problem.

## AMALGAMATED URGES UNITY OF C.I.O., A.F.L.

### Clothing Workers Hear Pleas For Peace Among Unions

ATLANTIC CITY.—The convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America meeting here voted this week to give renewed aid to the C.I.O. and to seek peace with the A. F. of L. when a satisfactory basis could be found.

The resolution on C. I. O.-A. F. of L. unity was adopted unanimously. It said: "The needs of the labor movement demand unity. However, unity to be of real service to the labor movement must be based on the perpetuation of the gains which the C.I.O. has so brilliantly secured."

Backed by convention decision, Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated, is in a good position to proceed in pressing for labor unity. The approval that John L. Lewis gave to Hillman's approach to the unity question when Lewis spoke at the convention, indicates that the C.I.O. will continue making efforts to achieve unity.

Hillman made a bid for White House favor when he introduced a resolution giving complete support to Roosevelt's policies. It was passed unanimously.

## Philadelphia SWP Activists Confer

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Delegates from seven Socialist Workers Party branches in this area attended an active workers' conference held here last Sunday to set up a provisional district organization.

B. J. Widick, labor secretary of the S.W.P., reported on the plenum of the national committee, and the discussion on trade union work also was featured on the agenda.

Branches represented included: Philadelphia, Allentown, Quakertown, Sellersville, Baltimore, Reading and Williamsport. Thirty-five persons attended, including special youth representatives.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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NEW YORK PINS AND NEEDLES! A theater party for the SWP to Pins and Needles will be held on Wed. eve. June 1, and Tuesday eve. June 7. Tickets, all at \$1.65, can be secured from Miller or Paine by leaving an order at the City Office, 116 University Place.

SONGS AND BEER IN AN OUTDOOR GARDEN! The party has taken over the Terrace Beer Garden with its dance floor, orchestra and outdoor garden for festivities on Saturday eve, June 4 from 8 P.M. on. Admission at the door 25c. 1110 2nd Ave. (59th St.)

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presume, to go back to the days of Hoover. But the workers even chose the patry relief of Roosevelt rather than the "prosperity around the corner" of Hoover. You can't live on promises forever. And now it is Roosevelt's turn to become as unpopular as Hoover, and for the same reasons.

## Toledo Unions Move To Aid Struggle of Jobless

### Growing Crisis Puts Organization Of Unemployed On Agenda Of Industrial Council

TOLEDO, Ohio.—The past few months in Toledo have demonstrated the truth of the contention of the Socialist Workers Party that it is the fundamental obligation of the trade union movement itself to organize the unemployed and W.P.A. workers, in whose ranks are hundreds of thousands of unionists, if millions of American workers in the months to come are to be saved from the worst features of misery and starvation which characterized the Hoover regime.

Already the Toledo Industrial Union Council has taken certain initial steps in this direction, but in a hesitant and loose fashion.

Pressure on the leaders of the C.I.O. from thousands of unemployed and desperate members has brought a certain recognition of the problem and a sincere attempt on the part of most of the leaders to do something about the situation.

#### Crisis Deepening

Despite their efforts, however, the unemployment crisis becomes more acute each day, and the unemployed are being subjected to increasing indignities and abuses, both from the W.P.A. officials and the local relief authorities.

On W.P.A., lost time, pay cuts for the office workers, dismissals on the flimsiest excuses, tyrannical abuses on the jobs by petty bosses, all make life a hell for the project workers. Relief is just a slow freight to starvation, ringed round by so many red-tape obstacles that a worker is lucky if he can hop it at all.

There are two fundamental reasons why the C.I.O. has been unable adequately to cope with the problem. The first is that except for one poorly devised effort, no genuine attempt has been made to organize the unemployed and W.P.A. workers themselves, and to direct in coordinated, disciplined fashion the militant pressure of the sufferers. Secondly, the penetration of Stalinists and their reactionary ideas into the top ranks of the C.I.O. has put a crimp into the natural militancy of the workers and has tamed fighting leaders who have risen from the ranks, but who have little experience with unemployment problems.

#### Militancy Curbed

Several demonstrations have been called, but in each instance

the obvious desire of the workers to put on an aggressive display was curbed. A demonstration was held recently at the County Court House in conjunction with the now thoroughly discredited Workers Alliance. Scarcely 800 workers attended, although thousands of unionists, with records as fighters, are suffering from abject poverty and eager for a show-down scrap.

Not the passivity of the workers, as the Stalinists would have us believe, but the passivity and timidity of the leaders, and the Stalinist attempt to sell-out the workers to the Roosevelt share-the-poverty program have made the C.I.O. unemployed members disgusted.

While thousands of workers suffer, precious weeks go by, and the Stalinists in the C. I. O. hamper the real job of organizing the unemployed, by directing the C.I.O. into expending funds and energy to rehabilitate the Workers Alliance, which the Stalinists have dragged from a peak membership of almost 2,000 dues paying members less than a year ago to no more than 300 today.

#### Organize the Unemployed!

It is the job of the C.I.O. to boldly proceed to charter in its own ranks and under its own direction the W.P.A. workers, making arrangements at the same time to keep the present C.I.O. unemployed members within the ranks of their international by a required system of exempt stamps. Secondly, it must recognize that support of Roosevelt's program can lead only to defeats and further misery for the workers.

For it is clear to the workers who suffer the miseries of unemployment, if not to their leaders, that Roosevelt's program is primarily one of subsidizing big business by taxes indirectly levied on the workers, giving the workers only crumbs and a pat on the back. A militant, organized mass fight, aimed directly at the national administration, is the only possible way of securing immediate W. P. A. jobs, adequate wages and working conditions, and higher relief.

#### ASK FOR THE APPEAL AT YOUR NEWSSTAND

## Appeal Army

No sooner said than done! Last week we asked why the weekly sub-rate could not be raised above 30¢. And here comes the answer this week: It can! If this keeps up, the business manager won't be having those traditional headaches because of the summer let-down. Here's the total score for last week:

NEW YORK CITY	15
Minneapolis	9
California	4
Missouri	2
Massachusetts	2
Michigan	2
Connecticut	2
Ohio	2
New Jersey	1
Texas	1
Kansas	1
Chicago	1
Pittsburgh	1
Miscellaneous	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>

By the way, before we forget, Sam Friedman won first prize in the last Appeal sub drive, with Freddie (Tom-Boy) Drake running him a close second. Both of them are in New York City. Sam collected a total of 27 subs which netted him a copy of "60 Families." Freddie still hasn't made up her mind what she wants. She says she's read them all!

Don't Forget To Ask For Your Copy of the APPEAL At Your Newsstand!

Abe Miller of New York challenges any other local literature agent to even run him a close second!... One of the Twin Cities, Minneapolis, finally came to life, but what's happened to the other one?... With the Appeal running those splendid articles on the auto union situation, we should have a heap of subs pouring in from the auto cities (Cleveland, Detroit, Toledo, etc.)... Our aim is to hit an

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