Over the Top! The Twice-Weekly Begins Feb. 8!

The Twice-a-Week Socialist Appeal campaign has gone over with a bang!

The goal of $3,000 which was set for the minimum sum required to launch the new enterprise, has been subscribed with a speed and enthusiasm hitherto unknown in our movement.

From coast to coast, branches of the Socialist Workers party, units of the Young People's Socialist League, friends and sympathizers of the party and the Socialist Appeal, hastened to make their contributions.

For many, the size of the contributions—which ranged from fifty cents to a hundred dollars—represented a real sacrifice, but it was given gladly.

And now that the financial goal has been reached, we announce that the first issue of the Twice-a-Week Socialist Appeal will appear under date of

Wednesday, February 8, 1939.

The very next issue will be dated the following Saturday, and the Appeal from then on (at least until it becomes a daily!) will come out regularly every Wednesday and Saturday.

A network of correspondence has been established all over the country, including militants who are right in the thick of labor's battles and are in a position to report events as they should be reported in a living, fighting socialist paper.

All important developments in the American scene, in labor's struggles and in labor politics, will be followed consistently in our pages.

And as an earnest of the brighter, more attractive, more informative and more universal character of the new Twice-a-Week Socialist Appeal, we announce the apparance of a number of new features, by our best writers, to appear regularly, some in the Wednesday issue, some in the Saturday issue, some in both.

Covering the international field with news and views of what is happening in the labor, socialist, communist and revolutionary movements in general all over the globe, is a feature department:

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR
By Paul G. Stevens.

The happenings in American politics, analyzed every week, will be covered by another feature department under the sigtitle of:

THEIR GOVERNMENT
By James Burnham

What is going on in the labor movement, the struggle of C.I.O. and the A.F. of L., the development of the left wing movement in the unions, pictures of what is going on in the unions which are not drawn in other labor papers, strikes and fights of importance will be dealt with regularly in the feature:

IN THE TRADE UNIONS
By B. J. Widick

A column of comment in which the author will have a free hand and will be responsible for his own opinions about the fields of labor, industry and finance, the cultural world, the radical groups, and the world of literature—along the lines already so popular in his column in the New International—and to which from time to time he will invite guest conductors:

OFF THE RECORD
By Dwight Macdonald

Readers of the Socialist Appeal from the very beginning, who remember the sprightly humor and snappy observations on the world at large and the labor movement in particular, will welcome back as a regular weekly column:

LEFT JABS
By Bill

Quite another "Bill" will cover the labor movement in a different way. The more human side of the working class struggle, pen pictures of what the men and women of labor have done in the past and are doing right now—in strikes, on the picket line, in the unions, wherever the workers fight for their cause—will appear in story form regularly under the heading of:

ON THE LINE
By Bill Morgan

A column of political comment, sometimes critical, sometimes answering critics, dealing with events and problems of the day in less formal style than is devoted to them by the regular editorials of the Socialist Appeal, will be conducted under the heading of:

IN THIS CORNER
By Max Shachtman

To keep alive and fresh the memory of the great militants of years gone by, of men and women whose stories are a constant source of inspiration, we are planning a regular feature of short biographies, appropriately entitled:

OUT OF THE PAST
By Emanuel Garrett

These are only some of the new features. The new books and pamphlets of importance will be covered; so will the significant moving pictures of the day; so will everything else of interest to our readers—those we have and the many more that we plan to get.

So, on with the Twice-a-Week Socialist Appeal!

More subscribers, more readers, more financial and moral support than ever before!

We've put it over as we planned. Now let's put it over bigger and better than it ever was in the past!

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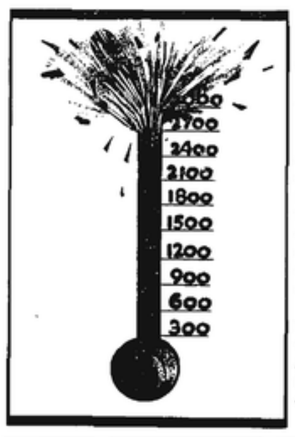

By ROSE KARSNER
Appeal Campaign Director

We've made it, just as we said we would!

Our goal—$3,000. Our dead-line —February 1.

And our total to date is $3031.73.

That's an achievement which even the most hardened skeptic and severest critic of our "small group" will have to admit. A victory which every branch and every member in it, as well as our sympathizers who made it possible have good cause to be proud of.

But we are not satisfied. Why? Because it was our hope that this week's Score Board would record ALL branches' 100% fulfillment of their quotas. However, we have one more chance.

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F.D.R. ADMITS WAR AIM

Auto Workers Union Faces Deeper Split

Martin Resigns from Executive Council of C.I.O.; Indicates Break Away Into Independence or Towards A.F.L.

DETROIT.—The split that has been developing in the powerful Auto Workers Union took a new turn last week when Sidney Hillman and Philip Murray, representing the leadership of the C.I.O., decisively rejected the claims of the Martin group and recognized the authority of the Thomas-Addes-Frankensteen group.

Homer Martin, ousted as president of the union by the 15 members of the International Executive Board whom he had suspended from office, countered this move by a letter to John L. Lewis in which he tendered his resignation from the Executive Council of the C.I.O.

To Consider Affiliation

In his letter, Martin indicated that he would present to the convention he has called for March 4 in Detroit the question of disaffiliating from the C.I.O. and of remaining independent or joining with the A. F. of L.

