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\$2,800 IS DRIVE TOTAL WITH ONE MORE WEEK LEFT

Drive Success Seen As It Enters Last Week

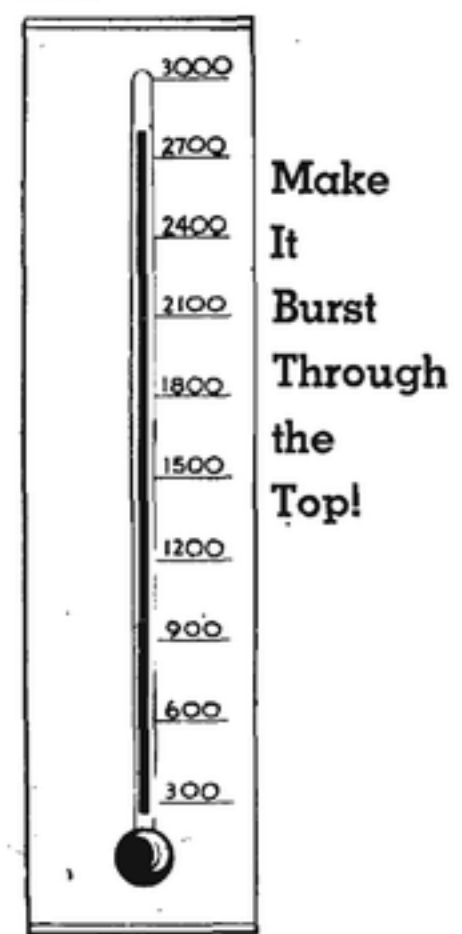
By ROSE KARSNER
Appeal Campaign Director
Total collected to date is \$2,800. This puts us well on the way to the twice a week Appeal—the first step ON THE ROAD TO A DAILY!

Our organization has good reason to be proud of the results obtained thus far, but we must not rest until every branch and every member in it has fulfilled the quota 100%.

One final push, and we begin publishing twice a week. The last lap of any race is as a rule the most arduous. But we can make it. We have already given evidence of the mettle Fourth Internationalists are made of. So don't delay. Send in the balances.

Let's reach the \$3,000 goal, and then—go beyond it!

Remember, the Twice-a-Week Appeal is only the first step ON THE ROAD TO A DAILY. Our next steps are: building a successful distribution machinery; getting prompt bundle order payments.



Make It Burst Through the Top!

FROM OUR READERS

What we need to keep the twice weekly going and improving, is an army of readers like Joe B. of Illinois, Ill., who says: "My subscription to the Appeal expired, I am therefore enclosing \$2 with which to renew it. Soon I shall send you \$3 to cover the stamps you sent me. I am desirous of helping the Appeal—I hope to be able to make a regular monthly contribution soon."

We welcome comrade E's action in starting a monthly Appeal Pledge Fund to help cover the deficit which every revolutionary publication operates on because it cannot secure advertising. Who will apply for Appeal (Continued on Page 4)

SCORE BOARD

	Quota	Paid	Percent
Kansas	10.00	20.00	200
Sacramento	10.00	20.00	200
St. Louis Local	50.00	60.00	120
Durham, N. H.	5.00	6.00	120
E. Chicago, Ind.	10.00	11.50	115
Lynn, Mass.	50.00	54.50	109
Boston, Mass.	200.00	205.25	103
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. 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
East Oakland	20.00	20.00	100
Evansville, Ind.	5.00	5.00	100
Quakertown, Pa.	15.00	15.00	100
Pleasantwood, Mont.	5.00	4.50	90
New York City	1050.00	872.45	83
Los Angeles	200.00	150.00	75
Allentown, Pa.	25.00	18.00	72
Lexington, Ky.	10.00	7.00	70
Punta Gorda, Fla.	5.00	3.50	70
Newark, N. J.	100.00	69.00	69
Philadelphia	50.00	33.60	67
Rochester, N. Y.	25.00	16.50	66
Baltimore, Md.	10.00	6.00	60
Worcester, Mass.	10.00	6.00	60
Chicago	250.00	143.00	57
Fargo, N. D.	10.00	5.50	55
San Diego	10.00	5.50	55
South Bend	10.00	5.50	55
Cleveland	200.00	105.00	53
W. Oakland, Cal.	120.00	10.00	50
Youngstown	50.00	23.00	46
Gardner-Fitchburg	15.00	6.50	43
Seattle, Wash.	10.00	2.00	20
Akron, O.	50.00	8.00	16
Louisville, Ky.	10.00	0	0
Portland, Ore.	5.00	0	0

Open the Doors To Europe's Refugees!

