

WORKERS' FORUM

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 cops—and 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.

Will We Remain Firm Against the War?

Editor: I have had the most disheartening news from friends in England. The Independent Labor Party has abandoned its opposition to the war. Its leader, Maxton, says now he can see no alternative to the prosecution of the war. The party has dropped its criticism of the political truce among the parliamentary parties and has itself withdrawn its candidate for a Lancashire by-election. In the seat of its chief strength, Glasgow, the I.L.P.'s nine city councilmen will no longer even collaborate in peace meetings.

Since, as you know, the I.L.P. was the chief spokesman in the British Isles in opposition to the war—your Trotskyists have only small groups there whose voices do not reach very far—it is heart-breaking to find that men like Maxton and Brockway have now collapsed.

Please don't be insulted but this news raises the question in my mind whether anyone will hold out against the martial spirit. So incorruptible a figure as Bertrand Russell suddenly came out for the war. Among my own friends confirmed pacifists of twenty years' standing have changed. I read each week your brave declarations in the Socialist Appeal and I honor you for them. But what likelihood is there that you will prove any firmer than men like Maxton and Brockway? When this country is faced with such grim consequences as those now facing Britain, what will you do? It is of course easy for me as a private person to ask you such questions, although I have no right to. But I wonder.

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Your disappointment at what happened to the ILP is only due to your previous illusions. We never expected anything else from people like Maxton, who voted and made a speech in Parliament praising Chamberlain when the latter returned from Munich. We predicted what the ILP would do. We were able to do so on the basis of a fundamental criterion: the program and conduct of the ILP in peacetime. "How was it possible that the most eminent representa-

tives of the Second International could betray socialism?" Lenin asked in 1914. He answered: "It is perfectly clear that the fundamentals of the political ideology of social-chauvinism perfectly coincide with the foundations of opportunism. It is THE SAME ORIENTATION. Opportunism, in the war environment, engenders social-chauvinism. The main thing in opportunism is the idea of class collaboration."

One could, therefore, predict as we did in advance the collapse into chauvinism of the ILP, as of their American brothers, the Lovestonites and the Norman Thomas socialists. Following an opportunistic course in peacetime—most notoriously in the trade unions—the ILP was certain to succumb in war-time, as they had already done in peacetime, to the pressure of the trade union bureaucrats, agents in the labor movement of imperialism.

As for the "anti-war" stand of the ILP so long as it lasted, it did not include the fundamentals of a revolutionary position on war: continuation of the class struggle during war-time regardless of its consequences to the military activities of its "own" bourgeoisie, and opposition to pacifism in favor of turning the imperialist war into a war of the workers against the imperialists for socialism. Both the pacifism and the isolationism of the ILP became utterly unreal in the face of Hitler's advance. It became plain that Hitler had to be stopped. The revolutionary conception of Hitler being stopped by a victorious proletarian dictatorship of France and England which would inspire revolution in Germany—hastening it, if necessary, by a revolutionary war against Hitler—this was alien to the ILP. Finally conceding that Hitler must be stopped by force, the ILP concedes that task to the British ruling class.

But a party grounded in our fundamental revolutionary conceptions and which, furthermore, has developed and tested its cadres and program over a period of eleven years as we have—that party, you may be sure, will remain firm to the end and at all costs, against the imperialists and their war.—Editors.

Against Whom Is the Anti-Alien Drive Really Being Directed?

Forget for a minute what the capitalist press is saying, close your ears to the blare of the radio—and ask yourself: What is the real meaning of all this hue and cry against the aliens?

Why has Roosevelt demanded that control of non-citizens be transferred to the Department of Justice? Why has the Roosevelt administration asked Congress to pass legislation for fingerprinting and registration of all non-citizens? Why has the Senate adopted a provision to limit to 10% the number of non-citizens employed in any industry? Why are other bills being pushed to cut down immigration even lower than it now is?

Will these anti-alien bills help fight fascism? That is the claim made for them. But what is the truth?

Who suffers most from fascism? The workers and national minorities. Fascism, wherever it comes, murders the workers' leaders, destroys the workers' unions, slashes their wages, lengthens their hours of work, condemns to shame and slavery the Jews and other national minorities.

The German workers didn't want fascism. They voted against it, thirteen million strong, at the last real election held in Germany in 1932. But the German bosses put Hitler in. The Italian workers hated fascism, but with the help of the King and the bosses Mussolini took over the government.

It is obvious, then, that workers don't want fascism.

