For those of us in this middle-

western city who rely chiefly on

position does not seem equivocal

nor is it hard to understand or

Our people are almost entirely

workers, trade unionists. They

detest Stalinism but they glory

in the fact that the Russian

workers did what they them-

selves are seeking to do . . . lick

They know from personal ex-

times into the hands of scoun-

kick honest militants out of the

understand-cold turkey-what

has happened in Russia, through

analogy to a union corrupted by

However if the contaminated

some poor, innocent company,

they would still defend the Union

against the league of bosses . . .

The Key Question

or a Company Union. If it is a

company union, it should be de-

stroyed! Likewise with the U.S .-

S.R. if it is not a workers state.

The analogy must not go too

far. My personal confidence in the

validity of the Marxist method of

analysis of society, of Marxism

as a guide to understanding what

goes on, bids me to look at the

economic construction of a na-

tion, its ownership of means of

production, the relations in policy

American workers but the Rus-

sian workers as well. They who

Stalin and his murderers off their

fend their fundamental victory

against the world capitalist class

The mess in Russia must be

cleaned up by the workers. God

help the Russian workers, if the

bosses of Europe and America

Russia's invasion of Poland or

Finland cannot determine the

question of whether the U.S.S.R.

is or is not a workers' state. So

far as I am concerned, these

The important question is

In the Labor Unions

By B. J. WIDICK=

Union-Buster Arnold

One of the most important deunion by Thurman Arnold, drivers are violating the Sher- the "sale" of the ships! man anti-trust law through cerwith employers.

mitted to Arnold an outline of terials to England. That means the procedure in Cleveland, which a series of "incidents", such as requires drivers for long dis- happened in 1915 and 1916 under tance hauling companies which identical conditions, and which have contracts with the union to enabled Wilson to drag the counturn over their loads at various try into war. Everybody underterminals in the city for delivery stands this. That's why the one within the city limits by local popular item in the Neutrality

dianapolis Central Labor Union, shipping from the war zones. wrote that perhaps this kind of contract was a probable violation

"An example is the requirewrote.

seeking to obtain a ruling on the Nov. 17: legality of the procedure followed by the Cleveland teamsters union, Haefele wrote:

"It is the desire of the officers and members of local 407 to cooperate fully with the Department of Justice in supporting the laws of the United States of America. It is with this thought in mind that we are requesting a fuller interpretation of your

Cleveland Contract Haefele's brief describes a con-

tract between local 407 and the Cleveland Group of Certified and was put forward in these gran-Permit Motor Carriers, an or- diose terms by Senator Barkley, ganization of 71 operators in the the Democratic leader: Cleveland area, which includes a clause specifying that "drivers for member companies entering typewriters, or tanks . . . or Cleveland must deliver directly to a terminal or may deliver or pick up a load within a one-mile radius of an employer's terminal, but that such truck drivers may not make deliveries or pick ups elsewhere in the Cleveland area."

"It has been the practice of both local trucking concerns and the union, in cases where a truck is operated into the Cleveland area from distant points, to have a local union member operate such truck from the terminal to the point of delivery," the brief states.

"We believe that it is to the public interest that a local man, who generally knows the city better and who has not just left a fast moving public highway, should complete the work of making delivery.

"The number of accidents on city streets involving long-distance motor transports has been drastically reduced since the system was adopted and consignees have found deliveries more rapid.

"Of course, our men do not and two freighters. begin from their service except at a terminal, unless the shipper designates otherwise, in which case our driver meets the truck on telephonic advice of the ship-

per," the brief continues. an extra driver be hired in addition to the regular driver on a law, just as soon as it could be truck entering Cleveland on a done without too much outcry.

terminal-to-terminal basis." "Now then, it is our opinion that the hiring of men under the FLASH! PROFESSOR above statement of facts and by virtue of existing agreements TELLS TRUTH ABOUT gory of unreasonableness as de- BOSSES' CRIMES! does not come under the catefined by you as a violation of the anti-trust law.