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SAVE THE AUTO UNION!

Barcelona Can Be A Second Madrid

The Workers Saved Madrid and They Can Still Save Barcelona; Negrin and Co. Prepare Their Exit

The siege of Barcelona has begun. In little more than a month, Franco's forces have traversed eighty miles of Catalonia and are at the doors of the biggest and industrially most important city of Spain.

To outflank inadequately equipped troops in the field is one thing, however, and to capture a city of two million people is a task of an entirely different order. Given any serious intent to struggle, the Loyalist leadership can retain Barcelona for many months, at least.

The siege of a great city is an enormous military undertaking, as was demonstrated by Franco's failure at Madrid in November, 1936-March, 1937. Air bombing and artillery have to this day not reduced a total of more than a fourth of Madrid's buildings to ruins. Barcelona, a more modern

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city, could withstand much more intensive attacks than those which Madrid have had to endure.

How Madrid Fought
In the siege of Madrid, the fascists were faced by a determined resistance. Even if they broke into the city, the workers and their wives were prepared for house to house fighting. The initiative of the masses was unleashed and gave results. Workers' committees went through the streets, impressing all able-bodied men into building barricades and trenches.

House to house searches were made by workers' committees for fascist suspects and arms. Over five hundred Assault Guards—police—were arrested and imprisoned as fascist suspects. As a result, no "fifth column" appeared in Madrid.

"Liberal" Traitors
A very different story unfolded when the fascists marched on the Northern cities, Bilbao, Gijon and Santander. The Basque bourgeoisie was in complete control, the workers were permitted no initiative, and the cities were scarcely approached by the fascists—they were not even besieged—when the Loyalists surrendered. Open treachery of high

officers was an important factor, and "fifth columns" were in the open long before fascist troops arrived.

Will Barcelona follow the path of Madrid or of Bilbao? Reports are already insisting that, like the Basque bourgeoisie, the Negrin government has already fled Barcelona. The terrific rate at which the fascists have advanced indicates more than military strength, resembling the disorganization and demoralization of the Loyalist lines during the Northern campaigns, which the Negrin government later admitted to have been due to treachery.

"Times" Hints
It is alarming to note the line indicated by the New York Times correspondent, H. L. Matthews, known to be close to government.

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JOBLESS PARLEY IN FIGHT AGAINST RELIEF SLASHES

Eastern Conference Plans Struggle For Jobs

By BILL MORGAN

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22.—Sixteen delegates, representing more than 9,000 unemployed and W.P.A. workers, gathered here over the week-end, in an Eastern Conference to lay plans for a real struggle for jobs and increased relief for the unemployed.

Stressing the need for united action against the slashing of the relief appropriations by the Roosevelt administration in its cynical haste to build a monstrous war machine, delegate after delegate cited the miserable condition of the unemployed and relief workers who were betrayed by the Stalinist leadership of the Workers Alliance in every section of Pennsylvania, New York and everywhere the Communist party wreckers got control of unemployed organizations.

Adopt Program
The Conference listened to reports from delegates and then proceeded to draw up a program which would answer the needs of the workers. This program, based on the experiences of the many locals present, means action. Some of the demands are as follows: "All war funds to the unemployed!" "A job for every worker at trade union wages and hours with a \$30 minimum weekly wage guaranteed!" "Open the idle factories!" "Against the Means Test!"

A committee on organization was elected and it prepared plans for the united action of all the unemployed and W.P.A. workers against the relief cuts and buck passing of the responsibility from Federal Government to the States and counties. Delegates from the trade unions will be invited to assist in this struggle.

A representative committee of seven was elected to carry on the work of the conference. Lester Heckman, of Allentown, Pa., is the secretary of the committee which consists of Pat Brennan of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., John Justin of Harrisburg, Pa., John Monroe of Baltimore, Md., Rhoda Pearson and Henry Rourke of New York City and Mrs. Briggs of Wisconsin.

Auto Workers! Stop the Union-Wreckers

The present open crisis in the United Automobile Workers Union, which has already split the General Executive Board in two, brought about the naming of a dual president and the calling by the Stalinists of a stogie convention, threatens, literally and immediately, the destruction of the entire union movement in the industry.

Into the creation of this movement went some of the most magnificent chapters of United States labor history. Today this movement faces a prospect where it may be wiped out altogether.

Primary responsibility for the crisis rests upon the vicious gang of union-wreckers known and dishonored throughout the labor world as Stalinists.

Everything healthy in the labor movement withers under the touch of Stalinism.

The Stalinists, with not the slightest responsibility toward the unions, with no aim other than to swing the unions into line for their own counter-revolutionary and pro-war political ends, found obstacles in the U.A.W. to their plans.

