Write to us-tell us what's going on in your part of the labor movement-what are the workers thinking about?-tell us what the bosses are up to-and the G-men and the local copsand the Stalinists-send us that story the capitalist press didn't print and that story they buried or distorted-our pages are open to you. Letters must carry name and address, but indicate if you do not want your name printed.

## Auto Worker Comments on G.M. Articles

emphasize certain aspects.

still has to consolidate its gains been associated with the word. rates in many cases, etc.

there are many duplications of "hired hands." plants in the GM organization. ographic purposes primarily, but much better to the colored. be checked.

base pay and bonuses and group group working against group and can be expected. company of worker against work- mon cause?

30-hour week at 40-hours pay, but tion all of this because it is un- my coffee and began to talk: can these conditions be won in usual in the South. 2/3 of the divisions or will a along with the demands?

tin has been ousted, his technique seldom understand the problems mowed them down like blades of greater than anything any unionof organizing seems to remain in of the Black Race like an ad- grass. It was not that you wanted ist has been accused of. Nor has the union, i.e., secret conferences vanced and sincere black worker. to do it-you had to, it was your Pegler accused J. P. Morgan and with Ford executives and other When the time comes for the life or theirs. And besides you his partners of corruption, alhigh - handed methods. These workers to overthrow the ruling were half full of rum. those who formerly fought workers of the South will do even since the war. And that goes for Robert Hutchins, president of the

by and watch them wreck the Negro any more than there is of would jump six feet out of his governors in protest. union while they squabble for the white worker why not call seat in a street car when he heard that experience has taught us be enlarged, so that it can be up. something.

There is a job to be done and Houston, Texas the GM workers want some performance, not distractions nor chest beating. Syracuse, N.Y.

. . .

(H.N., in everything he says, seems to us to be in substantial Editor: agreement with the program proposed in the May 25 and other APPEAL articles from the auto centers. Of course the UAW has to consolidate its gains where it has bargaining rights. Of course it still has to win the rentaining unorganized divisions. H.N. might have added the fact that Ford's absolutely must be organized if the union is to be saved. But how organize the unorganized? Only by inspiring them with a talking referred to the colored union program that will give brothers as "NEGROES." them substantial benefits, and by showing them that the union really means business. The demands upon the corporations go hand in hand with a renew-

# Says "Colored Worker" Preferable to "Negro"

I am in very close contact with the colored workers. With them I cussion on the war consists alwork side by side on the job. On As a worker in one of the Gen- the street I talk with them and eral Motors plants not even also have access to some of their touched by the NLRB poll, I read union meetings and also some of your article, GM Bolder Under their gatherings of other kinds. I War Drive Impetus, (Appeal, have discussed the words "nig-May 25), and find that you over- ger" and also "Negro" with them. and I find a burning hatred for Primarily you overlook the fact the word "nigger" because they that the Auto Workers Union realize the contempt which has

in the 59 divisions in which it has Although some few white peobargaining rights. Then it still ple have used the word "Negro" has to win the remaining 30 di- with the correct pronunciation visions. This is a task which re- still in the majority of cases it quires a constant fight, in the also has had a sound of contempt, divisions already won, for better such as may be noticed in the working conditions, higher pay tone of a well-to-do Southern farmer when he speaks of his Perhaps you do not know that white workers as "tenants" or

I believe that Colored worker These duplications are not for ge- or Colored Race would sound

As to "The Negro Question," I mainly for purposes of strategy. As to "The Negro Question," I picion that the millionaire Hit-One plant is played against another to create an impression that workers are no more of a "questhe plant whose workers are most tion" than the white workers. If docile will receive the nod on or- there is a "question," it is the ders when things slack off. How question of Black and White Sol- founded idea that the ruling plu- can't do. It can't get people too Bethlehem Steel, and in the comfar this actually is done has to idarity and that question is in the tocracy will utilize this slaughter enthusiastic about putting on a pany town of Lackawanna. Has the group system with its majority of colored workers that tion, will hike up hours and bomb shot off to fatten up J. P. Morgan six hour day at eight hours pay ganized plants? This method has before any great advancement trated into millions of minds.

being pushed by the more exper-ienced or capable members: This creates an ideal situation for the of the Black worker for a com-

Many of us unorganized know ers meet together in Union halls. why we are better paid than the I have seen white workers sit and average industrial worker. GM, listen with respect to a Colored

more than their share. If the union officials think that If we can agree, then, that come back in one piece. People when he resigned from the New the membership is going to stand there is no "question" of the would laugh when a veteran York Stock Exchange board of

more easily noticed. Bill Green

## H.N. Reports Union Meeting Discussion on "Negro"

column-heading-"THE NEGRO the same viewpoint.

