

Twice Weekly Appeal Drive Gets Off to Flying Start

Paper Will Wield Double Strength, Says Shachtman

By MAX SHACHTMAN
It is not so much that we WANT a Twice Weekly SOCIALIST APPEAL.

Our problem is that we MUST issue our APPEAL at least twice as frequently as at present. Every time we have been confronted with an important issue, we have found that weekly publication is insufficient. In the big New York hotel strike a few years ago, in the period of the rise to power of Hitler, and more recently in connection with the Munich events, we found ourselves compelled to make the exceptional sacrifice demanded by the publication of the APPEAL three times a week.

Each time we took this step, it was greeted with the most gratifying enthusiasm. We have no doubt that our plan to issue the APPEAL REGULARLY two times a week will receive the same enthusiastic response.

Events no longer come slowly! They follow, one on the heels of the other, at terrific speed. Munich—Czechoslovakia—the storm of Jew-baiting and the refugee problem—the French general strike and the coming decisive struggle in that country. These are only a few of the world-shaking events that have fixed the attention of the masses in recent weeks alone. The weeks and months to come will not produce less of them but, if anything, more.

We simply MUST be in a position to react more often to these events... at least twice as often as we can now with a weekly APPEAL.

We must be in a position to give the news—not to be found anywhere else—in more up-to-date style. We must be in a position to present our views and analyses twice as often as we can now.

Reaction everywhere is on a forced march. It is up to us to increase our own speed of march. No longer only once a week—but twice a week must we strike our blows.

On to the triumphant conclusion of our campaign for the Twice Weekly SOCIALIST APPEAL—the next big step towards our daily paper!

Redouble your efforts, redouble your sacrifices, so that we can redouble our APPEAL!

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FRENCH STRIKES GO ON

AMERICAN FUND ASKS CHRISTMAS AID TO REFUGEES

Committee Issues Special Appeal For Workers

A Christmas Fund appeal, to aid working class victims of fascism, was issued this week by the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees.

Signed by Professor Sidney Hook as chairman, and James T. Farrell as treasurer, the appeal was sent out by the American Fund's Christmas Campaign Committee to various working class organizations and thousands of individual labor sympathizers.

For those unable to donate their own money, certificates were enclosed, totalling \$5 in face value, for sale to others, to assure the necessary funds to aid the anti-fascist refugees.

All funds are to be sent to the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees, 100 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The text of the appeal reads as follows:

"Thousands upon thousands of refugees from Fascism are hungry, homeless and hopeless this Christmas.

"Although an ocean lies between, the American Fund bridges the miles between you and them. The American Fund has rescued

numerous exiles and their families from Nazi terror and from the spectre of starvation, secured visas and legal counsel, and helped transport them to places of asylum.

Aids Worker-Victims "While the American Fund aids all anti-fascist refugees, it concentrates upon relief to the working class victims of Fascism. These are the most valiant fighters against fascism and the greatest sufferers from it. They are the poorest, the most needy, without influential or wealthy connections abroad.

"If the family next door were starving, evicted and robbed of their possessions, you would not hesitate to help them. REMEMBER THESE REFUGEES THIS CHRISTMAS! Contribute to the Christmas fund!"

"The enclosed certificates total \$5.00. If you cannot afford to give the full amount, sell them to your friends and send us the proceeds. Your gift will give life, hope and a helping hand to the most persecuted people on earth."

Turn to page three for the first installment of a new series of articles: "How Shall We Fight Anti-Semitism," by Felix Morrow.

Militant Action Can Halt Daladier Menace In France

The threat of Fascism in France can and must be crushed by the united action of the French working class.

Daladier is now openly preparing to establish a totalitarian regime. He is using the army and navy to break strikes. He is filling jails with strikers and strike leaders. Behind mealy-mouthed promises of "conciliation" and "appeasement" he is preparing the regime of concentration camps and open mass repression.

Following the derailment of the general strike—thanks to the feebleness and treachery of the union leaders, of Jouhaux, of the Socialist and Stalinist bureaucrats—the French bosses have opened a deliberate, vicious drive against the workers through mass lockouts and dismissals and wholesale tearing up of contracts.

The French workers are ready and straining to fight this boss offensive with an offensive of their own. They showed that last Wednesday when 2,000,000 of them laid down tools despite the threats of the government and the hamstringing restrictions placed upon them by their own leaders.

They showed it again after the general strike by hitting back as best they could against the lockouts and dismissals and arrests.

Forced to fight isolated battles, the workers in metal plants, in mines, and in the ports, struck boldly once more and are today meeting the vicious advance of fascist reaction by attempting to carry on the struggle with their own forces, their own means, their own weapons.