nouncement of your views on newspapers than on the front dence. this matter our local union dis- pages.' continued the use of a local driver to complete local deliveries lower class have been implementfor those who were not in con- ed much more efficiently than tractual relationship with us, those which apply to the upper and we shall continue this policy class." until you have more fully in-

procedure used in Cleveland was similar to that in many other cities, thereby giving the Cleve-

FDR SCUTTLES 'CASH-CARRY'; SHIPS 'SOLD'

(Continued from Page 1) passage of the Neutrality Law, between New York, London and

No Bones About It

In its latest application, the United States Line put the matter bluntly enough. The presidential proclamations issued unvelopments in the trade union der the Neutrality Act, it stated, field in recent months has been had made it impossible to employ the beginning of a nationwide the ships on their former runs campaign against the teamsters under the American flag, and there did not appear to be any United States Attorney General, other route in which they could under the charge that the truck be profitably operated. Therefore,

These ships and other Ameritain kinds of contracts signed can ships which are certain to follow into "foreign" registry are John C. Haefele, attorney for likely to be torpedoed by German truck drivers local 407, IBT, sub- U-boats as they carry war ma-Act was the "cash and carry" clause which barred American

Silent Since November

On Nov. 12, in ordering the of the Sherman Act by a union Maritime Commission to hold up as "unreasonable restraints de- approval of the change to Panasigned to compel the hiring of ma registry, Roosevelt stated he useless and unnecessary labor." was holding up final approval "until further investigation." Not ment that on each truck enter- another word has been heard ing a city there be a member of about the matter, however, unthe local teamsters union in ad- til the announcement of the Comdition to the driver who is al- mission's approval of transfer to ready on the truck," Arnold Norwegian registry. This bears out the prediction made by the While indicating that he is not Socialist Appeal in an editorial

> "In the face of the wide spread protests against the Maritime Commission's action, Roosevelt had to order the Commission to hold up final approval until further investigation. Or, more accurately, until Roosevelt thinks the storm has subsided."

During the debate on the Neutrality Act, the chief argument statement in order to clarify, of the Roosevelt spokesmen was justify and determine the future that the "cash and carry" clause acts on the part of the officers would more than make up for and members of local Union 407." any dangers of involvement caused by dropping the embargo

What They Promised

The "cash and carry" clause

"Whether it be wheat, or corn, or tobacco, or shoes, or anything that can be recalled by mind of man, it cannot be shipped to a belligerent nation or through a danger zone anywhere in the world in an American ship. . . . Because I want no war I am supporting and propose to vote for a measure which involves the greatest sacrifice ever made by any nation in the history of mankind in order to avoid war."

That got votes, and lulled a lot of people into illusory security. But if Senator Barkley had been telling the truth, he would have

"But of course the American ships can change their registry and thus continue to deal with the belligerents."

But if he had told the truth, it would have been impossible for Roosevelt to get a majority for lifting the embargo on arms. After the passage of the Neutrality Act it became known that, in the midst of the Congressional debate, the Maritime Commission had quietly approved changes of registry for seventeen tankers

Neutrality Act adopted, the Roosevelt administration had to or democratic rights. pretend that the "cash and carry" clause would keep American ships out of the war zone, while "We have never required that knowing that a loophole was all ready to be used to violate the

PHILADELPHIA-"More im-

"The laws which apply to the

"The better business bureaus formed us," the brief concludes. and crime commissions, compos-

land situation a nationwide im- American Sociological Society, ployer. Dr. Edwin H. Sutherland.

'The Call' and Some of Its Friends on Finland

By FELIX MORROW

Norman Thomas' Call appears to be losing some of its original enthusiasm for the cause of Finland. The last two issues have been couched in a distinctly lower key than the clarion call for world aid to Finland with which the Call editor, Gerry Allard, greeted the events ("In that struggle every human being who cherishes freedom will support the heroic Finns."-Call, Dec. 9). The eight-column banner across the front page, "Finland's Fight: A World Cause" (Dec. 16) has not been repeated. It may be that Messrs. Thomas. Allard and Symes have been a little flabbergasted by the enthusiastic response-from the Allied Supreme War Council, Herbert Hoover, the Swedish nobility, and other democrats-to the Call's exhortations for aid to Finland.