QUESTION." It was only one week ago that same question was raised at my local trade union meeting. At that time we were discussing the necessity of having some colored brothers on the Execuive Board. And in the discussion that followed a member got up and while

There was no doubt whatsoever that the brother used this term in full sincerity and respect-as his progressive speech would indicate. But immediately a colored ed organization drive.-Editor.) brother got up denouncing this

# ORKERS' Workers Are Not Falling Readily For Propaganda Blitzkrieg, Clarke Reports

By GEORGE CLARKE

ROCHESTER, N. Y .-- I should add a few words of correction to my previous description of the anti-war sentiment among the workers. The war hysteria is being pounded into the consciousness of the people by every streamlined device of capitalist propaganda and with a fury of a "blitzkrieg." This "blitzkrieg" has in a few weeks been able to decimate vocal 'peace" and isolationist sentiment ed the opposing armies.

The first reaction among workers whom you engage in a dismost universally of the emotional outburst: "Hitler is going too far. Something must be done to stop him." The uniformity of this statement uttered by so many people makes it clear that this reaction has been compounded out of passionate and justified hatred of the fascist dictatorand fear whipped up by the cap-

italist press. Yet one need only scratch a little deeper to discover that beneath this hysteria there is an understanding of the war and its causes which is based on far more substantial material. No other term can better describe this understanding than ANTI-CAPITALIST.

The ten years of depression and misery have by no means been eradicated from the minds of the masses by the poison gas of Roosevelt's war barrage. The susdustry will use the war to rake in billions of dollars in profits is frenzied as it may seem on the to the workers at the huge Lackeverywhere prevalent. The well- surface, there is one thing it awana Steel Works, affiliate of hands of the white worker! The to "blitzkrieg" all social legisla- uniform and getting their heads Everywhere the slogan of the I have contacted realize that sol- hell out of wages and crush the and John D. Rockefeller. idarity is a thing that must be, trade unions—this idea has pene-

"The privileged princes of the The question is: How can we new economic dynasties" -- as don't say this in exactly so many er, speed-up, decrease in term of As I am a native Southerner, I words today, but it is not difficult er, speed-up, decrease in term of can easily see that progress has to see that it will not be long behands of the group leader and been made to bring Southern fore they find their way to a foremen and, in general weakens workers of all races closer to- clear formulation of this idea and

# A Veteran Talks

Too many victims of World either before or after the meeting gan to break through the first ruption in the labor movement. I am heartily in favor of the and shake hands with him. I men- emotional reaction. He handed me Is Pegler opposed to graft in

The colored race has many Canadian army on the western bitter campaigns against graft in somely for his column and other greater majority of organized di- leaders who can be brought to front. Most of this time we were business, about which the facts 'writings' by newspapers that are visions be necessary before de- the front to replace the many up in the front lines. I'll never are well known to anyone who in the main notorious for their mands be made for its initiation? misleaders they now have. We forget the battle of Vimy Ridge takes the trouble to read govern- labor hating, that never miss an If the condition is to be pushed, must give our support to their [as he was talking this battle mental reports and court decisions. opportunity to smear labor, that should not organization of the un- new and revolutionary leaders. was happening all over again for He never criticized Richard Whit- have fought unions in the newsorganized divisions and strength- We must remember that the col- the second time-G. C.]. It was new for his thievery in the stock paper industry, that are owned apparently were either bosses' ening of the other divisions go ored worker must have colored a horrible sight. I was up in the market with the viciousness that or controlled by vested interests, leadership! No matter how sin- front with a machine-gun crew. he attacks union officials, al- and that are found on the reac-I also feel that although Mar- cere a white man may be, he can As the Germans came on we though Whitney's crime was far tionary side of every major ques-

