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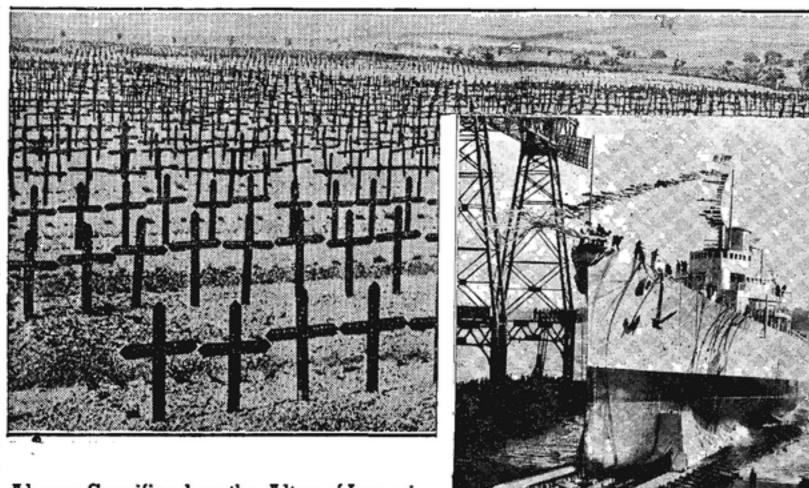
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AFTER 24 YEARS



Above: Sacrificed on the Altar of Imperialist Greed in the Last War. — Right: War Machine Primed for New Slaughter.

August 4th, 1914!

Twenty-four years ago, the massed armies of the nations of . the world began the bloody carnage that exterminated the flower of the organized working class and for four long years spread death and destruction over the face of the European continent.

The peoples of the world are still groaning under the burdens of that war. They have not even begun to pay its tremendous

But once again, on the gruesome anniversary of the first world war, humanity awaits the dread beginning of a new conflict. Armies are being whipped into fighting shape. Munition factories work overtime. Bombing planes fill the air, and battleships cruise the seas. And all the while, the diplomats are shuffling the cards with big profits and human lives as the grim stakes.

The actual scene of the war cannot be foretold in advance. But the danger spots are multiplying. In the Far East. In Czechoslovakia. In Spain. In the Mediterranean. The actual time of the outbreak is still uncertain. Only the imminence of war is beyond question.

Twenty-four years after the first imperialist war and on the eve of the second, it is timely to draw the balance sheet and

The conflicts that engendered the last war have not lessened with the lapse of a quarter of a century. Profits decline, the working class is plunged into deeper misery, but the economic crisis remains. And once again the bankers and industrialists prepare to redivide the surface of the earth and to change masters for its

As in 1914, capitalism can find no other solution to its crisis than war. By that fact alone, capitalism has pronounced its own doom. It becomes a life and death matter for the workers to begin the Socialist reorganization of society.

As in 1914, the lie machines are being built in equal pace

with the war machines. The words are changed to fit an altered situation, but the lie remains.

The "defense of democracy" against "kaiserism" has become "a struggle against fascism." "Bleeding Belgium" and "Little Serbia" have been supplanted by "Poor Czechoslovakia."

The lie remains. On the day that war begins, the "great democracies" of England, France and the United States are prepared to trample the labor movement underfoot. The plans are ready. The war against foreign fascism will be waged by establishing fascism at home.

The lie remains. As in the war of 1914-1918, the small nations, pawns in the imperialist struggle, will be treated once again like they were by the plunderers of Versailles. Under the banner of "collective security," which has led to the annihilation of the people of Spain by German and Italian Fascism with the benevolent support of Great Britain, the scope of imperialist murder will be enlarged to include the peoples of the world.

