

Appeal Fund Nearly \$2,500! Two More Weeks To Go!

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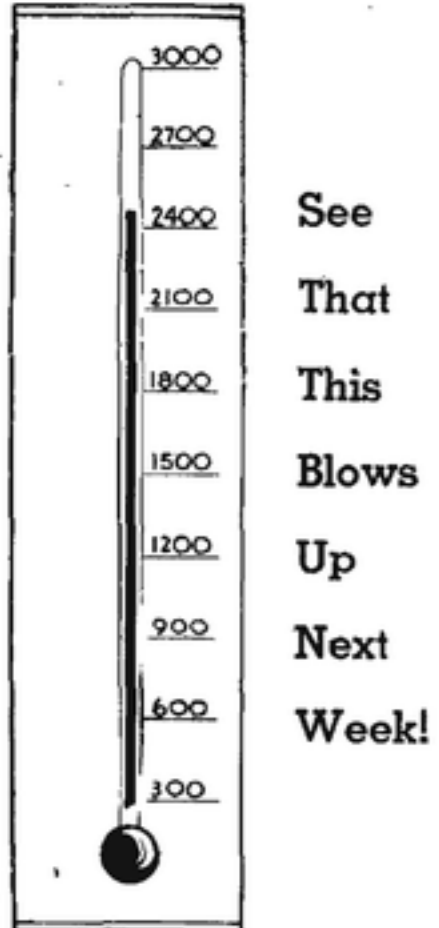
Response Indicates Thermometer Will Spill Over

By ROSE KARSNER
Appeal Campaign Director

We're on our way to bursting through the top of the barometer! The total is \$2,442.80.

The branches, for the greater part, are doing nobly, though a few are lagging and we still have some zeros to record. On the whole, however, the march is toward greater effort to fulfill the quotas 100%. That is a testimony to the vitality of our organization and an evidence of a REAL membership on a national scale, ready to make sacrifices when called upon.

JOIN THE MARCH. COME IN WITH YOUR 100%. LET'S BREAK THE THERMOMETER WIDE OPEN!



From Our Readers

We cannot boast big returns on our national circulation of individual friends and sympathizers for support in this campaign. A few have come in and we hope for many more in the coming days. Thus far the following have responded (the branches will get credit for these in the final count):

New York City: Marjorie Ballamuth, \$2.50 plus \$5 previously reported; Lavanberg House, \$1.00; Anonymous, \$5.00; Eddie Grey, \$2.00; A sympathizer, \$2.00; Nathan M., Bronx, \$1.00; S. B., \$1.00; Dr. L., Bronx, \$2.00; A Friend, \$2.00; A Sympathizer, \$2.00; Na-Sympathizer, \$1.00; Novy, \$5.00; Dwight McDonald, \$10.00.

Y.P.S.L.: Upper E Side Circle, \$3.00; Leon Sedov Circle, \$1.00.

Chicago: H. H., \$5.00; Carl P., \$1.00; J. H., \$1.00; Frank S., \$5.00.

Miscellaneous: Sol T., Miami Beach, \$2.00; A Friend, Harris- (Continued on page 2)

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CROPPER MISERY DRAMATIZED ON MISSOURI ROAD

Police Start Drive To Break Up Sitdown

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
SIKESTON, Mo., Jan. 14.—The State police proceeded today to break the demonstration of the Southeast Missouri sharecroppers, who have camped along U. S. Highway 60 and 61 since Tuesday, by forcing them to return to the farms from which they came.

Charging that the 13 camps established by the 1,500 croppers and their families constitute "a



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menace to public health," the police took the action in agreement with the landowners but without consulting the croppers. The fact that the filth and poverty in which the latter live on the farms produce death-rates from malaria, typhoid, pneumonia and tuberculosis many, many times greater than the rates in the State as a (Continued on Page 4)

Fight Roosevelt's War Program!

AN EDITORIAL

President Roosevelt has delivered his special message to Congress on "national defense" in an attempt to justify the criminal budget which calls for cutting one billion dollars from the hide of the unemployed and adding one billion dollars to the already huge armament program.

