

Push the Campaign for the New Twice-Weekly Socialist Appeal!

All Major Units of G. M. Go For C. I. O.

AFL Loses Out Three to One as Auto Men Clear the Decks for New Drive; Ford Is Stronghold Now to be Stormed

FLINT, Mich., April 21—Homer Martin, ex-labor leader and ex-skypilot, was washed up in the auto industry when General Motors workers joined Chrysler and Briggs in piling up a three-to-one majority for the UAW-CIO in the NLRB elections held last week.

All that's left now unorganized in the automotive industry is FORD!

All major plants in the GM system went CIO. Only about five small plants went to Homer. Two of these, in Norwood, Ohio, had voted previously to affiliate with the CIO if it won a majority of the General Motors vote. That will leave Homer with his home town, Kansas City, for a stamping ground.

Every plant in Flint, key auto center, rolled up decisive majorities for the CIO. The most crushing majority in Flint was rolled in at Buick, where the CIO received over 9,000 votes to the AFL's 2,000.

At Buick the AFL early during the voting gave up hope, and their observers left the balloting room in disgust.

In Detroit, the AFL, demonstrating its impotence, held up voting for hours trying to find enough AFL men to serve as observers as required by NLRB regulations.

Very few men voted "nether" on the ballots. Almost everyone wanted a union.

Friday, when the results became known, Flint, the city in which the faction fight between Homer Martin and the CIO was hottest, began a celebration that is still going strong.

Celebrants Leave Plants

Workers in the plants couldn't wait until Friday for the quitting whistle to get out and celebrate. Hundreds just threw down their tools and hit for the beer halls to drink to the CIO victory.

In one Buick plant a committeeman reports that the men in his division demanded that he call a one-day celebration strike, and all along the lines men were shouting to him to shut her down.

Losers Pay Off

While this spirit of victory prevailed in the plants, on the outside AFL suckers were paying off debts. One poor devil who bet on Homer was forced to wheel a CIO man down the street in a wheel barrow. A couple of hundred Buick men paraded behind this pair, having left the plant to watch the sight.

Saturday was Witch day in Flint. The most hated Martin Goons suddenly turned up with all sorts of facial decorations. Paul Treadway, blackjacking Martin strong arm man, had a new face fixed up for him by several CIO enthusiasts.

The AFL closed up its headquarters at Chevrolet, fearful

PHILA. ILGWU PROGRESSIVES CLEAN HOUSE

Vote Out Stalinist Administration which Nearly Ruined Union

PHILADELPHIA — A smashing defeat of the Stalinists was administered by the Philadelphia members of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, in one of the most exciting and spectacular union elections that ever took place in the city.

The progressive ticket in Local 15, where the Stalinists had controlled the administration for the last four years, won the election by a huge majority.

A few days after the election, Mary Beckman, the Stalinist business agent who ran for re-election and was defeated, issued a statement to the capitalist press, declaring that "communism" was not the issue in the campaign. She was right, the real issue was the Stalinist rule-and-ruin policy in the union, ever since she and her party clique took office four years ago.

Why Stalinists Were Hated

Four years of bureaucratic rule and corruption! Democracy was something to talk about, but not to practice.

Workers were constantly hauled before the executive board for daring to criticize and their rights taken away from them. Job discrimination was a favorite method used.

Most Militant Elements

This local, the largest of the joint board, was from its very inception composed of the most militant elements in the industry. Unlike the skilled mechanics in the silk dress local, they are in the main young Americans who work in the large cotton shops, where there is a constant struggle to maintain union conditions and standards. The Stalinists did nothing to help these workers except to alienate them from the union.

Complaints were not taken up; shops were not visited for months; shop meetings rarely took place. Yet in their leaflets the Stalinists had the brass to deny this well-known condition. But the workers are not stooges, and turned away from them in disgust. They then attempted to appeal to the Jewish workers on the basis of anti-semitism; but they failed, since most of the candidates of the progressive ticket were Jewish, with the exception of the business agent, who is Italian. Theirs was Jewish.