The lie machines are supplemented once again, as in 1914, by organized treachery in the ranks of the labor movement. Like their social democratic predecessors, Stalinism--more vicious and more dangerous-is poisoning the well of working-class thought. in order to drug the labor movement into docile support of its

One force alone can prevent a new August 4th: the organized working class! One program alone can arm the working

The Fourth internationalists, inheritors of the struggle begun by Lenin, Luxemburg and Liebknecht on August 4th, 1914, rededicate themselves to the only revolutionary banner in the war against imperialist war:

Organize the toiling millions and arm them with the program of the Socialist Revolution!

Backs Stand of Local 544

BULLETIN

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. - In a statement signed by the executive board, General Drivers Local 544 refused to obey the court order, directing the union to open its books to the inspection of the bosses' agents masquerading as union members.

Declaring that they are backed by the Minneapolis Central Union, the Teamsters Joint Council and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the executive board stated the union was ready to throw its books open to any responsible body of organized labor, but refuses to "permit enemies of labor to have access to our record."

While members of the board have not yet been cited for contempt of court by Judge Frank E. Reed, who issued the order, union officials are prepared to answer such action. Most likely procedure by the court will be to send an attorney for the bosses to the union headquarters and, when he is thrown out, institute the contempt action.

In the long statement to the public, the executive board made clear the determination of the union to resist to the utmost the campaign to destroy the powerful union movement, of which the court proceedings are only a part.

By CARLOS HUDSON (Special to Socialist Appeal)

paign against General Drivers Union, Local 544, occurred Thursday, July 28, when District Judge Reed ordered the union executive board to open its books to five finks suing for an accounting of

diately moved for a new trial. The suit was initiated in Feband the motion will be heard uary. Masquerading as an at-September 17. tempt by union members to se-Stories coming from the jury cure a financial accounting coom reveal that members split through the courts, the move is on the question of unionization of actually an attack upon trade un-Kentucky coal miners, rather ionism. It called upon the court than on the question of the guilt to break provisions of union conof the coal barons and their tracts with the employers; to end hired thugs, the "peace of-"illegal picketing"; attacked emficers" of Harlan County, Accuployment by the union of organmulated evidence of shootings, izers "to intimidate non-union night raids, kidnappings and drivers and owners"; charged beatings, all carried out by deputhat the union has secured unty sheriffs under directions from employment relief from the city the powerful Harlan County Coal for undeserving people, etc. Operators Association, pointed so

Background of Plaintiffs The five truck owners who signed their names to the comrious times and without too much enthusiasm, members of the Independent Truck Owners Section of Local 544. One had been disciplined by the union for undercutting the stipulated price; another, for becoming an employer; a third, for scabbing; etc. These people are now connected with the fink drivers' union, "Local Number One," headed by F. L. Taylor, and supported and financed by the Associated Indusuled to resume, and it is expected tries and Mayor George E. Leach.

Defendants in the suit are Bill complete its deliberations and Brown, slain May 25, Carl Skoglund, Jack Smith, Farrell Dobbs, Grant Dunne, Miles Dunne and

> to open to the plaintiffs its books, its membership lists, its minutes, correspondence, reports, and docaments of every nature.

begun mobilization to defend its rights. The Minneapolis Central Labor Union has appointed an attorney to work with Local 544's attorney in defending the union movement. The General Drivers Union has already publicly announced it will fight all attempts ing from the temper of its mem- of labor's enemies to gain access against the suspended officers, a any group of responsible trade

made little attempt to disprove Should the union-smashers get the testimony. ion, spurred and goaded by Sta- their noses into Local 544's rec- used the courts as a weapon Day 1937 in Chicago had already linist machinations, will continue ords, the employers would have a against the mine workers had lit- shown the tie-up between stee with renewed intensity. Their tac- ready-made weapon by which the fear that the courts could, in corporations and police.

