

## NEWARK JOBLESS DEMAND ASYLUM FOR NAZI VICTIMS

### Call Upon Roosevelt to Open Doors of America

NEWARK, N. J.—The Joint Executive Committee of the Essex County Workers Alliance, representing the thousands of jobless in this area, have refused to swallow the misleading propaganda of the American bosses that letting down the immigration bars to the victims of Nazi terror will take jobs away from American workers.

In a resolution, unanimously endorsed by the board last Thursday night, these representatives of the organized jobless called upon the U. S. Congress and Roosevelt to open the doors of America to the refugees from Nazism. The resolution demanded that all quota restrictions be lifted for all refugees from fascist countries.

**Wise to Boss Agitation**

This action, introduced by George Bretman, a leading member of the Essex County W. A., demonstrates that the jobless are becoming increasingly wise to the fact that it is capitalism and the capitalists who are responsible for taking the jobs away from millions of American workers, and not other workers. Barring the refugees from America will not give the unemployed jobs.

Organizing the workers to fight for the opening of the shut down factories, for huge public works, for housing projects, for the reduction of the work-day and work-week with no reductions in weekly earnings—these are the things which will provide jobs for American jobless and the refugees as well.

## GREEN AND WOLL DODGE ISSUE OF ASYLUM FOR JEWS

Falling in line with the wave of public indignation, William Green and Matthew Woll made radio denunciations of Hitler last Friday evening. After saying correctly that a "strong, free and independent labor movement is the greatest protection any country can have for the protection of its freedom and civil liberties," Green ended in a conclusion that an intensification of the consumer's boycott of German goods would alleviate the plight of the Jews. Experience has proved that a boycott is only a partial measure. A consumer's boycott has been in effect since 1933. Yet Hitler continues to rule supreme and persecutions reach new pitches of frenzy. Green also said that he would "support any 'practical' plan" for the release of the persecuted. Why then not support OPENING THE DOORS OF THE U. S., the only practical plan?

**Prayers But No Refuge**

Green and Woll refuse openly to advocate opening the doors because they have pledged themselves to Roosevelt, who is "horrified" by the Nazi programs and willing to offer a prayer but not a haven. Such "pledges" are a mockery of the sufferings of the tortured. Organized labor cannot rest content with the extension of visas for 12,000 German "visitors" in this country.

Matthew Woll is also ready, on his part, to relieve the despair of the Jews with "a moral ring around Germany." Pious indignation is hardly an answer to a plea for life. That cannot be the complete answer of a strong, free and independent labor movement.

Serious persons will reject half-measures; they demand a HOME for the Jews in AMERICA.

**This week at THE MARXIST SCHOOL**

116 University Pl., N. Y. C.

Monday, Nov. 28th at 7 P.M.  
B. J. WIDICK speaks on American Trade Unionism.

Monday, Nov. 28th at 8:30 P.M.  
JACK WEBER continues his lectures on world politics with a discussion on events in Spain.

Tuesday, Nov. 29th at 7 P.M.  
J. G. WRIGHT on Marxist Fundamentals.

Tuesday, Nov. 29th at 8:45 P.M.  
JAMES BURNHAM lectures on "The Sliding Scale of Wages and Hours and Worker's Control of Production."

Wednesday, Nov. 30th at 7 P.M.  
JAMES CASEY speaks on Labor Journalism.

Friday, Dec. 2nd at 7 P.M.  
DAVE COWLES on The Capitalist Crisis and the Farmer.

Friday, Dec. 2nd at 8:30 P.M.  
GEORGE NOVACK speaks on "The Third American Revolution."

Admission is 25 cents per lecture.

## Union Leader Demands Open Door for Refugees

That organized labor must take the lead in securing sanctuary in America for victims of Nazi persecution, and that trade unionists here must prepare to prevent a repetition of Nazism here, were the outstanding statements made by Carl Skoglund, President of General Drivers Union, Local 544, in an interview with a *Socialist Appeal* reporter today.

"I am fully in accord with your demand that America's doors be opened to these victims of race hatred," declared President Skoglund.

