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## LET THE REFUGEES INTO U.S.!

### SWP Polls 6700 Votes In Jersey

Outruns S. P. And Comes Close to Stalinists

#### CREWS LEADS PARTY TICKET

NEWARK, N. J.—In the first electoral campaign conducted by the Socialist Workers Party in New Jersey, the vote for the high man on the S.W.P. ticket, 6,736, marked a stirring beginning in the election activity of the Fourth International in this country.

A vigorous 4-month campaign, reaching out into all the working class districts in Essex County, bringing the workers the revolutionary transitional program through numerous mass meetings

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LAZARO CARDENAS

### PRES. CARDENAS RAPS ATTACKS ON TROTSKY ASYLUM

#### Sharply Repudiates Toledano Charges Against Exile

Special to the Socialist Appeal MEXICO CITY, Nov. 12.—In an interview published exclusively in *La Prensa* this morning, Lazaro Cardenas, president of Mexico, administered one of the most stinging blows the Stalinists have yet received in their series of campaigns against the asylum of Leon Trotsky.

"It is not true," responded President Cardenas in response to a question concerning recent slanders issued by Stalinist-controlled unions, "that Trotsky is mixing in the politics of our country. This man, since the time he came seeking our country as an asylum and to whom we opened our doors in virtue of a firm declaration which he made not to mix in our politics, is honorable and knows how to keep his promises. In interviews, books, etc., always he has referred only to the situation in his own country, or to themes of world politics; he lives retired in voluntary seclusion, and all that he asks is that Mexico let him work in peace."

Toledano's Slanders

President Cardenas' vigorous defense of Trotsky's asylum came as an unexpected counter blast to the latest campaign of the Stalinists, launched on the twenty-first anniversary of the October Revolution by Lombardo Toledano, Mexico's Stalinist union czar. In a speech to a mass meeting broadcast from the National Palace of Fine Arts, Toledano—eloquently echoing the amalgams and calumnies against Lenin and Trotsky by the Kerenky regime that was overthrown by the Bolsheviks—attempted to link Trotsky in exile with the most reactionary figures and politics of the country. In the senate a member belonging to the C.T.M. introduced a petition asking the government to expel Trotsky from Mexico, and began circulating it for signatures.

The campaign reached hysterical heights.

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## Open the Doors To Victims Of Hitler's Nazi Terror!

The entire world has been shocked to the depths by the outburst of a new campaign of brutal violence against the Jews in Germany.

The hideous terror of Hitlerism has never struck with such cruel and merciless force.

Throughout Germany, bands of Nazi gangsters organized and commanded by their leaders, have wrecked and looted stores owned by Jews. Jewish churches—synagogues—have been burned and destroyed by the instructed Fascist mobs. The workers of Germany, who hate and despise Hitlerism with all their strength, were unable to come to the aid of the brutalized Jews because they are themselves still in the straitjacket of the Nazi terror.

The Brown-shirted monsters do not even bother to conceal their aim: the physical extermination of every Jew in Great-Germany.

Already a "fine" has been levied against the Jews which means in effect the complete confiscation of all their property and its distribution among the Nazi sadists.

The regime of the Ghetto is to be restored in Germany by the complete segregation of all Jews into marked-off slums. With this measure, Hitlerism shows again that it means barbarism, the destruction of all civilized progress, the return to the shame and depravity of the Middle Ages.

Why are the Hitlerites increasing their murderous attacks upon the Jews?

For two reasons: They hope to take the minds of the German workers and peasants off the misery from which they suffer, to make them think that the Jews—traditional scapegoats for reaction—are responsible for all their ills.

They hope to blackmail the international protest movement against Fascism into cowardly silence.

If they accomplish these dastardly aims, they can continue without the slightest opposition their rule of blood and iron.

If they accomplish their aims, they will encourage the Fascist reaction in every other country of the world to advance more boldly, more insolently, more successfully.

They must not be allowed to succeed! The workers of the United States must take the initiative in a mighty and effective protest against the Hitlerite pogroms.

Our answer must be not the cowardly silence of beaten dogs, but the thunderous protest of courageous and militant fighters for freedom and international solidarity!

To let the Fascist massacres go unanswered, is only to prepare for our own defeat and enslavement at the hands of Fascist reaction in this country.

The first step of solidarity with the German Jews and the German workers must be a vast outpouring of the workers from every shop and factory and office into a mighty protest demonstration at which labor will give voice to its resounding indignation.

The Socialist Workers Party urges the workers, especially of the Needle Trade Unions of New York, to

have their unions take the initiative in organizing a half-day stoppage of work so that they may parade in a huge demonstration to the largest halls in the city.