As in innumerable other instances, the Stalinists in the U.A.W. set out to rule or ruin—to tie the strings of the union firmly to 13th Street and through it to the Foreign Office of the Kremlin, or to smash the union.

They have now taken their final step. Fearing with good reason to face a really democratic and representative convention of the rank and file of the entire union, they have forced a split in the executive board and called their stogie convention in Cleveland.

Whatever illusions part of the membership may have about the Cleveland gathering, whatever locals may in honest confusion send genuine militant delegates to it, it is guaranteed in advance that the Cleveland meeting will be a 100% Stalinist stogie assembly. Every move, every motion, every resolution, will be dictated by Earl Browder in exactly the same manner that he dictates the proceedings of the American League for Peace and Democracy, the I.W.O., or the conventions of the Communist party itself.

The future of the union movement in auto does not and cannot lie with the Cleveland puppet-show.

But Homer Martin carries also his share of responsibility for the disaster. His irresponsibility, his willingness to bloc up with anyone, however reactionary—including at the start the Stalinists themselves—for some immediate purpose, his failure to carry issues to the rank and file, his ineffectiveness in the organization drives planned for the last year, his secret meetings with Coughlin and Bennett, his dampening of the militancy of the locals in order to make the union "respectable" in the eyes of the bosses—all these factors have played into the hands of the Stalinist union-wreckers.

DON'T BE FOOLED BY F.D.R.'S SHAM "BATTLE" FOR RELIEF!

W.P.A. and unemployed workers are being called to parade in New York on January 28, in a leaflet issued by the "United Labor and Citizens Committee for Jobs and Recovery", under the slogan "Back up the President and the Mayor!"

The sole demand made by this committee—and others like it throughout the country—is "to go forward with Roosevelt by insisting that 'the Senate restores the cut voted by the House of Representatives' in the W.P.A. appropriation proposed by Roosevelt."

The C.I.O. national headquarters has declared itself in similar terms, asking that Congress accept Roosevelt's figure of \$875,000,000 instead of the House bill of \$725,000,000.

Not a word is said by these organizations about the meaning of Roosevelt's own figure. Yet, to "back up the President" means to back him in putting over a program of a billion dollars less for W.P.A. and relief for this year than was spent last year!

The issue is now one of life or death for the union. It will not be solved in a week or a month or at either of the projected March conventions; but if it is ever going to be solved, action will have to be really begun during the next week and month.

It is time for the militant and progressive rank and file of the U.A.W. to assert their own rights, to take over their own union in their own name. The locals must elect their delegates to the Detroit convention, not to submit to Martin but to re-establish the rule of the members over their own union.

They can do so only by an independent struggle of all genuine progressives on an independent program, subordinated to no faction of the warring cliques now composing the leadership.

If the members allow the present struggle to be a mere dog-fight over posts, the fate of the union is sealed.

The struggle in connection with the special convention must be utilized to advance a real program for at least the immediate future of the union, or else it will not make the slightest difference which clique wins out over the next two months.

What kind of program is needed? The minimum essentials are given by the situation in the union and the industry:

1. A 30-hour week with no reduction in weekly pay, throughout the industry.
2. A real organization drive to complete the unionization of the entire industry.
3. Organization, and negotiations with the bosses, backed up whenever and wherever necessary by the weapons that first built the union and got it everything it has ever won: by militant mass action, picketing, strikes, and sit-downs.
4. Rank and file control; full and genuine democracy within the union.
5. An end to the Hillman-Murray receivership. Autonomy for the union in running its own affairs.
6. Elimination of the influence of Stalinism in the union's leadership and policies.
7. Bona fide representation of the entire international at the Detroit convention, with an arrangement and credentials committee including all groups, and competent to guarantee the democratic rights of the locals in getting fair and proportional representation. Exposure of the projected Addes-Mortimer-Thomas convention at Cleveland as a Stalinist scheme to smash the union and certain to be run as a standard Stalinist stogie assembly directed from beginning to end by Browder and his gang of union-wreckers.
8. The genuine unification and consolidation of the U.A.W., which is possible only on the basis of a program of militant struggle and of democratic control of the union by the rank and file.

Senate Temporizes On Relief Slashes While Roosevelt Evades Responsibility

Goes Through Devious Maneuvers to Hamstring Protest Movement

Retreating slightly in the face of the threat of mass protests and the complaints of Governors and Mayors that their treasuries cannot stand any increases in local relief costs, the Senate Committee on Appropriations last week added temporizing amendments to the relief bill passed by the House of Representatives.