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TEAMSTERS DEFY Japan's Border Provocations Met REVEAL RECORDS With Firm Resistance by Soviet; Danger of General War Growing

Fight Against Fink Hall Internal Crisis May Forces Showdown In NMU

Rank-and-File Seamen Revolt Against Scuttling of Union by Officials; Raid Drives Out Stalinists

NEW YORK .- As pickets encircled the Martime Commission ion. In a little hilly pocket south hiring hall for the second week, the fight of the militant seamen of Possiet Bay where the borders against the government threat to their unions has already produced of Manchukuo, Korea, and Soviet significant repercussions. Faced with increasing difficulty in finding Siberia meet, Japanese and Rusmen to man the merchant ships under control of the Maritime Com- sian soldiers fought a series of mission, plans to transfer the fink hiring hall to Hoboken, N. J .-where picketing is virtually suppressed by the police-were speeded. another "incident." It was an un-

With the picketing becoming more effective daily, as more and declared war, still in miniature more seamen rally to the struggle, finks are being spirited to the but threatening almost hourly to docks in taxi-cabs, men are shipped "off the dock," but militants swell into a major conflagration. leave the government ships when they reach port. On the S.S. Southern Cross, one of the M.C. ships, the mate fired the crew, confident and an attempt to wrest the rich

Deputies and Mine

Owners Jubilant

At Mistrial

coal operators and former deputy

sheriffs of concpiring to nullify

the Wagner Labor Act met with

failure when, after an eleven

weeks trial, the jury was dis-

missed last Monday, unable to

reach a verdict. Brien McMahon,

assistant attorney-general in

charge of the prosecution, imme-

convincingly to the guilt of the

defendants that the week before

the jury was for conviction, 11

Jurors Against Union

After the chief defense attor-

denunciation of the United

ney, Forney Johnson, delivered

his summary, devoted entirely to

Mine Workers, sentiment of the

jury rapidly changed. Seven of

the jurors were from Clay Coun-

ty, a section of small individually-

owned mines, and they refused to

convict. As one of them put it,

"He would rot before he would

send a man to the penitentiary to

In a trial that the government

characterized as the most revolt-

ing display of perjury in the his-

tory of the judiciary naturally

the chances of the jury being

"fixed" were not remote. Such

tricks as parading before the

jury residence friends of the Clay

County delegation arm in arm

with the defendants received the

admonishments of the court. A

and several cases of intimidation

and bribery of witnesses, could

not be expected to proceed with-

or the C.I.O.'

First efforts of the federal gov-

the government hall. Unable to JURY IN HARLAN obtain a crew, the mate rehired TRIAL DISMISSED crew from the dock.

Militants Lead Fight

of grim struggle against the ship-owners, has enlisted the support Sun of Nippon. union men of the waterfront. Ofernment to convict Harlan's ficially supporting and leading the frontier do not merely happen. picketing are the Sailors Union of They are always planned and althe Pacific, the Marine Firemen (another West Coast Union) and aim on the part of the Japanese the Marine Transport Workers imperialists. From 1931 onwards Union 510 (I.W.W.).

In addition, members of the National Maritime Union, disgusted with the craven_policy of collaboration with the government pursued by their Stalinist officials, have joined the pickets the Maritime Commission hall.

Within the N.M.U. events are taking place that have national importance to the trade union movement. Under the complete domination of the Communist Party, the union leadership has consistently thwarted any attempt of the ranks to fight against the shipowners, and the shipowners' greatest ally, the government. Beginning two years ago by advocating the Copeland Continuous Discharge Book, designed to place the blacklist on a gov-(Continued on page 2)

OFFICERS ARMED

Police Supplied With Guns and Bombs; Used in Strike

The brazen methods used by the Republic Steel Corporation to smash the Steel Workers Organizing Committee were brought to light this week at the hearings of the Senate Civil Liberties Com-

mittee in Washington. The steel officials openly admitted their preparation for a bloody war against organized labor when they told of their purchase of tremendous supplies of arms and munitions coincidental with the organization of the S.W. O.C. These arms and munitions were later used in the Little Steel strike in 1937. The daily newspaper accounts of the strike told of the scores wounded and killed at the hands of the company

