

Branch Competition Gets Hotter In Twice-Weekly Drive

**FUND AT \$1,330
AS PARTY BEGINS
TO REACH QUOTAS**

**But More Speed Is
Needed to Reach
Our Goal**

By ROSE HARSNER
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Total to date is \$1,330.70 with reports from the St. Paul-Minneapolis New Year's Eve Jamboree not in as we go to press.

Of the branches competing for the Fourth International banner, San Francisco and Detroit have gone over the top. Both these branches are not satisfied to rest on their laurels. They promise to keep on collecting for the campaign.

Returns from the branches are picking up, but still too slowly. In the remaining four weeks, the barometer must take bigger and faster leaps if we are to realize the slogan of The Twice-a-Week Appeal on the Road to a Daily.

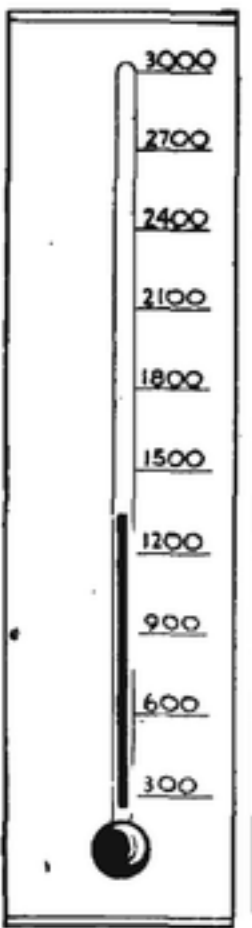
Let us prove in action the superiority of our ideas.

PRIZES
In addition to the three banners for the branches making the best showing in the campaign, considering size and ability of membership, we have three autographed copies of C. L. R. James' books. Two copies of "World Revolution" and one of "Black Jacobins." These are to be given to sympathizers sending in the biggest collection on the Appeal folder now in the mails, or members plugging hardest in the branches. Let us know who they are and what they have done.

From Our Branches
Local New York—The Astoria Branch is the first in the Local to fulfill its quota 100 percent. The next branches making the best showing so far, are Downtown, Bronx and Lower East.

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**Turn
On
the
Heat!
Make
It
Rise!**



SCORE BOARD

City	Quota	Paid	Percent
Kansas	\$ 10.00	\$ 17.00	170
Sacramento	10.00	13.00	130
Durham, N. H.	5.00	6.00	120
Denver	10.00	10.00	100
Detroit	25.00	25.00	100
Marston Mills	5.00	5.00	100
San Francisco	50.00	50.00	100
Toledo	20.00	20.00	100
E. Chicago	10.00	7.50	75
E. Oakland	20.00	13.50	68
Punta Gorda	5.00	3.00	60
New York	1050.00	593.20	57
Newark	100.00	55.75	56
Boston	200.00	108.25	54
West Oakland	20.00	10.00	50
Fresno	5.00	2.50	50
Los Angeles	200.00	101.50	50
Lynn	50.00	22.00	44
Hartford	5.00	2.00	40
Quakertown	15.00	5.50	38
Plentywood	10.00	3.50	35
St. Paul	100.00	34.00	34
Worcester	10.00	3.00	30
San Diego	10.00	3.00	30
Cleveland	200.00	61.00	31
Chicago	250.00	72.00	28
Youngstown	50.00	11.00	22
Fargo	25.00	5.50	22
St. Louis	75.00	16.00	21
Allentown	25.00	5.00	20
Yellow Springs	5.00	1.00	20
South Bend	10.00	1.50	15
Phila.	50.00	2.50	5
Minneapolis	500.00	15.00	3
Akron, Ohio	75.00	0	0
Austin, Minn.	25.00	0	0
Rochester, N. Y.	25.00	0	0
New Haven	20.00	0	0
Washington, D. C.	20.00	0	0
Baltimore, Md.	10.00	0	0
Gardner, Mass.	10.00	0	0
Indianapolis, Ind.	10.00	0	0
Lexington, Ky.	10.00	0	0
Olivia, Minn.	10.00	0	0
Seattle, Wash.	10.00	0	0
Evansville, Ind.	5.00	0	0
Fitchburg, Mass.	5.00	0	0
Flaxton, N. D.	5.00	0	0
Portland, Ore.	5.00	0	0

**Open the Doors
To Europe's
Refugees!**

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FIGHT CUTS IN W. P. A.!

