

Genora and Kermit Johnson, Leading Auto Workers, Quit S.P., Join S.W.P.

By GEORGE CLARKE
 Kermit Johnson and Genora Johnson, nationally prominent workers in the Socialist Party and outstanding militants in the Michigan automobile Union, have resigned from the S. P. and joined the ranks of the American Fourth Internationalists in the Socialist Workers Party.

Their resignation comes as a protest to the bankrupt policies of the S. P. now culminating in the planned retirement into the reactionary Old Guard Social Democratic Federation.

It comes as a climax to a long, difficult struggle to introduce revolutionary principles into the Socialist Party and revolutionary methods into its trade union work. At every stage, these militants were obstructed in their efforts by the opportunist and careerist leaders at the top of the party.

Particularly was this the case in Michigan where Walter Reuther, Stalinist stooge, led the party by the nose through the mud of Communist Party wrecking maneuvers in the auto union... while the agents of Norman Thomas and the N.E.C. prevented the militant workers in the auto union from flinging Mr. Reuther out on his ear.

That Genora and Kermit Johnson have left the Socialist Party after valiantly attempting to change its course, is a significant proof of the impossibility of revolutionists to live in a party which expels the left wing and prepares to unite with the decrepit Old Guard. Their action in joining the S.W.P. blazes a trail for all remaining left wingers in the party, for all who refuse to be submerged into the debris of the Old Guard and who wish to strike out on a fresh path of revolutionary activity.

To those still in S. P.
 The statement of Genora and Kermit Johnson, printed herewith, is especially directed to the automobile workers still in the Socialist Party, to the rank and file S. P. members in the West Side Briggs, Dodge and Hudson locals of the U.A.W. They have had a common experience, with the comrades Johnson in struggling for a clean-cut policy in the union against Walter Reuther, Ben Fisher and Co. It is now obvious that from the situation in the U.A.W. and from the condition of the S. P. nationally that these efforts have run headlong into a brick wall. Intelligent revolutionists will draw the necessary conclusions—conclusions which we are convinced can be no different than those drawn by Kermit and Genora Johnson.

Kermit Johnson was the leader of the successful Chevrolet strike during the famous Flint sit-downs early in 1937; he was formerly chairman of Local 156 (Flint) of the U.A.W. In the recent gubernatorial elections in Michigan he ran for Lieutenant-Governor on the S. P. ticket. He was also a member of the State Executive Committee and the National Labor Committee of the S. P.

Organized Emergency Brigade
 Genora Johnson was the organizer of the Women's Emergency Brigade in Flint, which was a potent factor in mobilizing the women and in winning the famous sit-down in 1937. Prior to her recent illness she took a prominent part in the national work of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the auto union.

The Socialist Appeal and the Socialist Workers Party extends a full and hearty welcome to Genora and Kermit Johnson into the ranks of the party and bids all other S. P. militants to follow their example.

THE TRUTH AT LAST!

Secretary of War Woodring, speaking in Akron Nov. 1 in behalf of labor-supported Dow Harter, candidate for Congress and member of House Military Affairs Committee, dropped New Deal demagoguery for a moment to reveal how class-conscious the bourgeoisie really is! Said war-monger Woodring, "... Franklin Roosevelt has the toughest job any man ever had in his efforts to keep the confidence of the great bulk of the people in the profit system. He is the strongest protection for that way of life that we have."

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 By Daniel Guerlin
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Above in center is Genora Johnson, enrolling recruits into the famous Women's Emergency Brigade which was an important factor—in the picket lines, in the strike kitchens and elsewhere—in winning the famous sit-down strike in the General Motors plants in Flint in early 1937.