"As the workers increasingly engage in struggles against the employing class, there will undoubtedly be a systematic attempt made to incite racial hatred. Anti-Semitism and anti-Catholicism will be part of the arsenal of American fascism. We see this already in Minneapolis, where the Silver Shirts are organizing, combining anti-Semitism with anti-unionism. Our union is ready to fight this reactionary movement with every means at our command. We have organized a Union Defense Guard for this purpose, which is engaged in rooting out fascist activities wherever they can be unearthed."

## ZIONISM PROVES TO BE A BLIND ALLEY FOR THE JEWS

**By BEN HERMAN**

The Zionists in the United States have been conducting a whirlwind campaign demanding that Roosevelt fight for the open door . . . in Palestine!

Our worthy President has been only too glad to comply. He immediately expressed his most tender sympathies for the Jews and was all in favor of their transportation to the holy land. Roosevelt, together with most of our liberal friends, seeks out all sorts of places for the Jews to go except one . . . the United States.

The Zionist movement is playing directly into the hands of these fakers of sentimentality by turning the attention of the Jewish masses away from their only salvation . . . the fight for the open door in the United States . . . and directing it to Palestine.

**Learn from Experience!**

What hope is there in Palestine for the persecuted Jews of Europe? Today the doors of Palestine, like the doors of every other nation, are shut tightly. Great Britain permits only a handful of immigrants each year. Although she parades as the friend of the Jewish people, England actually uses them as a pawn in her own imperialist interests. Needing a scapegoat inside Palestine to divert the Arab movement away from the channels of anti-imperialist struggle, the British Lion allows a tiny trickle of Jews into Palestine.

The door to Palestine is opened and shut periodically in order to open permanently the faucet of Arab chauvinism. Anybody who still is so foolish as to believe that Britain is motivated by a consideration for the interests of minority peoples need only look to Czechoslovakia, where she delivered thousands of Jews and anti-fascists over to the executioners of Hitler because this was in the interests of British imperialism.

**Britain's Game**

What is the position of Palestine in the world today? It is merely a tiny pawn in the hands of an imperialist giant. Palestine guards Britain's route to India. It protects the Suez canal and the gateway to England's African empire. Oil pipe lines from Iraq terminate at Haifa, the most important port of the Near East and a proposed refueling naval base for British warships. In brief, Palestine is a key point of strategic importance to imperialist Great Britain.

Some Jews believe that Britain will permit them to establish a homeland in Palestine. This is a fatal error. Every new experience proves that Britain will never tolerate this. In order for Palestine to become the homeland for the Jews, the country would have to be built up by the most modern machinery. The latest and best type of factory would have to be established. But England does not, cannot, and will not let this happen. Such a development would mean the growth of a huge modern working class movement inside Palestine which would be a permanent threat to British interests.

That is why England refuses to allow the growth of industry in Palestine. That is why she stirs up riots between Arabs and Jews. That is why she encourages Arab terror against the Jews. The Jews in Palestine like those in Czechoslovakia are being sacrificed to the interests of England.

The latest proposal of the British hypocrites is to offer British Guiana and parts of Rhodesia as places of refuge for the Jews. Why, of all the vast territories of the British Empire, have these places been singled out? Up till now these territories have remained undeveloped because they were unprofitable. England hopes to capitalize upon the blood and misery of the Jewish people in

order to build up her colonial empire. The Jews in Africa will be for England a group of colonial slaves who will toil under the most miserable conditions.

Britain's policy in Palestine and elsewhere proves one thing. That there can be no homeland for the Jews until the whole imperialist system is overthrown. The task of today is to organize and fight for the socialist revolution. What we must do now is to struggle for the OPENING OF THE DOOR OF OUR OWN COUNTRY TO THE OPPRESSED JEWS. By concentrating upon immigration to Palestine, here and now, and by diverting the Jews from their main task; Zionism is leading the Jews up a blind alley.

## UAW AUTONOMY ENDANGERED BY DETROIT MOVE

(Continued from page 1)

As was to be expected the International Representative began apologizing for the General Motors Corporation, called for caution, inaction, and ended up by an appeal to allow him personally to handle the situation. The delegates, however, have had too much experience with the weak-kneed leadership, or more correctly, misleadership of the Auto Union. They therefore voted unanimously to hold a meeting with President Martin to demand strike authorization for the Fisher locals to back up their demands in negotiations with General Motors.