11,000 Taxi Drivers Strike in New York

**LaGuardia Mobilizes Full Police Force as
Reply to Union Demands for
Decent Conditions**

NEW YORK CITY.—A battle between 11,000 taxi-drivers and the big fleet companies began this week when the C.I.O. Transport Workers Union called a strike Tuesday afternoon.

Within two hours, 8,500 drivers and 1,000 maintenance men responded to the call, leaving 7,000 cabs idle in the garages. The addition of the night men will bring the total of cabs laid up to 8,500.

Over 5,000 owner-driver cabs classed as independents are not affected by the strike call. Nearly 100 full time and volunteer organizers carried the strike message to the drivers at shift-changing time. The men quickly responded. They had voted strike authority by a big majority last week.

Cops Mobilize
La Guardia's 19,000 cops were fully mobilized in a show of strength to curb the militancy of the strikers. It was under Mayor La Guardia in 1934 that police broke a big cab strike.

Weeks of stalling and months of chiseling by the big companies culminated when the contracts expired on December 31.

Demands
The immediate union demands contained in the contract proposals include: the closed shop, job security, hiring through union halls on a rotation basis, elimination of the "shape-up" system under which drivers are picked each day by the shop foremen; an end to racial discrimination; nine hours daily for day men; ten hours work for night men, with provision that on Saturdays and holidays the day men be allowed an extra working hour, and night men two extra hours; seniority rights providing for selection of days off and vacation periods; drivers with one to five years service, one week's vacation with \$25 pay, and drivers with five or more

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Moscow Frameups Exposed by Trial Of Ukraine GPU

**Admit 'Confessions'
Extracted from
Victims**

That Russia's secret police systematically extorted false confessions which constituted the basis for judicial frame-ups—a conclusion established last year by the Commission of Inquiry headed by John Dewey in its exhaustive investigation of the trials against Trotsky—received weighty confirmation from reports arriving this week of a trial of five G.P.U. officials which culminated in an order for their execution on January 3.