And who are the aliens? They are mostly WORKERS! Just take one look at the latest government figures available, from the last census. They show that although the foreign-born were only 10% of the population, they were 23% of the industrial workers! They were 28% of the coal miners, 30% of copper miners, 49% of coal miners, and so forth. And about 25% of these foreign-born workers have not become citizens.

In short, the blows aimed at the "aliens" are really blows aimed against the labor movement!

In some cases the game the government is playing is crudely obvious. Take, for example, the case of the famous seamen's unions on the West Coast—the Sailors Union of the Pacific and the Marine Firemen. A fascist sympathizer wouldn't last a day on one of their boats.

At least 30% of the members of these militant unions are non-citizens. As is true with many non-citizen workers in other trades, these seamen in many cases cannot become citizens because they can't comply with the elaborate rules and regulations. But, as every citizen in the same unions will tell you, these non-citizens are splendid union men and enemies to the death against fascism.

Yet the government is now sponsoring a law which would bar all these non-citizens—one man in every three now in these unions—from being employed in the merchant marine. The government's proposed law will help fascism, not stop it.

Here is another example. There are millions of fighters against fascism and victims of fascism who want to come to this country—the Spanish Loyalists, the anti-Nazi Germans and Austrians, Czechs and the Jews. If the government were sincerely desirous of creating a bulwark against fascism and against a "fifth column" here, it could do nothing better than to admit all these refugees whose lives have been blasted by fascism. Yet as part of the government's anti-alien drive these anti-fascist refugees are being barred from entry into this country. Does that help fight fascism? No, it helps fascism.

Nor will the drive against the foreign-born stop with the non-citizens. Already we have seen an attempt made to bar longshoremen, citizens of Italian extraction, from loading American ships in New York. Fortunately in this case the leadership of the AFL International Longshoremen's Union, despite their conservatism, understood the anti-union meaning of this move and refused to permit it. But other moves like this will follow. They are anti-labor moves and have nothing to do with the fight against fascism.

Many non-citizens could easily pass as foreign-born or native-born citizens, and the only way to really tighten up the registration of aliens would be if everybody in the country had to carry a registration card. Registration of aliens is only the first step to an internal passport system.

It is a lie that these steps against aliens are motivated by the desire to fight fascism. The motive is very different. In seeking transfer of the non-citizens into the tender mercies of the FBI, Roosevelt's message to Congress said the government wanted it so it could "deal quickly with those aliens who conduct themselves in a manner that conflicts with the public interest."

What is the "public interest"? By government definition it includes Roosevelt's declaration against strikes; it includes the scuttling of the Walsh-Healey and Wages and Hour Acts as was done in the naval construction bill; the scuttling of the Wagner Labor Act by the House of Representatives' "amendments"; the union-busting "anti-trust" campaign of the Department of Justice, etc. In a word, whoever won't do what the heads of General Motors and U.S. Steel tell us to do—and they are now running the National Defense Council—is against the "public interest."

The real meaning of the blows against the aliens is now clear. The National Defense Council wants a tamed and house-broken labor movement—if it wants any labor movement at all. But the government cannot as yet openly direct its heaviest blows against the unions, for Labor is still strong; therefore the government masks as many blows against Labor as it can under the guise of "anti-alien" legislation.

Every anti-alien bill is a blow against the workers. An injury to one is an injury to all—that is Labor's slogan! Defend yourself and your union, by defending the aliens!

Stalinists Mum on Jingo Resolutions In Auto Unions

FLINT, Mich.—Who said the Stalinists had a new line?

Who said the Communist Party was opposed to the jingo campaign of Roosevelt?

The Daily Worker says so—in words but their members seem to have different instructions.

In Flint the Communist Party members are still back in the days of support to Roosevelt and the Democrats, and are either unwilling or afraid to say a word against the fake patriotic campaign now being waged in the unions. In the Buick Local No. 599 meeting the other day, a motion was made that every member be forced to salute the flag upon entering the union hall. Everyone waited with hushed breath for one of the several known Stalinists to open up on this motion.

BUT NOT ONE OF THEM OPENED HIS MOUTH! Not one of these so-called revolutionaries had the guts to voice a word of opposition to this dictatorial and undemocratic decree. That task was undertaken by a rank and file militant, well known as an anti-Stalinist who attacked the motion as being part of a jingo campaign to harness the union to the reactionary government war campaign, pointed out that it re-

sembled the provisions of a Fascist union, and was aimed at all those who for religious, political or personal reasons did not believe in idolatry of the flag. The motion requiring the flag salute was lost . . . no thanks to the "anti-war Communist Party."