That struggle CAN be made national in scope. Under the banner of the direct anti-fascist struggle millions can be brought to their feet again if they are given the revolutionary leadership that alone makes that struggle possible.

It is treachery to lie down and play dead, as Jouhaux and the Socialist Blum are now doing. It is worse than treachery to jump up and down claiming victories in the face of setbacks and threatened defeats, as the Stalinists are doing. These gentlemen lived together in the People's Front with Daladier for two years. They nursed him back to political strength and only eight months ago themselves voted to give him extraordinary

FRENCH WORKERS STRIKE AGAINST MASS REPRISALS

Daladier Uses Navy To Break Havre Walkout

Broken into scattered detachments by the outright treachery and cowardice of the union bureaucrats and the Socialist and Stalinist leaders, French workers this week fought lockouts, wholesale dismissals, repudiation of contracts, and direct police repression following the derailed general strike of last Wednesday.

Premier Edouard Daladier—only yesterday the hero of the "People's Front"—issued solemn pronouncements about "conciliation" and at the same time called out the navy to break a strike of 5,000 seamen at Le Havre.

The day after the general strike hundreds of thousands of workers were locked out by the bosses who declared that existing collective contracts had been voided by the walkout. The government insisted only 70,000 were affected by this, but the General Confederation of Labor said that 1,500,000 workers were being victimized in this manner. The workers were told they would have to apply for their jobs all over again under new conditions. Militants were weeded out and the remaining progressive features of the old contracts were abolished in the re-hiring arrangements.

New Strikes Start In the public services thousands who struck in defiance of the government's requisition orders were discharged and menaced with penal sanctions. It was this action which started new strikes in Valenciennes in the North among the metal workers and coal miners, and seamen at St. Nazaire and Le Havre where the workers tied up the super-liner Normandie and were joined by the crews of other vessels in the port.

The trade union bureaucracy, represented by Leon Jouhaux, head of the labor confederation, and his executive committee, met on Monday amid much loud blustering about a "counter-plan of recovery" began to beat a full retreat. "The C.G.T. announces," said a communique, "that it is ready to undertake any discussions capable of ending current conflicts." Jouhaux also announced he favored "revision" of the general strike tactic.

Blum on the Rump Leon Blum beat an even hastier retreat from his pitiable attempt to convoke what looked like a "rump session" of parliament in defiance of Daladier.

The general strike was barely over when he hastened to announce that he had intended to do nothing but have the deputies ask Daladier to convoke Parliament. The next day Daladier, ready and anxious to push home his advantage on the parliamentary field, did call Parliament for this Thursday and even the faint breeze that was there dropped out of Blum's feebly-rigged sails. Meanwhile the Stalinists beat furiously and impotently at the empty air. They alone pronounced the general strike a "magnificent success" and even declared that it had "accomplished its purpose"—as the Daily Worker astoundingly announced here.

And what, if you please, was this purpose achieved by the dislocation and misleadership of the 2,000,000 workers who showed readiness to fight by answering the strike call? It "exposed" the "reactionary" character of Daladier. Nothing more, nothing less. Meanwhile Daladier is going on being "reactionary" without much regard for his ex-allies of the People's Front who placed him in the position he now occupies and paved the way for his drive against labor. He has been "exposed" as a defender of the capitalist order. So far nothing has been able to "expose" Jouhaux, Blum, or Thorez as defenders of the working class.

Toledo Goes Over the Top In First Week of Campaign

We're off to a flying start! The Toledo Branch was first to go over the top, fulfilling its quota for a 100 percent showing in the first week. Marston Mills, Mass., rang the bell right after them. For these branches the quotas are only the starting points!

Total received in the first week of the drive is \$306.70, or 10 percent of our goal.

Judging by the letters we have been receiving, we will have no difficulty whatsoever going over the top. Here are the few extracts which space in this column permits. Next week we will have some more.

D. S. of Yellow Springs writes—I believe I can undertake to deliver my quota within the sixty days, though it will not come easily.

J. H. of New Hampshire says—Enclosed is \$2 first payment on my quota. I will send \$4 a month until my \$10 pledge is paid, plus a minimum of \$1 a month beginning January.

Lexington, Ky.—A weekly paper cannot keep pace with events as they are moving today. The twice weekly will give us a chance to strike when the iron is hot. I will have my quota completed by the middle of January. (We are sure you will!)

Local Boston Secretary—Boston accepts its quota. We will raise it. Enclosed find the first payment. (Boston takes its promises seriously, and the word of the Boston comrades is as good as cash.)

Fred V. of the Detroit Branch—Last night at the business meeting pledges were taken for the two-a-week Appeal. I was put in charge of collecting the pledges. We feel certain that we can make good. (George Clarke says this money is as good as in our bank. "Detroit never fails." George ought to know.)