Following is the text of the statement issued in Flint, Mich., by Genora and Kermit Johnson announcing their adherence to the banner of the Fourth International:
 The practical experience we gained in the great auto strike made us left-wingers in the Socialist Party. After seeing the party in the east, with its preponderance of right-wingers, we came back to Michigan to build a real left-wing bloc in the state, with a view to taking over, together with New York left-wingers, the machinery of the Socialist Party. But not being well enough equipped to provide leadership at the time, we felt the only alternative was to support the representative of the left-wing who had been sent to Michigan.
 This leadership, in conjunction with some of the Socialist union leaders in Detroit, began to set policy which we felt many times not to be in keeping with revolutionary socialist principles but rather a policy seemingly formed to promote the careers of some of the Socialist leaders in the labor movement—which can only be termed an opportunistic policy in the language of any revolutionary party.
 As a result we felt it our duty to investigate the past and present policy of the Socialist Party. Its numerous shortcomings on the national scene, and its entire lack of an international program, on any revolutionary basis whatever, led us to ask ourselves the question, "For what reason does the Socialist Party exist?"
DEALING WITH OLD GUARD
 As almost any party member knows, the Second International, insofar as its furtherance of the cause of the international working class is concerned, has long since been completely destroyed, and its pretence of promoting the workers' revolution is as false and degenerate as that of the Stalinist bureaucracy—the voice of the Third International today.
 Through our investigation of the facts at hand we saw that the Socialist Party must inevitably move to the right, and not to the left, as we and other left-wing comrades had for some time been hoping and pressing for. Later developments in the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party showed our predictions, based on facts, to be true. The Socialist Party with an ever-widening membership—its top leadership jittery

at being left with a party name and no membership—is attempting at this time to effect a deal, a reconciliation with the old guard Social Democratic Federation: not on the basis of a left-wing revolutionary program, but on the basis of uniting all socialists in the country.
 Hypocritically they add that this will make their fight against capitalism more effective. We know that a party formed on this basis means a party with about twenty different programs, whose effectiveness as a revolutionary organization, if it can be called that, can easily be divided by twice that number.

JOINING THE S.W.P.
 As a conclusion to our investigations, we find there is still a party in America today, the Socialist Workers Party, based on real revolutionary principles, and which has lately, with other revolutionary movements in the rest of the world, inaugurated the 4th International. Although at present the 4th International probably is not as large and far-reaching as the two old bankrupt Internationalisms—the 2nd and 3rd—its future possibilities on the basis of the program that it gives to the working class makes its rapidity of growth and its accomplishments unlimited.
 For these reasons we are leaving the Socialist Party and joining the Socialist Workers Party to build the vanguard of the coming revolution unhampered by reformist maneuvers, petty intrigues, opportunists and careerists.
 This is the job facing any man or woman who sincerely calls himself a real revolutionist; for in the crisis, which must inevitably follow economic conditions under the declining capitalist system, only the genuine vanguard will lead the working class to the victorious consummation of the revolution.
 After seven years' membership in the Socialist Party, striving for the true path to socialism—an investigation of the facts has shown us that the Socialist Party has not, and can not provide the leadership necessary. And we ask all other members of the Socialist Party to investigate as we have.
 Take no one's word, but find out for yourself; and after this has been done we feel that our decision will be your decision.
GENORA AND KERMIT JOHNSON.

NEW INT'L HAS LIVELY FEATURES

Headed by L. D. Trotsky's comprehensive review, on the World Situation After Munich and the Coming War, the December number of the New Internationalist will be represented by an unusual variety of excellent articles.
 The Editorial Notes, a regular feature, will be devoted in good part to an analysis of the election results throughout the country. A sidelight on the Lovestone position in the elections will also be included.
 Oskar Fischer, leading German revolutionist, presents an analysis of the German Social-Democratic movement.
 Karl Kautsky's life and role are subject to a detailed inspection in Max Shachtman's article. Albert Goldman writes on the politics of Martov, the Menshevik leader and opponent of Lenin's line in the latter's life-time. This article is especially timely in view of the revival of Menshevik ideology in some American circles, based on Martov's brochure, "The State and the Socialist Revolution," which Goldman reviews.
 Dwight MacDonald resumes his column, "They, the People."
 Karl Marx's "Model Inquiry Into Conditions of the Working Class," never before published in this country, will be of unusual interest to all interested in the history of Marxism. This document of Marx will be published in the Archives Section.
 "Footnote for Historians," numerous book reviews and other subject matter will complete the December number, rounding out one year of the revived New Internationalist. To make certain that all interested will obtain the December issue, it is suggested that advance orders be placed by individuals and agents. The subscription rate is \$2.00 per year; single copy, 20 cents. Address: **THE NEW INTERNATIONALIST, 116 University Place, New York, N. Y.**