CAFETERIA LOCAL BY-ELECTIONS DUE TO BE HELD TUESDAY

The eyes of all organized foodworkers in New York City are fixed on the special by-election on Tuesday, June 25, for President of Local 302, Cafeteria Workers Union.

There are two candidates in the field, William Kincheloe, representing the "United Orange Ticket" of the progressive anti-administration bloc, and Costas Dritzas, representing the Stalinist "Rank-and-File" machine, which controls the administration. The progressives are confident of victory in the election.

Stalinists On Way Out

Victory for the progressives will be a severe blow to the Communist party machine, already reeling from recent election defeats in two foodworkers locals and a partial defeat in Local 302 last December. In the December elections the United Orange Ticket elected ten officers of the Local, including two business agents, who have since done an excellent job, an indication of what the local can expect when the Stalinists are completely repudiated.

In April, in Local 16, Waiters and Waitresses, the Stalinists were swept out of office by a progressive victory. Three weeks

in addition to this demonstration of craven cowardice, several of the outstanding Stalinist functionaries in the unions, recruited by the C.P. in the honeymoon days of the Pro-Roosevelt Popular Front, attended and participated in the Michigan State Democratic convention held in Flint.

They didn't attend to attack Roosevelt's war-mongering campaign, but to seek support among "the respectable" elements, and to show everyone that they were good "Americans."

No anti-war resolutions have been introduced in any local union in Flint by the C.P. No indication can be seen that they are carrying on any kind of campaign against the reactionary congressional legislative

program of the bosses. That is how the C.P. is fighting war preparations in Flint.

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Only Two Weeks To Go In Appeal Drive!

While more money came in last week on the two-week Appeal fund than the week previous, we are still far from satisfied. \$389.00 was sent in on the fund, boosting the amount collected to the sum of \$1,890.05, 48% of the total amount pledged.

But less than two weeks are left before the end of the drive! Chicago moves up to the top with 105% of its quota. St. Paul came in with the full quota. East Chicago raised its quota from \$25 to \$50. The maritime workers came through with a substantial sum, raising their percentage from 19 to 56%.

All very well—but we MUST have 100% by July 1st!

Branch	Pledged	Paid	%
Chicago	\$ 100.00	\$ 105.00	105
Upstate New York	50.00	50.00	100
Akron	10.00	10.00	100
Rockville	5.00	5.00	100
Texas	5.00	5.00	100
St. Paul	200.00	200.00	100
Lynn	50.00	40.00	80
Boston	177.00	129.50	73
Minneapolis	300.00	200.00	67
Detroit	75.00	46.35	62
Maritime Workers	780.00	435.00	56
Philadelphia	25.00	13.00	52
Flint	105.00	55.00	50
New York City	950.00	422.00	44
Toledo	40.00	17.50	44
Buffalo	5.00	2.00	40
Baltimore	25.00	10.00	40
Los Angeles	100.00	40.50	40
Portland	7.50	2.50	33
Newark	100.00	30.00	30
New Haven	55.00	11.50	21
East Chicago	50.00	10.00	20
National Office	550.00	50.20	9
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Omaha	25.00	0.00	0
Seattle	15.00	0.00	0
Indianapolis	10.00	0.00	0
Oakland	10.00	0.00	0
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TOTAL	\$329.50	\$1890.05	48

SELLING THE APPEAL

MINNEAPOLIS GOES TO TOWN!

Fifteen comrades of the Minneapolis branch are putting one thousand Appeals every week into the homes of Minneapolis workers. Every Monday evening the comrades come to the branch headquarters—get their papers, and cover the working class communities assigned to them. The assignments are permanent so that the same comrade goes to the same community each week.

This week—one man called to the comrade and asked for the paper through the window—then got another for the family upstairs. At another house the comrade was asked to stop the next time he came around and get their subscription.

Enthusiasm for this type of mass coverage with the Appeal is high in the branch, and prompt payment of the cost of the bundle is assured since the bundle is paid for out of the general fund. The slogan is "Rain or Shine, The Appeal Goes Out Every Monday."

The great speed with which events of the day are moving has caused the branch to adopt this policy of mass coverage of Minneapolis, with 1,000 copies every week of the party organ.

Ask your branch literature agent to read the letter from the center about applying the Minneapolis plan of mass work to your

locality. Your branch, too, can do it, at our special rates for quantities. Forward to real mass circulation of the Appeal! Now is the time to achieve it!

GET BEHIND THE SUB DRIVE!!!!