Gift to the Sheriff

The most revealing bit of information was an admission by J. M. Woltz, chief of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company police, of the presentation of about \$1,700 worth of tear gas, gas guns, hand grenades, nightsticks and star shells to the sheriff of Mahoring County, O., for the purpose of suppressing the steel strikers. The link of the police and Republic Steel in Mahoning County was not unusual. The mas-The men who had for so long sacre of the workers on Memorial

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Extend War

Hitler Holds Key

Japanese imperialism this week once more tested the feasibilty of an early attack on the Soviet Unpitched battles. It was not merely

An attack on the Soviet Union that they could be replaced from maritime province from Soviet control has been part of Japan's the men that would accept and imperialist plans for more than shipped the remainder of the two decades. Ever since the day when Red partisans drove the last Japanese invader from Si-The determination to close the berlan soil nearly 20 years ago, government fink halls, which there has been no doubt that the threaten to undermine all the Japanese intended to return and gains won in the last four years renew their attempt to bring

"Incidents" along the Siberian ways coincide with some specific. the year Japan's hordes swept into Manchuria - hundreds of small border "incidents" have occurred. They made life impossible in Northern Manchuria for officials of the then-Soviet-owned Chinese Eastern railway, and the and are refusing to ship through line was finally relinquished to the Japanese. Subsequently the Japanese militarists used the "incident" technique to make periodic tests of the temper and strength of Soviet forces along the border.

> Such a test was the "Amur River incident" of June, 1937, when the Japanese sank a Soviet gunboat and satisfied themselves that they need fear no interference in that quarter in their plans to invade China, which they did a week later.

The fresh "incidents" of the past week-more serious in scope and casualties than any that have ever occurred-developed in a context laden with menace and desperation on the part of the BY STEEL BARONS Japanese militarists. They also undoubtedly bear a direct relation to the expectation in Europe tion to the expectation in Europe that Hitler intends some new armed coup this month or next. Thanks to the fact that the Ja-

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East Side Parade Demands Housing

NEW YORK. - Winding through the tenement district of New York's lower East Side, where 50,000 persons live in squalid slums, a parade last Saturday by the East Side Housing Committee met a hearty response. The paraders bore banners demanding housing for low-paid workers, the unemployed and W.P.A. workers and they shouted militant slogans for better housing.

Ironically enough, as the parade neared its end in the most crowded area of the tenement district, fire-engines came clanging through the crowd, in answer to one of the frequent fire alarms. The marchers' slogan: "Tear down the fire traps," took on dramatic meaning.

The Housing Committee is proceeding with its campaign to rally the trade unions behind the program for decent housing and is calling for endorsements of a conference of organized labor to fight for better housing.

Sales of the Socialist Appeal and the Challenge of Youth, organ of the Y.P.S.L., were reported as high. Both papers carried articles on the housing

question.

NEW WAGE CUTS Stage Set In Barcelona | AUTO UNION TRIAL HIT WPA WORKERS For Frame-Up Of POUM. TO BE RESUMED

Long-Awaited "Moscow Trial" of Spanish Chief Task of U.A.W. Directors Get Big Revolutionists Believed to Begin; Raise As Ranks Face Hunger **Defense Action Urged**

Wages of 26,262 W.P.A. work-In line with its oft-enunciated policy of physical extermination ers in New York were slashed in of all its political opponents and critics, the Stalinist bureaucracy in June. The cuts ranged from \$4.70 Moscow, through its Spanish agents, has finally prevailed on the to \$14.95 per month. All those affected by the cuts came from the Barcelona government to go through with the long-delayed trial of home relief rolls. Workers in the the leaders of the Workers Party of Marxian Unification (POUM). Professional Division had their The reports from Barcelona indicate that the trial, which, it is

wages reduced from \$103.40 to expected, will take place behind closer doors, will be opened shortly. \$98.70, supervising clerks from \$108.35 to \$88.40-a drop of \$14.95 Other reports declare that, in accordance with the stereotyped for--and junior clerks and typists mulas of the Moscow frame-ups, defendants of all sorts-POUMists, left-wing socialists, anarchists, syndicalists, real spies and fasfrem \$71.50 to \$60.45, a drop of cists-will be thrown together under one head and tried jointly in Ostensibly, the wage cuts were order to add to the judicial crime due to an economy program inwhich is in preparation, an ele- all the organizations involved for stituted in order to prevent lay-