Though the Senate Committee fiscal year, it is possible that the House figure of \$725,000,000 as the total deficiency appropriation to cover W.P.A. costs during the remainder of the

Stalinists Move To Smash Organization

Martin Group Shares Blame for Crisis Which Is Imperiling Union's Existence

MEMBERS MUST INTERVENE

DETROIT, Jan. 23.—The United Automobile Workers of America, which fought and defeated the biggest monopolies in the country, is now being split wide open by two contenders for power.

Unless the rank and file speaks up, and speaks up soon, the union will be a smoking ruin, powerless to fight the corporations, unable to shield the interests of the unemployed. The entire labor movement will suffer a major disaster.

On the one side, is the "Executive Board Majority," consisting of the union-wrecking Communist party-Unity Group crowd in alliance with the reactionaries who formerly supported Martin. On the other side, is the Martin group, composed of a few bottom-heavy office holders and backed by a very smelly alliance of reactionaries and the Lovestonettes.

MICH. TEAMSTERS BATTLING COURTS, COPS AND SCABS

Fight Court Order to Brewery Workers

DETROIT—A general strike of all Michigan teamsters was temporarily postponed on January 23, when Drivers Local 271 won its first major victory in the fight to prevent intimidation and coercion of its membership. After refusing to review the case last Saturday, the National Labor Relations Board consented to an appeal to Washington.

Meanwhile whirlwind action by Drivers Local 271 has kept the brewery trucks off the streets. Where scabs succeeded in operating their trucks, they never got to their destination, and if they did break through the tight network of union cruising cars, they never sold their beer. After two of their cars were found wrecked, taxi companies are refusing to haul scabs.

Fight Court Order
The strike was precipitated by a court order by Circuit Court Judge DeWitt H. Merriam, dictating to drivers what union they must belong to. The drivers, members of Teamsters Local 271, were ordered by the judge to join instead the Brewery Workers Union, Local 51.

Originally these drivers were members of Local 38 of the Brewery Workers. Then Brewery International officers signed a closed shop agreement with out-of-town distributors, and established Local 51, with wages under this contract running \$20 a week less than under the contract held by Local 38. The International officers ordered Local 38 drivers to join Local 51. Revolting at this high-handed order, the drivers joined the teamsters union in a body.

When Drivers Local 271, representing these drivers, proceeded to enforce the superior provisions of the contract previously held by Local 38 the labor skates of the Brewery Workers went to the courts for an injunction. Since

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Wrecking the Union

Within a brief two-week period these cliques have inflicted a deeper wound on the U.A.W. than the motor barons with their billions of dollars and powerful propaganda machines were able to do in two years. They have disgraced the union in the eyes of the labor movement and the public at large, and all but crippled its magnificent fighting power. The Detroit capitalist press has been having a Roman holiday, its headline writers competing with another for the most comical description of a very tragic situation.

Compromise Abandoned

About ten days ago a compromise was reached for a joint convention. Now that compromise is ancient history, with two conventions planned, one by the Board in Cleveland, a supposed Communist party stronghold, on March 20, and another by Martin in Detroit, where he believes he has an edge on his opponents, on March 1.

Meanwhile the contending groups have been mobilizing their forces at a feverish pace and the last two weeks have witnessed a spectacle of shameful activity unparalleled in the annals of the labor movement.

The Board majority fired ten Martin supporters, among them a few Lovestonettes (the belly-crawling of this miserable clique has surpassed all records for calloused abdomens).

Martin countered by suspending 15 out of 24 Board members. The Board impeached Martin and appointed R. J. Thomas, president.

Both groups speedily dispatched their strong-arm squads, armed with ball bats, to take over the records at the Griswold Building, International office of the union, and then to the printshop to capture the union newspaper.

The funds of the International Union are tied up because checks must be signed jointly by George Addes, Board Secretary-Treasurer and Homer Martin, opposition president.

The whole business has now been taken into the courts. Last night the strong-arm squads invaded a meeting of Plymouth Local 51 and broke it up by staging a battle royal which was ended when some 300 cops cleared the hall with nightsticks. Most of the workers present took no part in the conflict.

Passing the Buck
Charges are flying thick and fast, the capitalist press running columns of statements and counter-statements. Each side is seeking to throw responsibility on the other for rotten stewardship in the past year-and-a-half.

In this way they hope to capitalize on the rank and file's mounting indignation at leaders who abused the democratic rights of the membership, bent a humble knee to the corporations, failed at the job of organizing Ford's and the competitive parts plants, and wasted the treasury of the union.

Though the Stalinists bear chief responsibility for the debacle, Martin cannot escape his share. The major accusation and the chief scandal of the present fight

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