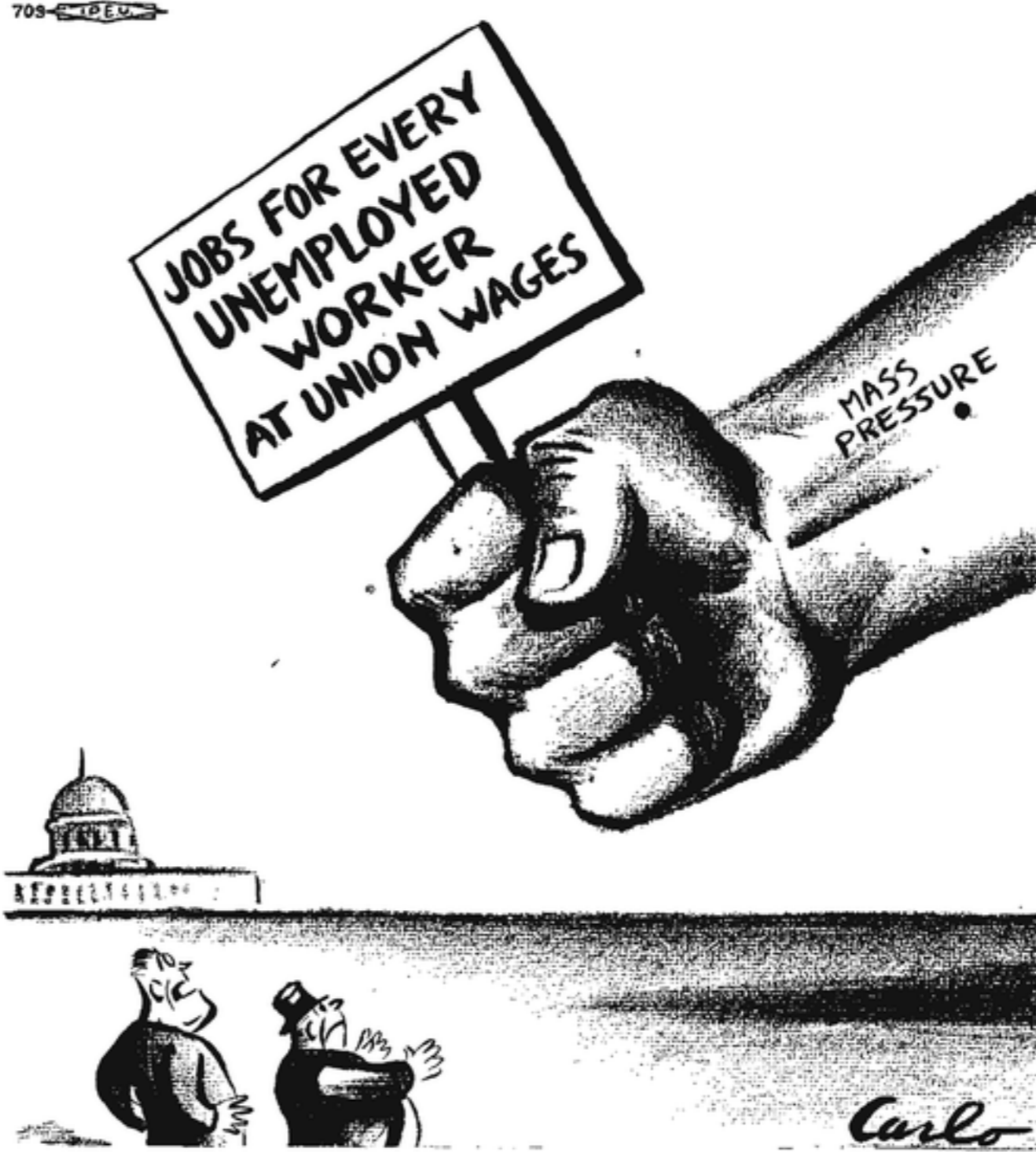
The trial took place at Kiev, in the Ukraine. Despite its obvious importance, the trial was reported only in the Sovetskaya Ukraina of Kiev, no word on the trial appearing in the Moscow press, according to Harold Denny, New York Times correspondent, who underlines the significance of this silence. Nor has a word on the trial been published in the Daily Worker here during the course of the trial nor prior to our going to press. Our sole information so far is based on two dispatches by Denny, January 2 and 3 in the New York Times.

Swear to Any Crime

In the trial, it was brought out that five G.P.U. officials, under the direction of a superior official who "died" before trial, had methodically organized frame-ups, giving them substance by extorting confessions from innocent persons. Among the frame-ups organized were the extortion of confessions in which victims swore they belonged to Fascist youth organizations and testified that others belonged with them, although the organizations were non-existent and innocent victims were forced to accuse others whom they did not even know.

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New Year's Resolution No. 1



Blackwell Freed, Washington Hears

**Militant Acquitted
After Trial at
Valencia**

Russell Negrete Blackwell is free, acquitted by a Spanish court, and is now at the American consular offices in Valencia, according to a telegram received Tuesday by his wife, Edna Blackwell, from Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles.

Welles said that Moffat, consul at Valencia, will report Blackwell's departure from Spain, "which will be by safest means available."

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BRENDA'S PARTY Champagne for the Idle Rich; No Refuge for Oppressed

"What will we do with all the European refugees once they get here? Who is going to keep them alive in the United States? Isn't there unemployment enough as it is, without adding to the army of the jobless?"