"Agents of Fascism"

ment of confusion.

offs. Yet in this same period, the

salaries of the top-notch bureau-

backs of the wage workers that

Plight of W.P.A. Workers

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economies are made.

As in Moscow, the defendants crats were raised by thousands \$3,900 to \$5,200 in their annual cialist-Republican Popular Front | ish revolutionists. government will undoubtedly ask Apparently, there are enough for the death penalty for the W.P.A. funds on hand to grease principal defendants in order to the palms of the slave-drivers rid itself of an irksome political

and their finks. It is only on the adversary. The "evidence" against the defendants has already been established as thoroughly fraudulent The plight of the W.P.A. proj- by representative labor and radiect employees who have under- cal delegations who went to gone these wholesale reductions Spain for the purpose of investiin pay can well be imagined, gating the case of the POUM. In an effort to concentrate the Thousands of those in the lower brackets have applied for sup- maximum possible protest moveplementary relief. On the basis ment in this country against the of the new pay schedules, they frame-up, the National Commit-

joint conference and activities by

find it entirely impossible to sup- tee of the Socialist Workers Par-

port themselves and 'their fami- ty has sent an identical letter to

the purpose of exerting the necessary pressure upon the Spanish authorities and thereby helping of dollars per month. Field direc- are charged with being agents to smash the frame-up and save tors received an increase from of fascism and the Stalinist-So- the lives of the imperilled Span-

(For more detailed story POUM trial, see page 3.)

Stiler to Answer Stalinist Slander

Robert Stiler, formerly connected with the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, Youngstown area, will write a complete exposure of the scurrilous charges of alleged connections with Republic Steel agents made by the Stalinist Steuben before the La-Foliette Civil Liberties Comthe Socialist Party, the anarchists | mittee. Watch for it in the Thousands who had thought and the Lovestone group, urging | next issue of the APPEAL.

To Carry Out 20-Point Program

DETROIT, Aug. 2 .- As we go suspended officers of the United Automobile Workers is schedthat the Executive Board will

The riotous actions of the Stalinist-inspired delegations and the persistent filibustering of the Stalinist-directed officers and attorney, Maurice Sugar, brought the last session of the hearing to an early adjournment before charges and evidence could be presented and testimony taken.

Expulsion Likely

The defendants have been requested to answer the charges and submit all data and evidence prior to the re-opening of the trial, so that the Board can expedite its business and reach a speedy decision. These measures have been taken as a precaution against an outbreak similar to that at the last session. The Board will undoubtedly move rapidly this time and judgbers and the weight of evidence to its books for inspection before verdict of expulsion is a more than likely possibility.

From that point on, the struggle in the ranks of the auto un-

tics may assume new forms, but they could work havor upon or- turn be use against them. While Further testimony before the (Continued on page 3)

Nick Wagner. Judge Reed ordered the union

Part of Nation-Wide Attack The wave of anti-union terrorsm-judicial, police and military trial that had as a by-product that is sweeping the country, three murders and a kidnapping, in New York, New Orleans, Iowa, California, and Chicago, is now reaching Minneapolis.

Minneapolis labor has already out jury tampering. Defendants Confident The demeanor of the defendants, among them Harlan's most "respected" citizens and most notorious bar-room brawlers, throughout the trial has been one of beaming confidence. The long list of witnesses, recounting the acts of violence that earned the section the title "Bloody Harlan County," disturbed the accused but little and their attorneys

Peril to All Unions

away with their attempt to stick

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