The rank and file militants have taken the correct first steps. It is now obvious for all who care to see that the International Executive Board is only interested in showing the manufacturers how "reasonable" and "respectable" it has become, while, at the same time, suppressing every genuine expression of the membership.

If the shop stewards committees of G.M. stick together and fight for a genuine militant program to protect their own interests, they will win the support of the membership and will again re-establish the auto workers union as an aggressive fighting body protecting the interests and demands of the automobile workers of this country.

## CIO Skirts Issue Of National Guard

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—While criticizing the strike-breaking role of the National Guard in labor struggles, the report of C.I.O. chairman John L. Lewis to the founding convention refused to draw the proper conclusions from that fact.

"The use of the National Guard to break strikes has been subsidized by Federal government. The National Guard is organized, financed and regulated by the Federal government, which annually appropriates between \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 for its support," the report states.

"The use of the National Guard to break strikes has increased in recent times," the report points out.

However, the report does not include one word of criticism of the Roosevelt regime which makes the budget that gives the National Guard its expenses, nor of the fact that Roosevelt is increasing the strength of the National Guard under the armament program. It fails to counsel against depending on the federal government in strike struggles since it is an admitted fact that an agency of the federal government, the National Guard, is a strike-breaker.

## Des Moines Drivers Win New Contract

DES MOINES, Iowa—An iron-clad union contract, including substantial wage increases and improved working conditions, marked the end of the strike of the fighting Des Moines Drivers Union Local 90. This contract marks another milestone in the clean-up drive of the organized truck drivers and helpers to pull into line hold-out operators in the 11-state area who have been attempting to buck the terms of the great area pact. The strike was won only after an extended struggle against bitter opposition.

The contract brings wage increases of five cents hourly to drivers and 7½ cents to dockmen and warehousemen, the new hourly rates being respectively 57½ cents and 55 cents. The local agreement extends for two years and the area pact will expire October 31, 1939.

## C.P. HOGTIES CONNECTICUT CIO

### Capture Convention In Absence Of Major Unions

(Special to Socialist Appeal)

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—In a convention during which the "party line" ran riot while vital organizational problems confronting the C.I.O. were buried or ignored, the Stalinists seized the helm of the newly formed Connecticut state organization of the C.I.O. Employing a mechanical 3-2 majority in steam-roller style, a majority gained in part by the failure of large and outstanding progressive locals of textile, rubber, auto and steel workers to send delegates, the Stalinists turned the convention over to their "liberal" and lawyer "fellow-travelers" who proceeded to dump the entire war-mongering program of the Communist Party on the defenseless heads of the delegates.

No resolutions were permitted to come before the rank-and-file delegates except those embodying the unadmitted reactionary and pro-imperialist policies of Stalinism, support of Roosevelt's pro-war foreign policies, uncritical support of New Deal agencies such as the National Youth Administration, Federal Housing Authority, the National Labor Relations Board, and joining with such Stalinist stooge outfits as the American League for Peace and Democracy. There was no discussion from the floor on any resolution.

### Auto Workers Resist

Delegates from Local 505 of the Auto Workers offered the only opposition in the convention to the Stalinists. They attempted to introduce several significant resolutions condemning collective security, for independent working-class action against war, for a popular referendum before any war and for a Labor Party. These were immediately buried by a resolutions committee composed all but one of Stalinists. Delegates from the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, who were opposed to the Stalinists, failed to support Local 505 and fight the Stalinists as they should have.

### Must Organize Fight

Under the handicap of the Stalinist control, the locals and membership, if further organizational growth and gains from the employers are to be won, will have to start an uncompromising fight. The threats of many leading locals to withdraw from the state body must be discontinued. It is not the job of honest and militant workers to run away from the battle leaving the organization, which they have helped build, as the undisputed property and playground of those whose only real interests are to turn the workers over to the Roosevelt war machine as docile cannon fodder.

The progressive workers and locals in the Connecticut C.I.O. must not repeat the mistake of the convention, of yielding their organization to the union-wreckers by default. They must organize their ranks to fight for a correct and militant organizational program to meet the needs of the industrial workers.

## U.S. Prepares To Fight From Arctic To South America

(Continued from page 1)

the perspective of intensified conflict between the two powers leading to the ultimate struggle between them for domination of the Pacific area.