Let the persecuted, gagged and chained toilers of Germany, the cruelly hounded Jews of Naziland, know that they have not been forgotten or abandoned by the working class throughout the world.

But it is necessary to do more than demonstrate and meet in imposing gatherings. It is imperative to take action—concrete action—immediate action!

The Hitlerites are making the Jews a people without a country! They are driving them out of Germany. Poland is hounding and persecuting the Jews, too, and is also preparing to drive them out of the country.

No European country agrees to give refuge to the hounded and harassed Jewish people.

It is therefore up to us to act so that they may at least find a home to live in.

The United States calls itself a democratic country. The President of the United States frequently speaks about his respect for democratic liberties and his opposition to "dictatorships." The Congress of the United States considers itself the guardian of those democratic liberties.

One of the most serious and important democratic liberties is the right of asylum for all those who are persecuted, for all refugees from terroristic reaction.

**WE THEREFORE DEMAND:**  
*Throw open the doors of the United States to the victims of the Hitlerite pogrom regime!*

*We urge all workers, and all labor organizations: Demand that the American government use its emergency powers to open the doors to the horribly persecuted Jews of Germany!*

*The right of asylum is an old, a traditional, a respected right in this country.*

*Let us join in demanding that this right be extended now to those who are most urgently in need of it, to those for whom it makes the difference between life and death.*

**Workers!**  
*Solidarity with those who suffer at the hands of fascism is one of the best ways of establishing, in this country, an unbreakable wall against the advance of American Fascism.*

*Unit! Join hands!*  
*Show the Hitlerite assassins and pogromists the real position of American labor by your protest meetings!*

*Show them that the American working class means it seriously when it says that it detests Anti-Semitism and the Anti-Semites like the plague!*

*Show the victims of the Fascist terror that you mean it seriously, by stretching out to them the hand of fraternal solidarity, by demanding of the American government the free and unrestricted right of asylum for the Jewish scapegoats of Fascist barbarism!*

National Committee of the  
**SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY,**  
*Section of the Fourth International*

## Labor Unity, Union Democracy Issues Stir CIO Convention

Lewis' Miners Machine in Full Control; Attempts Steamrolling of Bureaucratic Constitution

### STALINISTS LEWIS' CHEERING SQUAD

By B. J. WIDICK  
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(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 15.—The cut-and-dried character of the first session of the C.I.O. convention was broken on Tuesday when the major questions of labor unity and democracy within the C.I.O. came before the delegates for consideration.

After the Stalinist forces headed by Harry Bridges, West Coast C.I.O. director, Mervin Rathborne, of the Communications Union, and Joe Curran, of the National Maritime Union led a fifteen minute demonstration for John L. Lewis, they got a taste of the Lewis "democracy" that kicked them right in the face.

### LEWIS 'PLEDGES' C.I.O. WORKERS TO BOSS WAR

#### War-Monger Offers Labor's Blood to War-Makers

Special to Socialist Appeal

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Using the bitter resentment of the American workers against the Nazi persecution of Jews in Germany as his point of departure, John L. Lewis whipped up a strong patriotic enthusiasm at the C.I.O. convention for another imperialist war to "make the world safe for democracy."

No sooner did he conclude his pledge to aid the American capitalist government in a war against the "fascist menace to the Western Hemisphere," than Heywood Broun, Stalinist News Guild president, introduced a special resolution calling on all labor to support this "American position."

After correctly pointing out that workers give their sweat and blood and lives in war while the industrialists make profit, Lewis pledged that labor be given a few concessions in the way of "rights" before it was slaughtered in another world war.

A Job Through Slaughter  
"If war comes," Lewis declared, "the United States of America will need the cooperation of the millions of workers in the C.I.O. who are willing to fight anytime to maintain our rights."

"We're going to ask that those who are the beneficiaries of that service and loyalties (Continued on page 2)

Shortly after the tune of "Lewis is our leader, we shall not be moved," died down, the constitutional committee reported on a proposed constitution for the C.I.O. Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the miners' union, acted as spokesman.

Copies Not Available  
The C.I.O. top leadership tried to get a constitution passed by a verbal reading of it! No copies were given to delegates. Finally, pressure from the floor succeeded in postponing discussion until copies were printed.

Meanwhile, a dangerous clause was adopted in the constitution that gives Lewis a legal weapon for a possible purge of the political groups within the C.I.O., despite the weak-hearted opposition of Bridges and the others.

The clause reads, "to bring about the effective organization of the working men and women of America, regardless of race, creed, color or nationality, and to unite them for common action into labor unions for their mutual aid and protection."