The Jan. 6 Call reports that many letters have been received criticising or commending its stand. It publishes a commendatory letter from the well-known millionaire socialist, Alfred Baker Lewis, which concludes: "The fact that Italy has, for her own national interests, supplied some limited support for Finland ought not to deter Socialists from uging full economic aid to Finland as the victim of totalitarian aggression." A critical letter from the Debs circle of the Young Socialists of Los Angeles declares: "We are not only shocked but defiant as to the right of the editor to write such an article advocating that the Socialist party furnish the Finns with arms and munitions. We feel that such an idea is directly opposed to the Socialist stand on war . . .". A letter from Paul Jones says: "But I do hate to see the Call taking a position right up close to the band in the march toward war. That is no place for a Socialist paper . . . for Pete's sake put on the brakes before you go

Amazingly enough, these letters are printed without a word of editorial comment. The Call will maintain a dignified silence for a while, it

An Indignant Lady Columnist

But not quite. While no party spokesman speaks on the questions at issue, the columns of the Call are turned over to an attack on Trotsky, entitled "On Socialist Ideals," reprinted from the New York Post, and written by the Post columnist, Dorothy Dunbar Bromley.

This lady declares that "Not only Stalin but Trotsky must be counted among the betrayers." At first glance it may appear that the lady is really polemicising against the Trotskyists, for she refers to the Dec. 1 and Dec. 9 issues of the Appeal. A little light begins to appear, however, when she writes: "Jay Lovestone, unlike that other dissident, Trotsky, has described the attack on Finland as 'yellow'."

Since anybody who actually read the Dec. 1 and Dec. 9 issues of the Appeal knows that the Trotskyists characterized the attack on Finland in terms far more harsh, and much more precise, than "yellow", it becomes obvious that Miss Bromley doesn't know what she is talking about. Similar comments by other newspaper writers and radio commentators made it clear that their misinformation about the Trotskyist position

came from a central source. Upon inquiry, that source of misinformation was established: a mimeographed weekly, entitled Uncensored, launched by the well-known Thomasite impresario, Mary Fox, and edited by Sidney Hertzberg, a member of the Socialist party. Miss Bromley's "references" to the Dec. 1 and 9 issues of the Appeal came from a very tricky paragraph in Uncensored, which characterizeed the Trotskyist shack in which he had never lived. when "democratic" Great Britain position as "the first gesture" of Trotsky to

Having launched this bit of fakery, the So- August of this year eight white Mussolini, France and the Mikado drels who suppress the democialist party now prints it, in the form of a men assaulted a few Negro po- whose hands still drip with blood cratic rights of the members, column by Miss Bromley, as "independent" veri- tato pickers imported from the of the Abyssinian, Spanish and fication of the fakery!

It Depends Where You Stand

However, it should be added that from a cer- pressure, they were given sustain vantage point the fundamental difference pended sentences. between the Trotskyist position and that of the Stalinists tends to be blurred. If someone stands far enough over on the right, two points which are actually distant from each other but are both to the left of that observer, may seem closer together than they are in reality.

a letter I wrote to Uncensored, protesting its nerable spot in the political makereads his letter, it becomes clear why he cannot ment rests with the county sheriff. make any distinction between the Stalinist posi- The power of the governor is limtion and that of the Trotskyists. For it is perfectly true that the Trotskyists are defenders of the Soviet Union, who will not defend a bourgeois Finland, although they would defend point out. an independent Soviet Finland against Stalin. Whereas Mr. Lundberg thinks the Finns would be damn fools if they started a revolution. Mr. Lundberg writes:

"The important thing is not that Finland is bourgeois. One might say that is of no importance at all except to hopelessly doctrinaire sectarian revolutionists who are wandering deeper and deeper into a blind alley. The important thing is that a small, hardworking, self-respecting, upright people has been set upon by a cowed, fear driven

"I certainly think the Finns are right in defending themselves against the bovine Stalinist hordes, who are the ones that should act upon Lenin's dictum and turn their guns against their own officers. The Finns would be damn fools if they started a 'socialist' revolution and Stalin would be glad. Personally, I hope the Finns give the precious Red Army a clawing it will never forget. And I sincerely hope that Soviet Russia is weakened by the invasion."