"And what did we get out of Kaiser Bill got a swell shack for

member as chauvinistic for using right graft, are certainly anti- LET THEM CLEAN THEIR the term "NEGRO." He was very social and detrimental to the com- OWN STABLES FIRST! violent about it and stated that anybody using the term NEGRO the letter of V. C. in which he apologies and explanations the questions the correctness of your colored brother continued to hold Long Island, N. Y.

> (The evidence of the two letters above, added to that, previously offered by V. C., are overwhelming evidence that the APPEAL column, "The Negro Question," is very badly titled. The Editors might offer the exchosen by a colored comrade who, however, was unfamiliar with the American situation. Beginning with next issue, the

column will have a new title.

war. Yes, and I see that's one place neither side shoots up in this war. But we didn't even get our jobs back. Then after we did finally land something, the depression came along and blew it all away. And now they're starting the same thing all over again!"

He stopped for a minute to he came back.

Workers Regain Party

the unemployed-had been liter- 100% democrat. ally driven out of the party about a year ago by the petty-bourgeois element that then dominated the

is making swift headway. But as Socialist Appeal were distributed

in the workers movement.

Youth Seek Escape

ductive members are constantly convince the majority of the Roosevelt once called them—will and they all were devising special pay. That's the only way to force being pushed by the more exper-

himself in Holland after the | had their eyes on some kind of @ special job that would keep them out of the army. They weren't entirely certain they could get away with it but they were hopme explain how rigidly the M-Day ing . . . After they listened to o confident of their little schemes any more.

What I was trying to tell them take care of his coffee urn. Then -and I think the point got over -was this: If you can't get a "Boy,, he said looking straight job now, or if they won't give dive bombers and tanks destroy- at me, this is one time when I you one when production is be- Electrical Radio and Machine don't envy a man for his youth." ginning to zoom with war orders, Workers won an important vic-The public forum arranged that ducing tens of thousands of air- der to settle a month's strike. evening consisted with one or two planes and other war equipment? exceptions of an audience entirely You don't have anything to gain recognize the union, claiming that composed of workers. After the out of this system except a belly- it was still bound by a previous meeting a group of them re-full of bullets. And if you don't contract with William Beedle, Inmained to discuss further. It de- like the set-up the Big Shots will ternational Representative of the veloped that this group-trade go after you in a way that will AFL electrical workers. Like the union militants and fighters for make Butcher Hitler-look like a previous contract the new one

### The Workers' War

It's time to start thinkingparty in Rochester When I ex- and doing-about the workers plained to them the significance real war, the war against Wall of the split with Burnham & Co., Street and its fuehrer in the White they could hardly restrain their House, the war for jobs, hope and expressions of delight. We had opportunity for the young people a lengthy discussion and they who have skill, ambition and inpromised to return to the party. telligence enough to rebuild this These additions to the S.W.P. are country ten times over. And that certain to give our Rochester or- war will be your war-you won't ganization new drive and help it have to be thinking about A.W.for the first time to sink its roots O.L. then. There will be a reason

Hundreds of copies of the spe-BUFFALO-The war hysteria cial steel workers edition of the SWOC ever intends to organize

Bethlehem steel, they had better people here just out of high school the six-hour day at eight hours

# Akron Labor Council gether. In the last two years, I have seen white and black work-have seen white and black work-action.