These are some of the questions heard wherever the problem of Jewish and other refugees from fascism is being discussed.

It is not merely the average or conservatively minded worker who puts these questions. Even many class conscious workers, who are imbued with the spirit of international solidarity, are asking them too.

There Is An Answer
We do not want to pretend that the questions do not deserve an answer. We think, on the contrary, that they do. We think, also, that there is an answer.

Let us see if we cannot find at least a hint at a solution from the case of Miss Brenda Diana Duff Frazier. Now what can she possibly have to do with the question of the refugees? This:

We don't know the young lady,

but we've read a good deal about her in the papers. No doubt she has many others, including the unemployed, the homeless, the foodless.

Miss Frazier just had a lovely coming-out party in New York, as one paper described it, "in a practically solid gold setting at the Ritz-Carlton" Hotel. Being the year's most gorgeous debutante, she just had to have a little party.

Quite A Shindig
And from all reports, it was a high-class shindig. Supper and breakfast alone came to \$8,000. Now a man can't eat without washing it down, can he? So \$1-

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Slashes Plotted As Foil to Arms Plans

**Roosevelt Presents Congress With Huge
Armament Budget as Garner & Co.
Prepare Blow at Jobless**

A specter haunts Congress, the specter of 15,000,000 unemployed. President Roosevelt is asking for a gigantic war budget, for battleships, for thousands of new warplanes.

The unemployed are asking for food, for homes, for jobs. To finance the arms program he needs to fulfill the war plans of Yankee imperialism, Roosevelt is prepared to slash away at the meager funds now allowed for the jobless and the 3,000,000 workers on W.P.A.

Homes or battleships, jobs or war—that is the reality behind the fanfare in Washington.

Unquestionably with Roosevelt's tacit okay, the other Democratic big-wigs, led by Vice-President Garner, are launching a

campaign whose avowed aim is to cut W.P.A. appropriations by at least a third for the coming year.

This is the plan that lies behind all the palaver about "taking the W.P.A. out of politics" and "reorganizing the W.P.A." and "returning control to state and local agencies." The \$1,425,000,000 appropriated for W.P.A. for the current fiscal year has been exhausted in six months. Now it is being proposed that only \$500,000,000 be provided for the next six months, in other words, one-third of what was spent in the last six-month period! Meanwhile the revamped W.P.A. administration under Col. Francis Harrington would proceed to wholesale shaving of the W.P.A. rolls and make it possible to put over a still smaller appropriation for the fiscal period after next July.

**C. P. MISRULE
IS EXPOSED IN
TEACHERS UNION**

**Progressives Fight
for Inner-Union
Democracy**

A sensational exposure of the rule-or-ruin course which the Stalinists in control of the Teachers' Union in New York are pursuing inside that organization, came to light suddenly when announcement was made of the resignation from College Teachers Union, Local 537, American Federation of Teachers, of one of its prominent members, Professor John L. Childs.

The announcement was followed with the information a few days later that three other members, instructors, like Childs, at Columbia University, had followed him in withdrawing from the organization on substantially the same grounds. The three included Professors F. Ernest Johnson, Bruce Raup and later Dr. Louis M. Hacker.

Hacker, Childs Resign
In making public their withdrawals from the union, the resigning members, especially Childs and Hacker, declared that they could no longer remain members of a union in which democratic control of the organization was mythical, having been replaced by the reality of Stalinist factional domination. The union, they asserted, had been converted into an instrument for the furtherance of the political line of the Communist party.

Though those informed about the real situation in the labor movement have known for some time of the destructive bureaucracy

Every effort will be made to use misuse of W.P.A. funds as a pretext for justifying cuts in those funds by the present Congress.

But the workers—employed and unemployed—must act to prevent Roosevelt, Garner & Co. from putting over this cheap piece of trickery.