Mr. Lundberg's remarks have this value: they give, a little more incautiously than others, the real vantage point of all those who denounce the Trotskyist position as a concession to Stalinism: the vantage point of democratic-imperialist

FIGHT IN ILGWU OVER BAYONNE PACT SHOWS NEED OF REFORMS

contract in December covering mands sufficiently in order to located at Bayonne, N. J.

Ignored Shop Demands

The contract negotiations were handled by Harry Wander, President of the Out-of-Town depart- chicken hearted attitude of Wanwere negotiating.

Members Vainly Protest

The shop membership, comed to be informed of the progress the union men! of negotiations and what the union representatives were fighting for. They removed the old shop committee and elected a new of town needle trades workers: shop committee composed of the democracy and the introduction most active and militant union of democratic procedure in the portant crime news may be men, whom they trusted and in negotiations of union contracts "Immediately on the public an- found on the financial pages of whose judgment they had confi- under the control of the rank

> recognize the new committee and locals in the out of town section. stopped all negotiations with the company. You play ball my way, said in effect this arrogant bureaucrat, or we won't play at all!

This group of new young union militants certainly got a bap-Edward Murphy, president of ed of business and professional tism of fire in this fight, They local 407, and a vice-president of men attack burglary, robbery and were forced into the impossible the International Brotherhood of cheap swindles, but overlook the position of having to battle their Teamsters union, said that the crimes of their own members."

The members of the shop com- Box 173 Station D, N. Y. C.

the state of the s

Local 160, affiliated wth the mittee apparently were not only J. Lynn, leading Negro attorney out-of-town department of the militant union fighters, but also for the American Labor Aid, will 1000 workers of the Maiden Form avoid a suicidal fight on two of the Harlem Educational Centiations with the Maiden Form p.m.

Brassiere Company. Make Definite Gains

In spite of the cynical and

ment, and his assistant, Israel der and the Out-of-Town Depart-Horowitz. These two great labor ment leadership, the militant Forum is an inter-racial forum leaders chose to ignore complete- spirit of the men conquered in for the discussion of problems of ly the demands as well as the the end and the membership mutual interest to the Negro and wishes of the shop membership, scored definite gains in the new on whose behalf, presumably they agreement signed with the company. Minimum rates were raised They were enabled to carry on for operators from \$12.50 to \$16 in this highly autocratic manner per week; clippers from \$14 to because of the absence of all de- \$15.50. A top ceiling was providmocracy in the out of town sec- ed of \$18, where previously it tion of the International Union. stood at \$17 or \$17.50; a ceiling The negotiations are conducted of \$16 where previously it stood In a word, in order to get the by the department; the local un- at \$15 or \$15.50. Stretchers reions involved enjoy no autonomy ceived a \$2 increase on their minimums, etc.

In addition, a piece work system was instituted in the shop upon the recommendation of posed of the new, young militant President Dubinsky, who for elements who have entered the some reason was chosen as the needle trades in recent days, impartial arbitrator in the negofinally revolted against this au- tiations. Presumably he repretocratic procedure; they demand- sents neither the ocmpany nor

These negotiations point very sharply to the needs of the out and file membership and the Whereupon Wander refused to granting of full autonomy to all

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MPLS. BRANCH LETTER IN THE DAILY PRESS

(The following letter appeared the Appeal for our information, I in the Minneapolis Tribune, Dec. would like to say that the Party's Editor:

More and more frequently the Soviet invasion of Finland has to explain to workers. economic incentives for resorting brought forth many protestations to lynch terror are being recog- of horror from all sections of nized. In May of this year Joe world opinion. People who now Rodgers was tortured with hot cry out against this invasion irons, shot and hacked to pieces maintained smug silence when because he objected to having his United States warships aided lumbermill boss deduct \$5.50 from Machado in slaughtering thouhis wages as rent for a company sands of Cuban workers and Nor is the practice confined to stifled with bombs the protest in perience how unions fall somethe South. In Cranbury, N. J., in her slave-colony, India. Even South to work at substandard Chinese workers and peasants, union and out of work. They