like Ford and others, would rath- speaker for as long as an hour, War 1 are still in circulation for We, the undersigned members committee report is public record er pay us just union wages with- applauding during that time when the good of the multi-millionaire of organized labor in Akron and and is written in the simple lanout the union, than possibly more he would speak of solidarity. criminals who are dragging us Summit County, have observed guage that even Pegler can read. than the now-prevailing union Those white workers have asked into World War II. I talked to the yellow journalism of West- Why has he not given it publicwage if we were all organized. In an officer of my union, to invite one of them here, a counterman brook Pegler for some time and ity? Because he is at the very other words we unorganized men more colored speakers. Some of in a small lunchroom. The con- we believe that it is necessary to service of those who try to instill and women receive benefits from the more progressive members versation began along the lines I make a few definite statements corruption in unions to give them the union although we are not would meet the colored speaker, described above. But soon he beconcerning his allegations of corwould meet the colored speaker, described above. But soon he beconcerning his allegations of corwould meet the colored speaker, described above. But soon he beconcerning his allegations of corwould meet the colored speaker, described above. But soon he beconcerning his allegations of corwould meet the colored speaker, described above. But soon he beconcerning his allegations of corwould meet the colored speaker, described above. But soon he beconcerning his allegations of corwould meet the colored speaker, described above. But soon he beconcerning his allegations of corwould meet the colored speaker, described above. But soon he beconcerning his allegations of corwould meet the colored speaker, described above. But soon he beconcerning his allegations of corwould meet the colored speaker, described above. But soon he beconcerning his allegations of corwould meet the colored speaker, described above. But soon he beconcerning his allegations of corwould meet the colored speaker, described above. But soon he beconcerning his allegations of corwould meet the colored speaker, described above. But soon he beconcerning his allegations of corwould meet the colored speaker, described above. But soon he beconcerning his allegations of corwould meet the colored speaker, described above. But soon he beconcerning his allegations of corwould meet the colored speaker.

> though they were equally inmost of us that were lucky to University of Chicago, declared

vestigating the shady practices orgnaizations. of monopoly, which, if not outmon welfare.

Editor:

I was very much interested in ored people. Even after many conclusion that Pegler is not op-

workers' organizations. Employers have spent millions on com--Editors senate committee revealed. This le our own affairs. And we will

discredit them.

Are we accusing Pegler of beprinciple? We do not recall his ing in the pay of the employers? "I served four years in the engaging in any extended and We know that he is paid hand-

labor movement are its own. Years before Pegler ever came on the scene the labor movement stained - from voting. Without methods are now being used by class, I am sure that the colored "I have never been the same volved in the Whitney scandal, as has been eliminating from its ranks the racketeers, usually declared that the contract had planted with the aid of the employer. Neither Pegler nor anyone outside that movement-having as their basic premise an anti-We do not recall the Pegler pil- union bias-has any right to inunion while they squabble for the column "Black and White the sudden screech of the brakes. lar of virtue ever criticizing busi- terfere. We will solve our probdisillusioned. Martin lasted a Solidarity"? And I also suggest But it wasn't so funny. Something incide of us was all twisted disillusioned. Martin lasted a that the quotation of Karl Marx thing inside of us was all twisted and illegal advertising and marneed and we condemn as insincere ration of America strike here, keting practices which cheat mil- and dishonest, the efforts of emlions of consumers annually. He ployers to pry into our affairs, it? We went over there deter- has not given publicity to the because such snooping, back-bitmined to get Kalser Bill. But | findings of the Temporary Na- ting, and sniping is done only for tional Economic Committee in the purpose of destroying our

If all these self-styled 'friends ployers to interfere. We come to the very obvious of labor' who fill the columns of Pegler has shown his color and posed to graft in principle, and ravings are so concerned about have charged, an employers' he is especially silent about in graft, corruption, and vioence, let stooge. His attitude was revealed business. He knows on which side them clean out their own camp by his false malicious reasoning his bread is buttered. Pegier evi- first. Let them drive out the that if the union is not run by dently is only opposed to graft grafters, shysters, strikebreakers, racketeers it is run by 'radicals' introduced in the Phillipine Le- ment of Labor to function in any Is Pegler interested in the rea- so interested in the welfare of the ions are more desirable. In other bill calling for the registration of any other way represent any sons for such alleged graft, and if workingman, let them pay higher words, if the employer controls labor leaders. The bill provides group of workers. so, why does he not state them? wages, reduce working hours, im- it, he is for the union. And yet that "only those who are qualified Applicants are required to be If any corruption exists in the prove conditions and sign con- this is the very basis for most to assume the responsibilities of citizens of either the Phillipines Labor Movement it has been cre- tracts with unions. Let the press racketeering in unions. No, Pegler leadership of workers would be or the U.S. of good moral characated by business in its attempts itself clean out its own columns is not interested in removing permitted to register as labor ter, not convicted of any criminal to buy out leaders. For genera- by ceasing to falsify news, espe- graft. He just wants to make the leaders." cuse that it was originally tions, employers have sought to cially labor news, by demanding unions safe for the employers. bribe, bully, smash and destroy truth in advertising, by printing facts instead of slander.