Jeopardizes Political Rights  
The clause fails to guarantee the right of a C.I.O. unionist to belong to a political party of his own choosing. The absence of this vital safeguard was so obvious that Curran, Bridges and Rathborne urged the reconsideration of this clause privately with the committee.

The Stalinists wanted to make a deal which would guarantee them the right to exist within the C.I.O. Naturally, they weren't concerned about the problem of other political minorities within the C.I.O.

However, Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, who was acting as chairman, rode rough shod over their opposition.

The adoption of this clause has created the legal basis for wholesale expulsions of any minority political groups. It is in particular a club that John L. Lewis has over his Stalinist allies.

Right to Overthrow Leaders  
A second dangerous provision, which has not yet been considered, gives the newly-formed C.I.O. executive board the right to intervene anytime in any international union affiliated to the C.I.O., when in the judgment of the board such intervention is necessary!

Not even the bureaucratic constitution of the A. F. of L. has such a dictatorial clause which wipes out autonomy of the international unions. It would give the C.I.O. top leaders the right to enter into every situation like they did in the auto controversy!

The entire constitution as presented by the committee is a means whereby the Lewis-miners' machine would absolutely control the entire C.I.O. from top to bottom. It remains to be seen if this provision can be defeated. The Lewis forces control the huge majority of votes. The hope of the progressives lies in exposing this (Continued on Page 4)

### Puppet UAW Board Hits Union Rights, Democracy

#### Bans Auto Workers Paper, Slams Big Tax on Members, Hands Slush Fund to Officers, Hits W.P.A. Auxiliary

By JOHN ADAMSON  
DETROIT.—The International Executive Board of the United Automobile Workers of America, meeting in Washington, D. C., moved to Pittsburgh this week to continue its sessions and to attend the C.I.O. convention.

From the beginning of October, the board members seem to have been constantly commuting between Detroit and Washington, holding sessions day on end. It will be recalled that the October 3 session adopted the C.I.O. pro-

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## RUBBER UNIONS APPEAL TO NLRB Anti-Nazi Demonstration To Take Place Saturday

### But Action, Organization Can Stop Wage Cut

By R. FERGUSON

AKRON, Nov. 14.—Goodyear local of the United Rubber Workers of America today demanded from the N.L.R.B. that it consider at once charges placed against the company months ago for discrimination, financing a company union and other unfair labor practices. This action by the union came as a response to the filing of a petition by the Akron Goodyear Employees Association, company-stooge outfit, that the N.L.R.B. hold a new election to determine whether the U.R.W.A. should still represent the workers as sole collective bargaining agent.

Since the compromise settlement of the Goodyear strike at (Continued on Page 2)

NEW YORK.—The Socialist Workers Party and the Young People's Socialist League swung into action this week in a campaign centered around the demand for opening the doors of this country to the victims of Nazi bestiality in Germany.

On Saturday, Nov. 19, at 10 A. M. there will be a united front demonstration before the German Consulate. The Socialist Workers Party and Y.P.S.L., the Socialist Party, and the Independent Labor League will participate.

Street Meetings Scheduled  
The same day between noon and 3 P. M. the S.W.P. and Y.P.S.L. will hold street meetings throughout the city. The main slogans will be "Open the Doors to the Refugees!" "A Home for the Homeless!" and "Restore the Right of Asylum!"

At 6 P. M. there will be a placard parade down Second Avenue in lower Manhattan.

The following two Sundays will be Red Sundays, with the entire party and youth organizations mobilized to continue these activities.

Petition Campaign  
Through the week there will be a sticker campaign and canvassing with petitions calling upon the Roosevelt administration to let down the bars.

Members and sympathizers of the party have already begun introducing into their unions and other mass organizations the following resolution:

"In view of the unparalleled persecutions now raging in Europe and especially the Nazi drive to exterminate the Jews, we the \_\_\_\_\_ call upon the President and Congress of the United States to restore the right of asylum and to permit the entry of the persecuted and oppressed into this country by the immediate lifting of all restrictions and quota limitations."

## GPU BREWS NEW RUBENS TRIAL

### Moscow Links Local Spy Trial to Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Rubens, prisoners in a G.U.P. prison in Moscow for 11 months, were suddenly brought back into the news last week in circumstances which strongly suggested the imminence of a new frame-up trial linked to the recent Nazi spy trial in New York City.

The "Red Star," organ of the Moscow Defense Commissariat, suddenly came out with an article renewing the charge that the Rubens' (Mrs. Rubens is an American) were spies and linking them indirectly to the spy trial in New York.

A New Trial?  
These things do not occur in the Soviet press by accident. They (Continued on Page 2)