LEWIS 'PLEDGES' C.I.O. WORKERS

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 give proper treatment to ourselves," he added, making a bid for his place in a Roosevelt war cabinet.
 It was tragic to hear the applause of the delegates to that war-mongering speech. It was horrible to watch the Stalinist glow in pride over the adoption of their pro-war line.
 "Democracy is in peril," Lewis said. "And in the United States we want to preserve democracy." He blasted at Hitler for destroying the German labor movement but didn't make one word of criticism of Mayor Frank Hague, or other fascist minded American politicians because he didn't want to expose the fraud of democracy in this country.
Protection for Capitalism
 "The C.I.O. stands for protection of all Americans—Gentiles,
 Jews, all creeds, any school of thought that maintains respect for our institutions." That is, for all believers in capitalism.
 Lewis is against democracy within the C.I.O. No radical will be protected by the C.I.O., if he has it his way. Only believers in capitalism can expect support from him!
 "The United States may some day face a great external crisis when the bloodthirsty German government, following upon its invasion of Czechoslovakia, incites other attacks on the democracies."
 "Possibly we'll have to meet the German dictator as he extends his power to the Western Hemisphere," Lewis declared in another Orson Welles phantasy to frighten the workers. "Who is going to protect the institutions of this country?" Lewis asked.
 John L. Lewis has openly announced his intention to assist in recruiting labor, into another world slaughter. Perhaps the C.I.O. rank and file will have a different answer.

ALL SET FOR THE BALL GAME!

The sandlots on New York's lower East Side have been re-sounding all week long. Jim Farrell, captain and stellar pitcher for the Studs Lonigan A. C., has been putting his boys through their paces and doing no mean job of it, either! "When my boys get out on that dance floor," says Jim "Studs" Farrell, "we're gonna make those Marxist Maulers look like a bunch of second rate bush-leaguers from the sticks. And my screwball smoking hot these days! I can just see those Marxist fanning the air!"
 The day of the big game is drawing near. Don't forget: it's next Wednesday—Thanksgiving eve—at the Hotel Center, 108 West 43rd Street, New York City.
 Frida Rivera, wife of artist Diego Rivera, will be on hand to throw out the first ball. The contest will be umpired by the veteran Carlo Tresca, whose extended lack of acquaintance with the rules ensures scrupulous fair-

ness to all.
 And it's all for the benefit of the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees!
 Here's the line-up for the big game. Who you betting on?
Marxist Maulers
 George Novack...Capt. & pitcher
 Max Shachtman...Right field
 James Burnham...2nd base
 George Clarke...3rd base
 B. J. Widick...Center field
 Lyman Payne...Left field
 Frank Lovell...Catcher
 S. Stanley...1st base
 J. Wasserman...Shortstop
 Felix Morrow (mascot)
Studs Lonigan A. C.
 James T. Farrell...Capt. & pitcher
 Max Eastman...Center field
 Sidney Hook...Shortstop
 James Rorty...Catcher
 Dwight MacDonald...2nd base
 Arthur Pincus...1st base
 David Glusker...Right field
 Elliot E. Cohen...3rd base
 John McDonald...Left field
 Al Margolles (mascot)

Puppet UAW Board Hits Union Rights, Democracy

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 posals "peace" and reinstated the expelled union officers.
 "Democracy" In Action
 Two other major proposals were adopted, it is reported on good authority: first, that the previous practice of sending Executive Board minutes to the local unions be discontinued. (You never hear about Hillman or Murray reporting to the membership what they are going to do; what is good enough for Hillman and Murray, the board members must reason, is good enough for us.) Secondly, four monthly fifty-cent assessments were levied to replenish the bankrupt auto union treasury. (After squandering the money in an unprincipled factional fight, they figured the men in the shops ought to foot the bill.)
 However you look at it, it was not a very impressive contribution for a board meeting in session a full week! Thus the new "Neo-Unity" leadership that now controls a majority of the reconstituted National Executive Board launched the auto union for the coming year!

Salaries Voted
 After these exhaustive deliberations, the board adjourned to reconvene again in Washington, D. C., the beginning of November. As the decisions of the board are, under the new ruling, secrets that cannot be disclosed to the local unions any longer, militants are now forced to scan the columns of the daily capitalist press to learn of the plans and decisions of the leadership.
 The leadership upon thinking it over was apparently a bit apprehensive about the effects upon the membership of a sudden announcement of a new \$2 assessment. At the second board session, then, the assessment seems to have been pigeon-holed for the time being. As if to better prove why the membership should not allow themselves to be assessed by these irresponsible spendthrifts, they then voted to pay back salary to the five officers who were suspended last June, amounting to \$6,000!