ANTI-LYNCHING

BILL COMES UP

(Continued from Page 1)

FOR DEBATE

wages. After the trial which took express hypocritical horror. place only because of outside The fact is that "moral" grounds in this situation are a subterfuge. For which among the gangsterism. governments of the world can Experience has amply demonstrated that state or local agen- throw the first stone? It is, union pulled an "unjustified" cies cannot be relied on to com- therefore, necessary to analyze strike, if you please, against hat lynching. The governor of calmly and logically what kind

every Southern state during the of a war is being fought. Finland is a capitalist nation last session of Congress affirmed An instance of this perspective is Mr. Ferdi- his support of the status quo. The whose rulers are fighting against and would continue to denounce nand Lundberg, the author, who is one of the bill is particularly effective in ap- Russia to retain their right to the gangsters. They would tell sponsors of Uncensored. I sent him a copy of plying pressure at the most vul- exploit their workers and pea- the workers to respect the picket sants. That Finland is fighting line, to stick together and get false statement of the Trotskyist position. He up of the South-the county, for her national independence is rid of the thugs. replied that "for the life of me I can't see wherein Much more than in the North, a myth designed to attract the your position has been distorted"; and after one the responsibility for law enforce- sympathy of the world, paralelling the myth of "poor little whether the Union is a Union Belgium" in the last war. The Finnish workers cannot gain by ited under the law in these matsuch a war. If their own masters ters, a fact he is always happy to win, it simply means continued control by the bankers and landlords and their overlords, the im-Fight For Bill

perialists of Britain and France. Both the Democratic and the Stalin's policy in the conflict Republican high command admit with Finland must be condemned that the Negro vote in the Northbecause his methods to gain miliern states can be decisive in the tary advantages repel the sym-1940 election. At the same time pathy and support of the oppressed peoples of the world. The the Southern die-hards will indamage thus done to Socialist voke all their old tricks to de- ideas far outweighs any immedi- of a transient regime. feat the bill. Only a national ate strategic advantage that he I have faith not only in the wave of militant support can may gain. The Stalin bureaucracy in this situation continues as the secure the bill's passage through main betrayer of Marxism while both houses and deal a body blow still heading the first workers' overthrew Czarism will dump to the persecution of America's state.

American workers should re- backs and will successfully de-Despite its many inadequacies, gard Soviet Russia just as they would a legitimate trade union fallen into corrupt hands. The task is to save and regenerate in spite of Stalin. sible is taking and will take an the union-not to play into the active part in agritation on its hands of those who are opposed behalf. It is a pressing obligation not only to the leaders but to the leaders but to the basic ideas of unionism.

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, clean up the situation! Stalin's Minneapolis Branch atrocities will appear anemic! By Oscar Coover, Branch Organ-

UNIONIST DEFENDS PARTY POLICY ON USSR.

Comarde Editor:

The assertion has been made countries were boss countries. that the Party's policy of uncon- The attack may be ill-advised, ditional defense of the Soviet Union is the reason why no por- but I stand to defend the conper explanation of Russia's in- quests of October even if "poor

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vasion of Poland or Finland has Finland" is wrongfully given the been made, and that this policyworks. leads only to equivocation in re- A. R. "A Mid-Western Moujik."

Omaha, Nebraska.

The Appeal has taken a step war. Nearly everyone wants the backwards in returning to the paper - from the very poorest one-a-week circulation. For a trigts to the so-called "middle revolutionary party to recede in- class" areas. The talk is prefaced stead of going forward at a time by saying that this is an antiwhen historic events are moving war paper and we are giving it so swiftly is a heavy blow in- away as part of a campaign

It is a vital political necessity

First, our party needs it to keep abreast of news events and our attitude towards them. To offset the terific pressure of the bosses our comrades absolutely tions were received during the need the Appeal as frequently as week: we can publish it. We also need the twice-weekly to show our sympathizers and contacts that our Party takes a bold, fighting attitude in answer to the patriotic propaganda of the bosses.

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| talk about our stand against the against war.

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Fraternally, V. C.

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