When the people like Pegler do pany stooges, spies, strikebreak- all this, we will consider their ers, and thugs, as the LaFollette charges. Until then, we will hand-

# ON STRIKE AT AIR KING

what chance do you think you'll tory last week, when it compelled have after the war is over when the Transformer Corporation of there will be no reason to pro- America to sign a contract in or-

The company had refused to provides for a union shop, the company hiring through the un-

To strengthen a similar strike at Air King Radio, the union is picketing the Sears Roebuck stores, which insists on selling the Silvertone Radios manufactured by the struck company. In a conference held Monday between the union and the Sears Roebuck executives, the latter promised the union to withdraw from sale all Air King products until the

175 workers of the Air King Radio Co., on 63rd St. Brooklyn, N. Y., refused to go to work on Friday morning, May 17, after four workers in the plant had been locked out by the management for union activity.

The workers are members of Local 430, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers Union, (CIO). The workers joined the CIO by a vote of 800 to 5 last week when William Beedie, Inter-I spoke to a group of young wake up and start fighting for national Representative in charge of Local B-1010 I.B.E.W. (AFL) suspended the local's elected lead-

The shop manager discharged the workers on what he called orders from Beedie." The work ers demand that a labor board election be held in the shop and come of the election.

# Workers Are Militant

Manufacturing Co., Inc., a sub- is doing. sidiary company of Air King Rathe United Leather Workers Union (AFL) and the Furniture of labor unity.

Beedie called a meeting last week to explain to the "union there by the boss and the others scription drive: die tried to make an explanation of his outrageous actions and then demanded that the "union membership" accept the fake con-The affairs and problems of the tract he proposed. About threefourths of those present voted for the proposal and the others abeven counting the votes Beedie been accepted.

to resist any attempt to break Maryland, Newark, Memphis, the picket line such as has been Arizona, Kansas and Quakertried in the Transformer Corpo- town. where the workers struck for the same reasons as at Air King. branch a complete list of expired Beedie sent 20 scabs from New Jersey through the picket line there on Monday, in taxis with police protection.

resist every effort made by em-

spies, in their employ. If they are and that therefore company un- gislative Assembly on April 18 a way as an officer of a union or in

Fraternally yours, SUMMIT COUNTY TRADES AND LABOR ASSEMBLY Chalmers K. Stewart,

Corresponding Secretary

# Speed Appeal Drive!

A terrific drop in the amount collected for the twice-a-week fund in the last week endangers the whole drive. Only \$74.95 was collected, the smallest amount collected in any week since the

We know that there may be some reasons for this drop but that does not help matters any. The two-a-week Appeal cannot come out even though the reasons for the failure of the comrades may be good and sufficient ones.

Less than four weeks are left for the completion of the drive. From now until the close of the drive every branch and every comrade must place the two-a-week fund as point No. 1 on the agenda of every meeting. In the time that is left we must collect the balance of the fund.

# SCOREBOARD

Branch	Pledged	Paid	%
Upstate New York	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	100
Akron		10.00	100
Rockville	5.00	5.00	100
Texas	5.00	5.00	100
St. Paul	200.00	160.00	80
Chicago		80.00	80
Lynn		37.00	74
Minneapolis		200.00	67
Boston		119.50	66
Flint		55.00	50
Detroit	75.00	36.35	48
New York City	950.00	417.00	44
East Chicago		10.00	40
Baltimore	25.00	10.00	40
Los Angeles	100.00	31.00	31
Newark	100.00	30.00	30
Buffalo	5.00	1.00	20
New Haven	55.00	7.00	13
Philadelphia	25.00	3.00	12
National Office		41.00	7
Maritime Workers	780.00	50.00	6
San Francisco	100.00	0.00	0
Toledo	40.00	0.00	0
Omaha	25.00	0.00	. 0
Seattle	15.00	0.00	0
Indianapolis	10.00	0.00	0
Oakland	10.00	0.00	0
Portland	10.00	0.00	0
Lorain	5.00	0.00	. 0
Pittsburgh		1.00	
Kansas		2.20	
OTAL	\$3897.00	\$1361.05	34.9