Subs are beginning to come in from the far corners of the country, on the current Appeal sub drive. The mass centers, though, are now just about getting under way, according to local reports, and will start to show up in the week's tally in the very near future.

The total for the current week remains very poor, with only 12 subscriptions on the record as this issue goes to press. They arrived from the following places:

- Montana 3
- Rochester, N. Y. 3
- Houston 1
- Flint 1
- New Jersey 1
- Lynn 1
- San Francisco 1
- Chicago 1
- Total 12

From this point, however, we expect to see a steady rise in the total each week . . . provided the comrades start now, and don't let grass grow under their feet. The Appeal needs money, and there's money in subs! Get yours in early, and remember the prizes!

AIR KING STRIKERS APPEAL TO MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL THREE

The workers of the Air King Radio Co. of Brooklyn, N.Y., are entering the sixth week of their strike in a militant mood.

When the workers left Local B-1010 of the I.B.E.W. (AFL) in a dispute with William Beedie, the International Representative, and joined the CIO, Beedie ordered the dismissal of three of the CIO workers in the shop. Demanding the reinstatement of these workers the entire force walked out. Since then the workers in a subsidiary company of the Air King plant have joined them in a sympathy strike, swelling the total of workers involved to 450.

This week Beedie has made several attempts to bring scabs through the CIO picket line. He secured unskilled workers through the Italian Welfare League and sent about 40 of them by subway to enter the plant without even telling them there was a strike in progress. Most of these people refused to enter the plant. 18 joined up with the CIO as soon as they learned what the conditions were, 12 entered the plant as scabs and the rest ran from the scene.

Local 3 Interferes

The same evening a large group appeared at the shop, members of Electrical Workers Local 3, I.B.E.W. (AFL). They told the picket captain that they had been ordered by their union officials to go to the plant after their regular days work, to protect those who were working in the plant.

On Friday, June 14, several officials of Local 3, I.B.E.W., came down to the strike headquarters

of the CIO and tried to induce Emil Katz, Business Agent of the CIO Local 430, who was expelled from the AFL by Beedie, to settle the strike. He refused to accept their terms and turned the Local 3 officials over to the Air King Strike Committee.

The Strike Committee sat with the Local 3 officials all afternoon but could not reach an agreement. The Local 3 officials wanted the strikers to return to the AFL without securing their one demand, that the status quo be maintained in the shop until a NLRB election be held and that those discharged be rehired pending the outcome of the election. The Local 3 officials then threatened that if the strike committee would not re-enter the AFL under the protection of Local 3 that they would be faced with a battle with the powerful Local 3 membership. They threatened that they would bring down 5,000 I.B.E.W. members to see that the shop was reopened by AFL men.

On Monday about thirty of Beedie's scabs got into the shop and Local 3 sent 100 of their members to protect them on their way home.

The CIO Local 430 passed out a leaflet to the Local 3 men explaining the situation in the shop to them and placing responsibility for the situation where it belongs, on the shoulders of Beedie. Most of the Local 3 men showed reluctance to protect the scabs and many were heard to say that they were going to demand an explanation from their officials on the role Local 3 is playing in the strike.

St. Paul Annual Strawberry Festival AT WELSH'S FARM White Bear, Minnesota Shortcake-Refreshments Entertainment Sunday P.M. JUNE 30, 1940 Follow Highway 61 thru White Bear, then follow Arrows. Sponsors: St. Paul Local, S.W.P. ADMISSION: 35c

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Program of Progressives

The progressives pledge themselves, when they get into office, to carry on a vigorous fight against the Bosses' Association, to improve conditions and to raise the wage scale, especially of the miscellaneous "unskilled" workers and the workers in the chain stores, who are kept separated in a lower wage scale and in a separate branch by the old officials.

"A victory in this election," says an Orange Ticket statement, "will be a step toward the regular December elections, when we will sweep out of office the reactionary Communist party clique which has misled, disorganized, and betrayed the Union."

Perk up! There is a PICNIC WE'RE SAILING FOR SILVER LAKE (Staten Island) on SUNDAY, JUNE 30 MEET AT SOUTH FERRY 10 A.M. Boating-Tennis-Games Home Cooked Food Grand drawing of World's Fair Souvenir Book Sponsors: West Side Br.

Stalinists' Black Record

Under the four-year domination of the Communist Party the conditions of the workers have failed to improve. Wages have deteriorated. Job security, which the workers had even under the racketeers, has been whittled away. Contracts which the union does get are badly enforced, if at all. During this period the bosses association has been built into a powerful weapon against the union, not without help from the C.P. clique, which favored Asso-