Enthusiasm Runs High

Tuesday, April 9, the day of the election, the masses of workers packed the halls of the union. Many of the youngsters took off in order to help. They took complete charge, singing and shouting slogans. They filled everyone with courage and enthusiasm. But they got on the Stalinist nerves so much that one of the big shots attempted to call the police.

The progressives won and now a big job is ahead of them, not only to put the organization back on its feet but in going forward to a stronger and more militant union. Great tasks face the union in the near future and the workers hope that the newly elected officers will not disappoint them.

S.W.P. Calls on Phila. Workers To Fight Tax on Wages



James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, who begins a tour of the country next week.

SWP SPOKESMEN TO MAKE TOURS OF COUNTRY IN APPEAL DRIVE

James P. Cannon, National Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party, will leave New York shortly on a tour of the main cities as far west as Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Within a few weeks after Cannon's tour begins, George Clarke will swing out for a coast-to-coast tour. Behind him will come two more coast-to-coast tours by Albert Goldman and Farrell Dobbs. In their wake, other party leaders will be toured through the country.

St. Paul S.W.P. Supports Only Labor Candidates

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The Socialist Workers Party, barred by reactionary election laws from running its own candidate in the April 30 city elections—the party ran a mayoralty candidate in the recent primaries but only the highest placing candidates run in the finals — is calling upon the workers to vote only for those candidates of the Labor Progressive Association who actually are representing independent labor action.

The party's statement says: "Confronting the relief-cutting, labor-hating candidates of the reactionary Fallon - 'Independent' machine now in control of the city government, the workers must demonstrate their own political strength by putting into office those candidates of the Labor Progressive Association who have accepted its program and organizational discipline.

"Despite the sorry spectacle of a campaign in which none of the candidates have dealt seriously and frankly with the basic issues confronting the working class—war, unemployment, the right of labor to organize—the Progressive Labor Association candidates Wenzel, Findlan, Coolgren, Parranto, Maurer, Wyant, Palarine, represent the independent political action of the forces of organized labor. Now is the time to demonstrate that labor has its own strength and its own solidarity and will not be fooled by boss politicians.

No Choice for Mayor

For the militant worker, the campaign for mayor unfortunately offers no choice. On the one hand there is the reactionary incumbent, Fallon, notorious representative of the Chamber of Commerce interests; on the other, the prominent Democrat McDonough, tied up with the national administration, giving full support to

May Day Meeting To Launch Campaign Against Wage Tax

PHILADELPHIA — On May Day the Philadelphia local of the Socialist Workers Party is launching a campaign to enlist the support of the labor movement and the working people of this city in a movement to abolish the infamous 1 1/2% Wage Tax.

The wage tax has produced untold suffering and hardship for the workers of this city. Inaugurated in December 1939 it has already produced a mountain of havoc, only a partial picture of which is told in the following figures issued by the Federal Reserve Board:

The wage tax killed 18,000 jobs. The wage tax killed \$18,000,000 in wages.

The wage tax has killed \$80,000,000 in retail business which means it has lessened workers' purchasing power by approximately that amount.

But these figures don't even begin to tell the story. They don't speak of the workers earning \$12.00 per week and less, who have to shell out \$10.80 of their wages every year to grafting politicians and their industrialist and banker bosses.

These figures don't speak of the unemployed workers who are forced to work for their miserable \$3-\$6 weekly allotment under the vicious Pearson Act—"the work of starve" bill. The unemployed must pay 1 1/2% of this dog's diet into the politician's pork barrel.

The soak-the-poor tax was inaugurated against the known and expressed desires of organized labor in this city. Two weeks before the adoption of the tax law in the City Council, December 14, 1939, G.O.P. chairman Jay Cooke ordered that body to put through the 1 1/2% tax. One week later a city poll of the workers of Philadelphia, conducted by the Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union (CIO), registered almost unanimous opposition against a wage tax of any kind.