Paper Abolished
 The board then proceeded, it is reported, to abolish its weekly publication, the "United Auto Worker" and voted the "CIO News" its new official organ. One could write a page full of criticism of the "United Auto Worker," about its timidity, its lack of punch, its lack of program, its uninspiring style and its defense of so many of the rotten, indefensible policies of the famous Martin administration. Still, relatively speaking, it was quite a progressive paper, as union papers go. It bears the honor of having fought the pro-war, collective security policy of the Stalinists and of championing the Ludlow referendum on war.
 Precisely because of this the Stalinists voted to abolish it. Now the auto membership will receive all of its union information from the "CIO News," the journalistic product of the fusion of the Stalinist and the Lewis-Hillman-Murray bureaucracies.
WPA Set-up Revised
 Finally, it is reported, the board decided to revise the existing WPA set-up. The WPA workers, henceforth will be attached to their respective regional organizations, rather than have a national WPA Auxiliary connected with the International Union. This decision amounts in its practical consequences to deliberate, typ-

ical wrecking by the Stalinists.
 As everyone who has the faintest experience in this field knows, WPA workers cannot be organized except into one organization. To have the auto unions organize its WPA workers, the Rubber, all the other unions following suit, is to bring back the worst diseases of the old A.F.L. craft unionism into the WPA field. In effect such a policy excludes the building of any organization of the WPA workers.
Amounts to Liquidation
 It is to the honor of the Auto Workers Union that it set out and established functioning WPA organizations in Cleveland, Detroit, and several other centers, uniting all the WPA workers, while the C.I.O. was floundering around with no definite policy or program of its own.
 To turn these WPA organizations, at this late date, back to the regions, means to throw the WPA workers back to the tender mercies of the Stalinists who unfortunately control both the C.I.O. councils and the Auto Councils in many key cities of the Auto union, as in Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit, South Bend. It means in effect giving the Stalinists a free hand to wreck these bona-fide WPA organizations attached to the labor movement, in favor of the defunct, Stalinist-controlled Workers Alliance. It is very doubtful whether the WPA workers will show much appreciation for this decision.

Score Zero
 All in all, the labors of the International Executive Board resemble the labors of the mountain that brought forth a mouse. As far as presenting even half a program or solution to the many unresolvable problems which the auto workers face, the score of the board is so far zero.
 The Stalinist-bureaucratic majority of the National Executive Board has launched its administration by taking away from the Auto Workers Union its paper, its bona-fide WPA organizations, and some of its most important democratic rights.
 In the October 8 issue of the Socialist Appeal we stated: "Leave it to the Executive Board to work out a realistic program of action and to carry this program into effect? No! The International Executive Board composed of Stalinists and reactionary bureaucrats has shown that it is worthless in important matters of this kind. If the union is to be saved, the rank and file membership of the locals must save it."
Expect No Miracles
 The recent Washington sessions further substantiate the truthfulness of this statement. The rank and file cannot afford to wait and hope for miracles. It is up to them to take the initiative now and weld all militants into a new progressive group, work out a sound and realistic program how to launch a new drive to organize the 150,000 unorganized Ford workers, how to organize the unorganized competitive parts plants and standardize wages and working conditions in the parts industry, and how to combat the general offensive of the auto employers against the union and its membership.
 Let the progressives espouse a real program of this character and they will arouse the enthusiasm of the membership who will rally to their support and who will back up their fight to put this program across in the union.

Socialists, Lovestonites, and others.
 The G.P.U. figures that the recent Nazi spy trial will have caused the American public to have forgotten the shelved indictments of Arthur Sharfin and Ossip Rubens, proved Stalinists, who helped Rubens get his phony American passport.
WEBER TO LECTURE ON MOSCOW FOREIGN POLICY
 "Will Stalin Seek An Alliance With Hitler?" will be the subject of a lecture by Jack Weber, expert on foreign affairs, at the Marxist School, 116 University Place, N.Y.C., on Monday, Nov. 21, at 8:45 P. M. The lecture is part of a series of six which offers a Marxist interpretation of current events in the world political arena. Admission is twenty-five cents for the lecture or one dollar for the whole course.
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GPU BREWS NEW RUBENS TRIAL