The Roosevelt "defense" program is part of an elaborate, vicious, hypocritical scheme for plunging the American masses into a new imperialist war.

"It would be unwise for any of us to yield to any form of hysteria," says the President piously.

But all his actions, especially in the past year, have been calculated to create a state of hysterical chauvinism among the people of this country, under cover of which he can put over the biggest and most costly war program ever known in the peacetime history of this country.

A moment's thought will show that the Roosevelt program is not for the "defense of peace" but for offensive war on behalf of American imperialist interests.

Roosevelt has cunningly exploited the indignation of the American people at the crimes of the fascist barbarians for the purpose of inflaming a pro-armaments frenzy—and nothing else. For, if he were really interested in putting a stop to racial or national minority persecution, he has ample work cut out for him right here—in the lynch-ridden, Jim-Crow South.

Roosevelt showed his real position on Democracy vs. Dictatorship by what Cordell Hull-Alford Landon did at the Lima Conference. Under the hypocritical cloak of a "continental democratic front" Roosevelt tried to line up Latin America for American trade and investment, as against its competitors from Germany and Japan. In the line-up, he had no hesitation in including every reactionary military dictatorship that devastates present-day Latin America.

Just before he presented his super-armaments program to Congress, he staged another war scare to serve as background. He sent his Ambassadors Kennedy and Bullitt to testify secretly before a Senate Committee that war is due in the Spring and that everybody is prepared but the United States. So "secret" was their phoney testimony that it was splashed sensationally over the front page of every newspaper in the country the following morning—which was Roosevelt's aim in the first place.

Now he delivers his special message to Congress, a lie and a deception from beginning to end.

Does he demand the unprecedented sum of two billion dollars for armaments in order to fight a war? Not at all—he just wants to prepare for attacks.

"Calling attention to these facts," he adds, "does not remotely intimate that the Congress or the President have any thought of taking part if another war in European soil..."

Why didn't Roosevelt use the phrase "on foreign soil," the phrase all our great statesmen have been using up to now? Why is European soil alone excluded? Does it mean that the President and Congress are thinking of taking part in another war on Asiatic soil, or Latin American soil? The restriction of the phrase to "European" soil is most eloquent. It shows again that the armaments budget is nothing but a preparation for war to defend and extend the imperialist interests of American capitalism.

Even the details of the expenditures proposed by Roosevelt furnish clear proof of this fact.

We do not support any armaments program of American capitalism, or of any capitalist country, be it "democratic" or fascist. For why should the working class defend its classic enemy—the capitalists, their property, their government?

But even if one assumes that the United States needs "defense from a foreign attack"—the danger of which is denied by scores of the most authoritative military and naval experts—the Roosevelt program is distinctly not "defensive." One single example reveals this in striking fashion. Among the "critical items" Roosevelt proposes in his message are tanks and anti-tank guns.

Against what invader are tanks to be used, and against whose invading tanks are the anti-tank guns to be used? Are the guns to be used against the new Italian amphibian tanks which will sail the Mediterranean and the Atlantic and land at the Battery? Are they to be used against the tanks which Germany will bring over here in the fuselage of her new airplanes? Or against the tanks which Japan will land in San Diego from aboard her tuna-fishing boats? Or against the tanks which Canada will send to recapture up-state New York, or Mexico to retake the Alamo in Texas?

As a "defense" program, the whole Roosevelt armaments budget is a first-class imperialist fraud. It is meant to prepare American capitalism for war—for sending millions of American workers and farmers to protect American investments in the four corners of the globe. And it is meant for the "enemy at home"—the militant working class which demands the right of a job for every man at a decent living wage.

Labor! Smash the Roosevelt war program with your protests and action!

Demand that all war funds go to the unemployed!
Change the super-armaments program into a super-public works and home-building program for the masses!

Let 'Em Eat Bullets!



ROOSEVELT ALIBIS WHILE CONGRESS HACKS AT FUNDS

Militant Struggle Alone Can Check Deep Cuts

FIGHT THE SLASH!