Workers vs. Bosses

The issue was plainly joined: the workers versus the Republican boss and the bond holders, coupon clippers, industrialists and department store owners whom he represents. The City Council made its choice. It stooged for the vested interests, slapped the workers in the face and slipped the hand of the City Fathers into the pockets of Philadelphia's proletarians.

There was no surprise in the City Council's action—it was acting true to form according to the pattern established over the past twenty years. During this double decade the finances of this city have been regularly plundered by a crew of political gangsters and crooks for the benefit of themselves and the financial bigshots whom they represent. The poor have always paid the freight.

Graft Runs Riot

Millions of dollars have been thrown into subways and holes in the ground that have never been used, benefiting nobody but contractors connected with the Republican machine. This machine has kept the city in a constant annual financial crisis for the past ten years. Each year they paid for the deficit by eliminating or practically eliminating some public service.

First it was the public library, whose budget has been reduced over 40%, making it almost impossible to keep books on the shelves.

Then it was the school system. Then it was public recreation. Then it was relief for the unemployed—they can't cut this item much more because it is almost non-existent by now.

Finally, when there was nothing left to cut and something still had to be done to plug up the hole made in the city's finances by the political grafters and their racketeer financial friends, the G.O.P. decided to try a new angle. This was the 2% sales tax. The measure sailed through the City Council without stirring a ripple among the bigshots.

Labor Stopped That

But before they knew it, the political pirates had struck a first-class squall. The workers wouldn't take it any more, they had paid enough out of their own little. Trade unions, workers' organizations and even liberals began

Get Started On the Two-a-Week 'Appeal' Drive

By GEORGE CLARKE
General Press Manager

The drive to restore the Two-A-Week Socialist Appeal, begun spontaneously at the convention amid great enthusiasm, has been formally launched by the National Committee of the Socialist Workers Party.

The drive is scheduled to begin on May 1st and continue for 60 days ending on July 1st at which time the Two-A-Week Socialist Appeal will commence publication.

Branches of the party and comrades throughout the country have been primed for the campaign and have been awaiting only the opening gun to get under way. As previously reported in the Socialist Appeal plodges were made, at the very first suggestion at the convention banquet, totalling more than \$4,000. Since then other pledges have been coming through. A complete list of these pledges will be given in an early issue of the Appeal.

Already \$500 of these pledges have been redeemed and word is reaching us every day that more is on the way. Quotas are being assigned to all branches of the party and, as in the first will go over the top in record time. Prizes will be awarded those branches which top the list in speed and amounts.

Preparations are being made to contact all sympathizers of the party to enable them to cooperate with us in this campaign. From reports of those who have visited party friends, it appears that results from this work will be highly gratifying. The revolutionary and class conscious workers have been hard-pressed in this permanent depression, but there is still money among them to back the work that is speeding the Socialist Revolution in the United States.

All that need be done is to go and get it! Do you need arguments for those who are not already convinced of the necessity of the Two-A-Week Socialist Appeal? Then tell them this:

The flames of the European war are already licking at the front door of the United States. Roosevelt is breaking his neck to get us into the slaughter in double-quick time. There is little time left for openly spreading the message of Revolutionary Socialism to the American workers. But there is time enough to reach the workers in the auto plants, the steel mills, on the ships and the docks, the truckdrivers, and the rest of the proletarians who keep the wheels of industry going. Only these men can smash the plans of Wall Street and bring peace and security to this country. They must be contacted now. They must be contacted frequently.

They must be contacted with a Two-A-Week Socialist Appeal. What class conscious worker will say no to this argument? How can he? Every word of it is truth, demonstrated and demonstrable.

How about it? Let's hit the ball and keep going until the Two-A-Week Socialist Appeal begins to roll off the press!