It is in preparation for this greater struggle that Roosevelt is now, spectacularly facing the entire Western hemisphere into a unified war machine for Wall Street and American capitalism.

**LaGuardia Holds a Coat**

The immediate focus of these plans is the forthcoming Pan-American conference at Lima on Dec. 9. For this a whole series of preliminary maneuvers have been carried out. Col. Batista, the butcher of the Cuban workers and the latest recruit to the "democratic front" was brought here, wine, dined, flattered and bootlicked.

After being proudly photographed holding an overcoat for the Cuban dictator, our little flower of a Mayor, LaGuardia, flew down to Havana and there made a stump speech against "foreign" dictators.

Batista was of course "won over" completely to the Roosevelt program. This means that Cuba more than ever before will become a major strategic base for the U. S. Navy and air force and the Cuban workers lashed more tightly than ever before to the American imperialist machine. Woe to those who fight for Cuba's freedom! The "democrat" Batista, with the approval of the "democrat" Roosevelt will shoot, torture, and butcher them as he has ever since he came to power.

At Lima the U. S. delegation, including Alfred Landon and John L. Lewis' daughter as symbols of "national unity" will have the task of coordinating and organizing the puppet "good neighbors" in accordance with Roosevelt's grandiose "continental" plans. To this end they will consider plans for a Pan-American League of Nations, a "peace pact," etc. But the forms will be only secondary. The chief aims will be the economic and military regimentation of all the Latin American republics under the command of Washington and Wall Street.

Let us not be fooled by all this hypocritical palaver about defending "democracy" in this hemisphere. Roosevelt does not give a hoot about democracy. More than half the Latin American republics are ruled by dictators as ruthless and as stained with the blood of the workers as Batista.

The workers of Latin America and of this country have nothing in common with the war aims of Yankee imperialism and its agents in the southern republics. The real struggle for democracy will be waged by us here against our own bosses and in Latin America by the workers chained by Wall Street. That way lies peace. That way lies security.

To follow Roosevelt means to head not for peace, but for war. To follow Roosevelt means not to fight against Fascism but to be subjected to it ourselves right here.

## U.S. Prepares To Fight From Arctic To South America

**NOTICE**

Many branch secretaries and literature-agents have gotten into the habit of mixing up letters, money-orders, funds and other materials which they send to the National Office in New York City.

The directors of the various party institutions make the urgent request that this practice cease immediately. Any material destined for one particular institution of the Party (for example, the NEW INTERNATIONAL, or the SOCIALIST APPEAL, or the National Office) should be addressed DIRECTLY to that institution. In addition, DO NOT send in one money-order or check which is to be divided up among the various party units. PLEASE SEND SEPARATE PAYMENTS MADE OUT AND ADDRESSED TO THE ONE IT IS INTENDED FOR. The other method leads to interminable delay, confusion and added bookkeeping. It is extremely annoying. Only an additional postage-stamp is required to prevent this.

We repeat: send all payments and letters DIRECTLY to the party institution that is supposed to receive it.

Socialist Workers Party  
New International  
Socialist Appeal

## New Revolutionary Organ Published By Peru Group

The appearance of *Izquierda Roja* (Red Left), an underground paper published in Peru, reveals for the first time the existence of an organized revolutionary socialist movement in that dictator-ridden country. The paper, several issues of which have already appeared, is the organ of the Liga de Trabajadores Revolucionarios (League of Revolutionary Workers). The L.T.R. was organized by Peruvian workers and students who were repelled by the anti-revolutionary and pro-imperialist nature of Stalinism and the petty-bourgeois "simple" nationalism of the A.P.R.A., spontaneously developed to the position of the Fourth International.

The first issue of *Izquierda Roja* announces the agreement of the L.T.R. with revolutionary socialist, or "Trotskyist," and vehemently attacks the Stalinists and Social-Democrats for their support of imperialist exploitation and war and "popular front" coalitions. That issue and those that follow have been widely read and sympathetically received by the oppressed workers of Peru, the seat of Roosevelt's forthcoming imperialist "democratic" Pan-American Congress.