We have been soft-pedalling F.I., we look forward confidently that the four workers discharged the need for Appeal sales, and to weekly totals as good or betbe reinstated pending the out- subs. This was because of the ter than the ones attained on the current National Office drive for F.I.

a Twice-Weekly Fund, and also As a starter, every working because of our intense desire to comrade should consider it a du-On Tuesday morning, May 21, see the Fourth International sub ty to subscribe himself; and ev-200 workers of the Royal Wood drive go over with a bang, as it ery comrade, employed or unem-But we can no longer soft-ped- self to bring in at least one out-

dio, walked out in a sympathy al. The Appeal is badly in need of side subscription. If branches constrike. These workers belong to funds, and bundle payments and duct this drive on a competitive sub orders have reached an basis, the Appeal will be glad to alarming low. A partial list of offer a bound volume of the Ap-Workers union (CIO). In refusing delinquents is appended at the peal as an award to comrades who end of the column, that all who lead their branches by obtaining read may hasten to redeem them- six or more subs. To the outstanding branch-or branchestotalling at least 25 subs, the Ap-

We give you first, however, the peal will award the complete membership" his action in the complete list of all subs sent in 1938, and both 1939 bound volcase. There were about 100 work- during May. They total only 80 umes. This offer terminates July ers present. Twenty to thirty for the entire month, a record 6th (a minimum of one sub a were imported from New Jersey, which the Fourth International week, comrades!), so get busy ten were shop supervisors sent bettered weekly during its sub- now!

Minneapolis ..... 14 New York ..... 10 Los Angeles ..... 9 Chicago ..... 6 St. Paul ..... 5 Detroit ..... 4 Cleveland ..... 3 Boston ..... 3 Two each for the states of

North Dakota, Iowa, Ohio and California. And one each, for Omaha, Connecticut, Oakland, Fresno, Illinois, N.Y. State, Tex-The spirit of the workers is as, San Francisco, Montana, Milstrong and militant. They plan waukee, Tampa, New Castle,

> We have mailed to every subscriptions in its vicinity. Now, with all the experience comrades having recently gained in the technique of securing subs for the

Balance due-June 1, 1940: Los Angeles ......\$11.81 San Francisco ..... 59.24 San Diego ..... 5.88 Streator ..... 3.30 Chicago ..... 21.25 Boston ...... 30.75 Lynn ..... 5.55 Flint ..... 54.15 Minneapolis . . . . . . 12.00 St. Paul ...... 18.00 Omaha ..... 3.90 Patterson ..... 5.90 Newark ...... 16.70 Rochester ..... 6.84 Akron ..... 38.05 Cleveland ..... 34.05 Toledo ...... 39.40 Youngstown ...... 80.83 Portland ..... 4.10 Philadelphia ..... 37.40 Reading ..... 7.03 Allentown ..... 5.39 Houston ..... 1.98 Let's get going!

ployed, should take it upon him-

# U.S. Bosses Seek Law To Blacklist Filipino

lence and sabotage in the settle- militant trade unionists.

ment of industrial and agricultural disputes, that laborers would finally learn to present their demands and gricvances in a peaceful and orderly manner."

The bill would make it unlawful for any person not registered U. S. Big Business spokesmen as a labor leader by the Depart-

offence involving moral turpitude The opinion was expressed by and able to read and write either the bill's sponsors that with its English or Spanish or a local enactment, "labor leadership in dialect. The Department of Labor the Phillipines would become an at its discretion, may reject apinstrument for peace, that there plicants for registration -- a perwould be less occasion for vio- fect mechanism for blacklisting