Our Answer
We've got our own answer to the questions these Washington gentlemen raise about "politics" in the W.P.A.

Yes, we say, take W.P.A. out of "politics"—i.e., out of the hands of the New Deal politicians—and put it in the hands of the workers themselves!

And to this campaign to cut W.P.A. funds we must counterpose our own program and make Congress' head ache!

ALL WAR FUNDS TO THE UNEMPLOYED!
W.P.A. JOBS FOR ALL UNEMPLOYED AT TRADE UNION WAGES!

OPEN ALL IDLE FACTORIES! OPERATE THEM UNDER WORKERS' CONTROL!

A JOB FOR EVERY WORKER AT A LIVING WAGE!

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STATEMENT OF THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, U.S.A.

Yankee Imperialism At Lima

Hitler's Munich triumph has impelled American imperialism to launch a gigantic counter-offensive for the conquest of the world.

The slogans abandoned by Anglo-French imperialism at Munich—"democratic anti-fascist front," "common action against the aggressor," "collective security"—have now become the weapons of Wall Street. Under these slogans Roosevelt called the Latin American countries to Lima, and they inspired the "Declaration of Lima."

The first fruit garnered by American imperialism following Munich is the capitulation of Great Britain to America's urgent demands. The Munich crash gives the United States what Hull could not obtain in three years of tenacious striving: a month after Munich the Anglo-American commercial accord is signed, and it is followed by the American-Canadian accord: Great Britain opens

the door of its empire to the Yankee rival. Meanwhile Stalin, terrified, looks toward Roosevelt as a savior.

Toward World Empire

The United States takes over the front line in the battle against Nazi and Japanese imperialism, declares open war against German barter trade, places German products on the black-list, incites world public opinion against German barbarism and ostentatiously breaks the neutrality law in favor of China. The United States bars the road to further conciliation between England and Germany—through the Anglo-American and American-Canadian accords which cover nearly two-thirds of world commerce—obliging England to declare economic war against Germany.

First Act at Lima

Lima is the stage on which the American imperialists have played the first act of their world-

wide counter-offensive against Germany and Japan. The United States delegation sought to consolidate Yankee hegemony in Latin-America, to eradicate all European influence, to expel Germany and her allies from Latin-America's markets and, in short, to destroy all positions hitherto conquered by rival imperialisms.

As the United States comes to the front of the stage, the world conflict assumes a new form. Now it is not simply the old conflict between the starved imperialisms, impelled to the offensive by their desperate condition, against the satiated imperialisms who benefited from Versailles and are constantly on the defensive, having as their only aim the preservation of their booty. Now a new partition of the world is being pressed most determinedly by the United States.

Elsewhere, Wall Street still develops its counter-offensive, under

purely economic forms (war against controlled commerce, restoration of complete liberty of commerce, lowering of tariffs, loans, etc.) In the Western Hemisphere, however, that counter-offensive assumes definite political declarations against aggressors and proposals for defensive alliances to ever more precise plans for military strategy.

American imperialism aims at more than monopolizing the markets and the sources of raw materials of the entire Western Hemisphere. It also aims at making the Americas, from Cape Horn to Patagonia, the physical, economic and strategic base required for the coming decisive struggles for the possession of the world. This is why Roosevelt bellicose proclaims, alongside of the evangelical preaching of Hull, that the United States will defend, tooth and nail, all the countries

hemisphere. The "good neighbor" Wall Street, in reality aims to transform its neighbors into American-controlled Manchukuo and Czechoslovakias.

What "Defense" Means

Authoritative military circles do not conceal what they understand by defense of our hemisphere: the military unification of the Americas under the direct control of Washington.

The U.S. War Department considers military control of Latin America and the possession of its sources of raw materials as vital to the development of the defensive and offensive power of the American war machine. Among materials which the United States must secure abroad, the War Department has classified twenty-one as "strategic" and a few others as "critical," that is, materials which are not sufficiently produced at home to provide for the