Coller of Cleveland—Our branch is planning two projects for the Twice-a-week Appeal (And good projects they are, too! A showing of the film "Tsar to Lenin" and a Banquet. This, of course, is in addition to the pledges from the individual members of the branch. Is that correct, Cleveland?)

And Marjorie B., a very splendid sympathizer of ours writes—"Enclosed find \$5. This is my contribution toward the \$3,000 fund for expansion of the paper. I hope the campaign goes 'over the top' ahead of time and that in the near future the Socialist Appeal can be issued daily." (That's the spirit! WANTED: more sympathizers like Marjorie.)

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|----------------------|----------|----------|---------|
| Toledo, Ohio | \$ 20.00 | \$ 20.00 | 100 |
| Marston Mills, Mass. | 5.00 | 5.00 | 100 |
| Punta Gorda, Fla. | 5.00 | 2.00 | 40 |
| Durham, N. H. | 5.00 | 2.00 | 40 |
| New York City | 1,050.00 | 249.20 | 23 |
| Yellow Springs, Ohio | 5.00 | 1.00 | 20 |
| Lynn, Mass. | 50.00 | 7.00 | 14 |
| Kansas | 10.00 | 1.00 | 10 |
| Boston | 200.00 | 14.50 | 7 |
| Minneapolis | 500.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Chicago | 250.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Cleveland | 200.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Los Angeles | 200.00 | 0 | 0 |
| St. Paul | 100.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Newark District | 100.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Akron, Ohio | 75.00 | 0 | 0 |
| St. Louis, Mo. | 75.00 | 0 | 0 |
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| San Francisco | 50.00 | 0 | 0 |
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| Allentown, Pa. | 25.00 | 0 | 0 |
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| Fargo, N. D. | 25.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Rochester, N. Y. | 25.00 | 0 | 0 |
| New Haven | 20.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Washington, D. C. | 20.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Oakland, Cal. | 15.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Quakertown, Pa. | 15.00 | 0 | 0 |
| San Diego, Cal. | 15.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Baltimore, Md. | 10.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Denver, Colo. | 10.00 | 0 | 0 |

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N. Y. WORKERS DEMAND ASYLUM

NEW YORK—The Downtown and Lower East Side branches of the Socialist Workers Party held a meeting last Sunday night in support of the demand to open the doors to refugees from Nazi Germany. John G. Wright spoke in English and Sylvia Bleaker in Yiddish at a gathering of about 70 workers at Stuyvesant Casino. A resolution demanding that Roosevelt let down the bars was unanimously passed.

Yankee Imperialism Plays for Big Stakes at Lima

By ALBERT GOLDMAN
The task facing the representatives of American imperialism at the eighth Pan-American Conference to be held at Lima, Peru, beginning on Dec. 9, will be to extend the "good neighbor" policy. That policy, which consists of substituting silk gloves for the naked fist is the method used by U.S. imperialism to assure its supremacy in the Latin-American countries, does not actually begin with the present administration. When Calvin Coolidge sent Dwight Morrow, partner of J. P. Morgan, as ambassador to Mexico in 1927, he in fact adopted that policy. President Roosevelt extended it

GENERAL MOTORS LAUNCHES NEW ATTACK ON UAW

Uses 'Responsibility' Letter To Penalize Militants

DETROIT, Mich.—Since the famous letter of "responsibility" signed by the 24-man executive board of the United Automobile Workers giving General Motors authority to discipline workers for violation of contracts, every plant has had its "penalties"—a warning to other militants of what to expect if they offend the company.

The most infamous of these "penalties" were those handed out to members of the Fisher-Pontiac Bargaining Committee where seven members were penalized, four of them fired, for an "un- (Continued on Page 3)

Monopoly Inquiry Shows Capitalism at Standstill

Income Of Over Half Nation's Families Below \$1200 a Year; Industry Stagnates; Few Control Wealth

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2 ANTI-DALADIER PICKETS JAILED ON WEST COAST

Boss Press Wants "Stiff Jail Terms"

SAN FRANCISCO—Jack Cope, San Francisco organizer of the Socialist Workers Party, and John Newton Thurber, State Secretary of the Socialist Party, were arrested here November 30 for picketing the French Consulate in protest against Daladier's attack on French labor. The arrest was witnessed by a large gathering of workers who responded to the call of both parties to show their solidarity with the working class of France. Both arrested men have been released on bail. The Civil Liberties Union has volunteered to (Continued on Page 4)

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Obstacles To Overcome

Certain difficulties must be overcome by U.S. imperialism. It has been pointed out that in the