As was to be expected, the Stalinists are already spreading their usual insidious rumors about "counter-revolutionary" Trotskyites, but with little success. The L.T.R. has already won many members from the Stalinists, and will undoubtedly win many more. This is especially true since, with the Stalinist turn to open support of Yankee imperialism, the L.T.R. is quite obviously the only organization that fights for the national and social liberation of the Peruvian masses.

In the meantime, our revolutionary "Salud!" to *Izquierda Roja* and the comrades of the L.T.R.

## NICOS PANAYIOTIDIS

Our comrade Nicos Panayiotidis, member of the Central Committee of the former International Communist League, died a few weeks ago in the fortress of Acronopolis, where he has been imprisoned since the summer of 1937.

A working class militant since his early youth, Comrade Panayiotidis received his training as the leader of many strikes among the shoe workers of Piraeus, from whose ranks he emerged. Arrested and jailed repeatedly, he displayed unshakable courage in the face of unceasing persecution.

Hounded by the police of Metaxas, he continued his work illegally and rendered invaluable services to the organization of the Fourth Internationalists. Arrested in 1937, he was savagely tortured and then thrown into the miserable dungeon where at last, his body broken, he died.

In the last letter he managed to get out, he wrote:

"We know that we are all going to die. But our deaths will not be in vain. Our corpses will become banners for the proletariat. Sign statements of capitulation in order to get out of prison? Then what would we do with our dishonored lives? If it is not possible to be free to work for the revolution, then it is better to die in a concentration camp."

Together with all the comrades of the Fourth International we salute Nicos Panayiotidis, victim of capitalist oppression, soldier of the revolution.

## Bridges' Dictatorship Drubbed By CIO Leaders

### Rubber And Shoe Worker Delegates To CIO Convention Defy Machine; Back Fight For Democracy

(Special to Socialist Appeal)

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—The growing opposition to Harry Bridges, Stalinist west coast C.I.O. director, and his rule or ruin policies, that developed at the C.I.O. convention here scored a signal victory despite a last minute intercession by John L. Lewis in behalf of Bridges.

An attempt by the Bridges forces from the west coast to get an endorsement of his policies at a private meeting of leading international union presidents who have local unions on the west coast failed miserably.

The meeting was called by the president of the Stalinist-controlled California C.I.O. council. Its purpose became apparent immediately when all international presidents except Homer Martin, of the auto workers, were invited.

Bridges "Defends"

Bridges opened the meeting with a smooth speech in defense of his policies and he urged the international union presidents to force their west coast locals into his councils. He tried to blame "a few disgruntled leaders" for the attacks on himself, and said the "rank and file is with me."

No sooner did he finish than S. H. Dalrymple, president of the United Rubber Workers of America rose to expose the lies in Bridges' statements by making a staunch defense for his west coast organizer.

**Dalrymple Attacks**

"I've known my organizer for years. He's been with us from the start and he's done a good job," Dalrymple declared for George B. Roberts, U.R.W.A. organizer in California, and then he told how he knew the rubber workers on the west coast were against Bridges.

Powers Haggood, president of the Shoe Workers union, took the same stand as Dalrymple, adding to the setback of Bridges. But the real attack was yet to come. Michael Padgett, shoe workers organizer on the west coast, and a well-known militant, told the conference he had a few words to say.

**Blistering Attack**

Padgett began by describing how Bridges had wrecked the furniture workers' union.

He told Bridges, "You want the auto workers union to join your council. Yet you had the nerve to tell them to crawl back on their bellies to work when

they were on strike. That takes a lot of guts!"

Padgett explained the whole strategy of Bridges and the west



HARRY BRIDGES

coast Stalinists. "You control the C.I.O. councils through issuing charters to paper unions under your domination. But you know that paper unions don't have any real strength or power. So you want us to go back because you need our per capita tax and our strength."

After this blistering attack, Bridges and the Stalinists left and the meeting adjourned in an uproar.

Since the C.I.O. constitution does not make affiliation to local or state industrial union councils compulsory, the west coast unions can continue, if they desire, to work separately from Bridges through an independent progressive union council.

After this meeting, and similar protests against Bridges' policies, John L. Lewis on the last day of the convention, made a special point of praising Bridges, and thus guaranteeing that the C.I.O. on the west coast will continue to suffer from the rule-or-ruin policies.