PROGRESSIVES DEFEAT STALINISTS IN FOOD WORKERS LOCAL 16

Climaxing three years of organized struggle, the Progressive New York food workers on April 16 dealt the Stalinist machine in control of the AFL Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union, Local 16, a final blow. The progressives elected 25 out of 34 candidates in the local's elections.

Dave Siegel, progressive candidate for president, got 482 votes more than William Albertson, Stalinist henchman, out of a total of 3200 votes cast. Joe Rodriguez, succeeded as secretary treasurer over Harry Lee, a Stalinist stooge, by a majority of 557. Leo Stenzler succeeded as organizer with 200 votes more than Dennis Gits, a Stalinist tool.

Three progressive business agents succeeded over three Stalinist stooges. The progressives also elected a decisive majority on the executive and all other committees. The defeat of the Stalinist

wrecking crew in this local is of major importance to the culinary workers of this city, where the Stalinist rule or ruin policy reigned supreme for many years. Defeating this crew means the defeat of the bosses' guild and the arbitration machinery that the Stalinists stand for in the culinary unions. The victory of the progressives in Local 16 means that the conditions which the Stalinists tried to import into the local will no longer be tolerated.

The Stalinist scoundrels in their desperate effort to win this election carried on the most vicious anti-Semitic campaign, catering to the most backward prejudices hoping thereby to divide and rule. But the workers of Local 16 showed the way to deal with this wrecking crew, a way which will soon be followed by all the workers of this city.

KU KLUXERS MARCHED, BUT THEY WON'T NEXT TIME, NEGROES SAY

LOS ANGELES—The Ku Klux Klan marched here the first week in April, but the next time they try it they'll need more than their night-shirts to get by.

Hooded and robed, a score of Klansmen started a parade from the steps of the City Hall, marched through the heart of the downtown area, distributed vicious leaflets, and returned to the City Hall, where they disbanded. Along the line of the parade they were joined and supported by other Klansmen.

The leaflets called for outlawry of the Communist party. But they were obviously directed against all labor groups, aiming to further split the working class opposition to war.

The question of stopping the Klan provocations was brought up in the Negro class conducted by the Socialist Workers Party. The class decided to organize a protest. The Negroes—non-party members—helped to write, print and distribute a leaflet defying the Klan, and calling upon Negroes to prepare for action against the Klan.

A mass meeting in the Negro area and other steps to organize against the next Klan parade are being prepared.

Next time the Klan dares to show its ugly face here it will get an appropriate reception from the Negro and white workers.

'FOURTH INTERNATIONAL' IS OUT; REPLACES 'NEW INTERNATIONAL'

The first issue of "Fourth International," the monthly magazine of the Socialist Workers Party, is off the press! The title of the magazine is brand new, but "Fourth International" continues the best traditions of the "New International." The name "New International" was stolen from its rightful owners, the Socialist Workers Party, by a group of renegades, but a tradition continues in "Fourth International."

1. An Open Letter to James Burnham—an attack on the revisionism and anti-Marxism of the New York University professor, by Leon Trotsky. This document was previously printed in the S.W.P. discussion for party members only.
2. The Convention of the Socialist Workers Party—a report and analysis of the background and proceedings of the party convention by James P. Cannon.
3. Industrial Unionism and Labor Unity—recent developments of fundamental importance in the American labor movement are reviewed and analyzed by Farrell Dobbs, Labor Secretary of the Socialist Workers Party.
4. Autopsy of the New Deal—a study of the transformation of the Roosevelt administration by George Novack.
5. Progressive Paralysis—Leon Trotsky writes on the Second International and the war.
6. A New Stage in the War—an Editorial reviewing developments in the Second World War since the conclusion of the Soviet-Finnish conflict and the beginning of war in the Scandinavian peninsula. (See Nat. Com. Statement—P. 8)

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MAY DAY MEETING
Repeal the 1 1/2% Wage Tax
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