Following the lead given by the President, and carrying the process a step farther, Congress last week got down to serious work in the drive to slash W.P.A.

Nation-wide applause filled the columns of the boss press while the House of Representatives passed a Deficiency Bill allotting a maximum total of \$725,000,000 to cover W.P.A. during the last five months (February 1st to June 30th) of the current fiscal year. After a few hours of dispirited debate, the bill was carried with only a bare 30 votes in opposition.

Since the funds appropriated at the last session, and now being spent at the rate of about \$200,000,000 a month, will be exhausted by the end of this month, and since the provisions of the new Bill compel pro-ration of the \$725,000,000 evenly over the five month period (e.g., at the rate of \$145,000,000 per month), the immediate effect of the new Bill would have to be the firing of 1,000,000 W.P.A. workers. There is no getting around this conclusion, which is simply applied arithmetic. This cut is threatened at a time when doubling the present rolls (now 3,000,000) would not take care of the need.

White House Plays the Game
After days of silence, during which the House passed the cut, the White House finally uttered a peep of protest.

The truth is that the President and Congress are cooperating perfectly in shoving the W.P.A. cut down the throats of the unemployed. The apparently higher sum asked by the President (\$875,000,000) was deceptive: \$125,000,000 of it was scheduled as a "re- (Continued on Page 2)

WORKERS IN OHIO FIGHT WPA CUTS

Unemployed Union Leads Militant Struggle

(Special to Socialist Appeal)
CLEVELAND.—Several hundred members of the C.I.O. W.P.A. Industrial Union protested last Saturday against the "guns not butter" program of the New Deal in a colorful and militant demonstration before the district W.P.A. headquarters. Forming a picket line three deep about the W.P.A. building, fired W.P.A. workers, including more than 100 widowed mothers laid off sewing projects, cried "Stop the lay-off!" and "We demand jobs!"

This was the first mass action undertaken by the new union, whose activities have been constantly hampered and sabotaged by Stalinist influence in the local C.I.O. Despite the fact that the organization had scarcely any funds, and but a few days to publicize and prepare the demonstration, the turn-out in cold and high-piled snow indicates the readiness of the W.P.A. workers to respond to a fighting program.

W.A. Tries Sneak Play
An attempt by the Stalinists to "capture" the demonstration for the benefit of the Workers Alliance was completely squelched. The Stalinists in the Cleveland Industrial Council rigged up a "united front" for the demonstra- (Continued on page 2)

MUNIZ FACES HIS GPU INQUISITORS AS TRIAL NEARS

4th Internationalist Proudly Affirms His Stand

Manuel Fernandez Grandizo Muniz and Adolfo Carlini, leaders of the Spanish Bolshevik Leninists (Fourth International) are still awaiting trial at the hands of the Loyalist-G.P.U. inquisition in Barcelona.

Charged originally with the "murder" of an army captain, these courageous militants are now more frankly accused of trying to form a workers' united front in Spain to fight capitalist reaction behind the sagging Loyalist lines.

From the text of the indictment and a summary of the preliminary investigation, the heroic conduct of Comrade Muniz emerges with inspiring clarity.

To the inquisitors who have brought from Moscow to Barcelona the technique of framed-up (Continued on page 3)

Barcelona Workers Face Supreme Test

Boss Reaction in Loyalist Rear Makes Franco Advance Easier by Hamstringing Workers

By FELIX MORROW

Can Barcelona withstand a siege? This is the question which workers everywhere are asking themselves as Franco's forces, having broken into Barcelona Province, advance upon the chief city of Spain from three sides. On the fourth side lies the Mediterranean, which Franco's fleet commands.

A million proletarian men and women are prepared to lay down their lives in defense of Barcelona. They are the very flower of Spain's working class. Madrid has been primarily the administrative center of the country, with few important factories, but Barcelona is the industrial heart of the country as it is its chief seaport. The Barcelona masses on July 19,

1936 initiated the struggle against the fascist coup d'etat, with bare hands wresting arms from the revolting troops.

If Barcelona's fate rested with these heroic workers, we could say with certainty: despite superior armament, despite the aid of Hitler and Mussolini, Franco will never march into Barcelona.