## TRUCE DECLARED IN CHILE WHEN WORKERS ARM

### Popular Front And Fascists For U.S. Imperialism

By DONALD BERGNER

Rumblings of civil war were heard last week in Chile as the opposing parties quarrelled over the tiny majority won by Pedro Aguirre Cerda, joint Presidential candidate of the popular front and fascists. The actual outbreak was averted only by the withdrawal of his recouped demand by Gustavo Ross, the defeated conservative candidate.

Final election returns were not officially announced as yet, but unofficial published reports indicate that the large rural vote for Ross cut Aguirre's majority to only 800 votes out of nearly 500,000. Ross charged coercion at the polls by bands of popular frontists and Nacistas (fascists).

The conservative government mouthpiece, *La Nacion*, claimed the popular frontists were organizing an armed revolt should Aguirre be counted out. The popular frontists in turn charged that the conservatives were aiming to keep out Aguirre, the representative of American imperialism, and put in Ross, who is more friendly towards the British.

The rapid arming of the trade union and Socialist workers undoubtedly had a great deal to do with the calling of a truce between the two representatives of the rival imperialisms. They both must have been afraid of the armed might of the Chilean masses.

The Nazis are evidently still in their unique "front" with the Stalinists. The "Popular Liberating Alliance," composed of the two fascist groups: the Nacistas and the "Union Socialista," issued a statement on Nov. 10 that it would give unstinted support to Aguirre in case of trouble. The popular frontists have also pledged their hats to the Nazis. Grateful for the 15,000 Nazi votes that they call the election a triumph over "right-wing Fascism"(!).

**"Left" Goes Right**

Senor Aguirre explains the "popular front," in an interview in the *N. Y. Times* of Nov. 6, by saying that the rightist parties moved a little bit to the left while the "leftists"—the C.P. and S.P.—moved a great deal to the right. Aguirre, incidentally pledged himself in advance to "cooperate" with U. S. interests and not to "Mexicanize" Chile. He was alluding to Mexico's nationalization of foreign imperialist interests.

Thus Aguirre gives added confirmation to the charge of the Partido Obrero Revolucionario (Revolutionary Workers Party), Chilean section of the 4th International, that this landowner-capitalist "friend of labor" is the agent of U. S. imperialism.

**C. P. Weasels Its Stand**

Stalinist typographical squirmings, attempting to explain away the support given to the "popular front" candidate Aguirre by the fascist candidate, General Carlos Ibanez, reached new contortions in the November issue of the Communist, C. P. "theoretical" organ.

A few days before the issue appeared Harry Gannes in the *Daily Worker* of Oct. 27 claimed that "Ibanez is a confused national reformist," whose "only connection with the Nacistas was that he had not repudiated their endorsement." This despite the fact that the entire Chilean labor movement, even the Stalinists, had long been attacking Ibanez as a power-thirsty reactionary.

But the past has once again caught up with the Stalinists. The editors of the Communist carelessly published an article by their Chilean leader, Carlos Contreras Labarca, which must have been written about two months ago. Contreras gives a thumb-nail sketch of Ibanez:

"Show Me Your Friends . . ."  
"Dimitroff from 1927 to 1931; anti-worker and anti-people, he persecuted the labor movement and the C. P. Implacably, served Yankee imperialism, even when he castigated . . . Alessandri, Ross, etc. and liquidated the English monopoly on nitrate." A note is added: "Events have confirmed the prediction that Ibanez would resort to open betrayal. Ibanez led the recent Nazi putsch."

This is the man who supports the "popular front!"

But the article in the Communist, after indulging in 13 attacks on the horrid Trotskyites who further class struggle and a labor government, contains a veritable gem of proof—if any is still needed—of the pro-imperialism of the Stalinists. Contreras writes:

" . . . the people have always respected and always will respect the provisions of the Political Constitution of the State which guarantee the property of foreign capital, and, in general, of all capital . . ."

To put it bluntly.

## FORWARD to the TWICE-A-WEEK APPEAL

On the Road to the DAILY

Open 10 A. M. to 8 P. M.  
**LERMAN BROS.**  
37 EAST 14th STREET  
New York City  
Union Stationers and Printers  
Phone ALgonquin 4-3356-7-8  
Selling to Labor Organizations at Lowest Prices.  
Our Printing Plant located at 36 West 15th St., 6th Floor.