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 appearance of this article may portend a new attempt to stage a trial involving American anti-Stalinists. The attempt was made nearly a year ago but was abandoned when the Socialist Appeal and other newspapers in this country published information linking the Rubens' to the Stalinist party in this country by a dozen threads. The American angle was left abruptly unfinished in the trial of Bukharin and others earlier this year.
 This is made the more plausible by the fact that the diplomatic requirements of the Kremlin now center almost exclusively around the necessity for arriving, if possible, at some kind of an understanding with American imperialism. Stalin's way of going about that first would be to attempt to link all anti-Stalinist elements in this country to the German Nazi espionage system, Rubens' "Prepared"
 For something along these lines, it appeared fairly certain, the Rubens' were being prepared, and they are now apparently "ready" to play their assigned roles. That will be the meaning of a new trial if it comes off of this time. Rubens, who by every evidence appeared to have been a G.P.U. agent, will in all probability be made the center of some concocted tale of Japanese-Nazi espionage in this country involving not only American Trotskyists but all sorts of anti-Stalinist anarchists, liberals, Left

APPEAL ARMY

... And still letters of praise come in from all over the world about the World-Congress issue!
 The latest one is from a comrade in London, England, who writes: "I have just received my usual number of Appeals from the Revolutionary Socialist League literature secretary. It is the World Congress issue. The Appeal is always interesting, but this issue is the finest I've yet seen. It is an historical number worthy of the widest distribution. Your efforts must be heartily congratulated in rising to such a tremendous effort. I am sure I could sell 3 dozen of them so I'm enclosing cash for same. As you would say in America, they certainly were the goods! ...
 ... And coming nearer home, a comrade in South Bend, Indiana, writes as follows: "My opinion of the APPEAL? It suits me swell. I have found nothing to rival it. I have at least one with me at all times. The tri-weekly anti-war issues more than proved which is the vanguard party of the workers."
 ... The main thing I like about the APPEAL is that it not only tells the workers what is happening, but it tells them 'what is to be done'."

Newsstand Poster Out:
 The Appeal Poster Shop, ably directed by Comrade R., has just put out an extremely attractive poster for newsstands. They are being mailed to all branches which are listed as covering newsstands in our column. There are some still left and they can be obtained by writing the Appeal. The cost is only 5c each.

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 Illinois 4
 New York State 3
 Indiana 2
 California 2
 Ohio 2
 Montana 2
 Michigan 2
 Foreign 2
 Colorado 1
 Missouri 1
 Total 41

The most notable bundle order increase of the past few weeks has been that of New York City which has gone up by 400! Abe Miller, New York's literature director, now handles and directs the distribution of 1600 appeals per week. And pays for them, too!
 In addition, the new Flint, Michigan section of the S.W.P., is starting off with an order of 10' per week. Comrade Taylor of Seattle has already increased his order to 30 per week after only a few short weeks of effort. From San Francisco's lit-agent, Art Moore, comes a weekly increase of 40 copies, making a total of 115 handled each week. ...
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RUBBER UNIONS APPEAL TO NLRB.

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 the end of last May, the company has done nothing but stall the union representatives in negotiations for a signed contract. More than that it has boldly stated that it intends to institute a wage cut and return to the 8-hour day "when the time is ripe."
Union Unprepared
 Meanwhile, the union has done little or nothing in the way of solidifying its strength among the workers and preparing for a showdown with the bosses. As a result, the company union has apparently been able to scratch together sufficient signatures from "red-apple" workers, who think the union is on the run, to enable it to take this new move challenging the U.R.W.A.'s rights.
 Goodyear's anti-labor record is notoriously the most vicious and brutal of all the rubber companies. Every thinking worker has no reason to believe that the company's attitude will change in the future, in spite of pleas to the N.L.R.B. attempt to bring respectable "public opinion" of business men onto the side of the union, etc.
 All such methods have been used time and time again in recent months, to no avail. What the situation demands most obviously is that the union itself take decisive, well-planned ACTION in preparing the Goodyear workers for the struggle that lies ahead. The time for words and "talk" has long since disappeared.

"Excellent"—The Criterion (London) ... "Congratulations!" —John Dos Passos ... "Very good" —Edmund Wilson ... "Pretty good" —Gertrude Stein ... "Insincere" —Malcolm Cowley ... "Trotskyite imposters!" — V. J. Jerome in the Daily Worker.

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