Workers Are Shackled.
Unfortunately, however, the (Continued on page 3)

Faction Fight Flares Again In U. A. W. Executive Board

DETROIT.—It took exactly three months to blow up the fictitious peace engineered in the United Automobile Workers of America by the bigwigs of the C.I.O. After continual rumblings and minor eruptions, the factional fight between Martin and the Mortimer crowd has again flared up into the open and will now rapidly spread, like a prairie fire, throughout the union.

This time, it appears, it is a fight to the finish, with both gangs realizing that they have pretty near exhausted their whole bag of tricks and that the membership is in no mood to tolerate further scandals at the expense of the union. Both factions see the only way out of the blind

alley in the convocation of an early convention. Each side is hopeful that it can swing a majority of the votes, take over the administration of the union and wipe out the opposition.

The Record

What has either gang to say to the membership at the coming convention in Toledo? What explanations have they to offer for the tragic decline of the U.A.W.? Let us glance over the record since the Milwaukee convention one and a half years ago.

The results of the Ford drive after one and a half years of effort? Zero and worse than zero. The union today has less members in the Ford plants than it did at the time of the convention. (Continued on page 3)

Suicidal Policy Continued

Despite all the bitter lessons of two and a half years of civil war, the Negrin government continues to place all its hopes on Anglo-French aid. Alvarez del Vayo, Spain's foreign minister, spent the crucial days of the week at Geneva, making speeches in the League of Nations Council beseeching the "democratic countries" to permit the Loyalists to purchase arms and ammunition. The same speech has been made by governmental leaders ever

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SCORE BOARD

	Quota	Paid	Percent
Sacramento, Calif.	10.00	20.00	200
Kansas	10.00	20.00	200
Durham, N. H.	5.00	6.00	120
E. Chicago, Ind.	10.00	10.50	105
Denver, Colo.	10.00	10.00	100
Detroit, Mich.	25.00	25.00	100
Fresno, Calif.	5.00	5.00	100
Hartford, Conn.	5.00	5.00	100
Houston, Tex.	10.00	10.00	100
Minneapolis	500.00	500.00	100
Marston Mills, Mass.	5.00	5.00	100
New Haven, Conn.	20.00	20.00	100
San Francisco	50.00	50.00	100
St. Louis Local	50.00	50.00	100
St. Paul, Minn.	100.00	100.00	100
Toledo, O.	20.00	20.00	100
Yellow Spgs., O.	5.00	5.00	100
Washington, D. C.	20.00	20.00	100
Pleasantwood, Mont.	5.00	4.50	90
East Oakland, Cal.	20.00	17.50	87
New York Local	1050.00	757.70	72
Boston Local	200.00	142.25	71
Lynn, Mass.	50.00	34.50	69
Philadelphia	50.00	33.60	67
Punta Gorda, Fla.	5.00	3.00	60
Worcester, Mass.	10.00	6.00	60
Newark, N. J.	100.00	88.25	88
Chicago Local	250.00	143.00	57
Los Angeles, Cal.	200.00	109.50	55
San Diego, Cal.	10.00	5.50	55
Cleveland	200.00	105.00	53
Quakertown	15.00	8.00	53
West Oakland, Calif.	20.00	10.00	50
Allentown, Pa.	25.00	10.00	40
Rochester, N. Y.	25.00	8.00	32
Youngstown, O.	50.00	13.00	26
South Bend, Ind.	10.00	2.50	25
Fargo, N. D.	25.00	5.50	22
Baltimore, Md.	10.00	2.00	20
Seattle, Wash.	10.00	2.00	20
Akron, O.	50.00	8.00	16
Gardner-Fitchburg	15.00	2.00	13
Louisville, Ky.	10.00	0	0
Austin, Minn.	25.00	0	0
Indianapolis, Ind.	10.00	0	0
Lexington, Ky.	10.00	0	0
Olivia, Minn.	10.00	0	0
Evansville, Ind.	5.00	0	0
Faxton, N. D.	5.00	0	0
Portland, Ore.	5.00	0	0