From the letter, and all the events leading up to what has become a definite split of the U.A.W. into two fighting camps, it became clear that these steps were leading the Martin group and its followers to a break with and isolation from the C.I.O., under whose banner the auto workers, in a series of dramatic struggles, built up an imposing industrial union, whose birth the old-line bureaucrats of the A. F. of L. had systematically prevented by their preposterous craft-union policy.

The Martin move, obviously the result of the systematic provocations of the Stalinist union-wrecking crew which has done its best to discredit the C.I.O. in one field after another, was considered by militant workers to be an indefensible step away from the main

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SENATE CARRIES HOUSE SLASH OF RELIEF BUDGET

Shipstead, Farmer-Labor Senator, Decides Cut

Last week the Senate, by a vote of 46-47, sustained the House figure of $725,000,000 as the sum to carry WPA for the remainder of the current fiscal year (until June 30), and thereby made certain a major relief crisis during the next few months.

If the Bill as passed by the Senate, differing only in certain amendments from that already passed by the House, becomes law, and if no additional measure is passed, it will mean that approximately 150,000 W.P.A. workers will be dropped between now and April 1st; and that **more than a million additional will be thrown out between April 1 and June 30.** This result would be absolutely necessary, because the sum appropriated could not provide for any more.

Shipstead for Cut

The reduced figure was carried in the Senate by a coalition of Republicans and Democrats headed by Senators Byrne (Dem., N.C.) and Harrison (Dem., Miss.). In the final roll call, however, the deciding vote was cast by Shipstead, Farmer-Labor Senator from Minnesota.

The workers of Minnesota should mark this vote well, and remember, when the time comes that Shipstead lined up with the Minnesota business men, bankers, and conservative rich farmers, not with Minnesota's workers.

During its last hours of considering the Bill, the Senate, with no debate or roll-call votes, tacked on a number of amendments. One of these is particularly dangerous in its possibilities for the

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New Crisis Brews in Europe; Negrin Abandons Barcelona

CITY GIVEN UP WITHOUT FIGHT; QUIT IN PANIC

Premier and Other Officials First To Desert

ALL HOPE NOT GONE

Repudiating its pledge of a day earlier to fight to the finish, the Negrin government has surrendered Barcelona without a fight, and has followed this up by evacuating the industrial area just north of Barcelona, including the entire munitions industry.

Premier Negrin himself has crossed the frontier into France, according to the press services.

See article on page 3, and editorial on page 4.

At the time that he was issuing proclamations assuring the Barcelona population of a fight to the end, and that the government would not leave the city, Negrin had already, it develops, rented a villa at Le Perthus, its front door in Spain and its back door in France.

Other Officials Desert

Other officials deserting to France included: Juan Molas, governor of Barcelona province; Edward Ortega Gasset, former gov-

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GUAM BASE PLAN SHOWS OFFENSIVE U. S. INTENTIONS

Admirals Find It Hard to Explain Its Purpose

The Hepburn Naval Board let the cat out of the bag about American war plans when it proposed the fortification of Guam—a little rocky island 6,000 miles across the Pacific.

All week long Admiral William D. Leahy, chief of Naval Operations, and Rear Admiral Arthur J. Hepburn, have been before the Military Affairs Commission of the House trying to explain how the Guam project fits into the "defense" of the United States.

Leahy was compelled to admit that the West coast and even Hawaii could be "defended" without Guam and was all but forced to confess that Guam, 1,365 miles from Tokyo, would in reality become an advance base for submarine and aerial offensive action against Japanese positions.

The only thing a base on Guam would "defend" would be the imperialist interests of Yankee imperialism in China and the Philippines.

Another aspect of the private arrangements being made by the Roosevelt administation in preparation for war was brought to light when it was learned that U.S. bombing plane secrets were being put at the disposal of France, to whom 600 planes are to be sold with the government's permission and approval.

The vast maneuvers now underway in the Caribbean are designed to present a sharp and unmistakable warning to potential rivals in Europe—primarily Germany —that the United States will fight to protect its grasp on the rich markets of Latin America. The Hepburn plan at the same time makes it clear that U.S. imperialism is preparing swiftly for a showdown with Japan in the Pacific.

U.S. BORDER 'IN FRANCE,' F.D.R. TELLS SENATORS

Issue of Colonies Forced by Axis Partners

A MOSCOW DEAL?

With the uneasy truce of Munich running out, President Roosevelt made it plain this week that he intends to thrust this country into war to check the totalitarian threat to American-British-French world domniation.

He called members of the Senate Military Affairs Committee to the White House on Tuesday and told them this country's frontier was the French border.

He also apparently told them that he had already committed the United States to support of Britain and France in a war against Germany and Italy, and promised unstinted aid in money, supplies and munitions.

This dramatic and almost unprecedented White House meeting was Roosevelt's way of bolstering his allies in Europe where, over the strangled body of the Spanish revolution, the contending powers are moving into the midst of another full-blown crisis.

Spring is no longer the time for lighter fancies. It is open season for the threat of war that hangs so constantly over the dying capitalist world.

African Colonies

Last year it was Austria and the Sudetenland. This year it is apparently to be the issue of the African colonies. In his speech on Monday Hitler indicated that together with Mussolini he will put the squeeze on Britain and France for a colonial settlement before resuming his drive eastward toward the Ukraine.

In other words, the German and Italian hijackers are ready to take another crack at the long-hoarded loot of the British and French racketeers.

"Have-Nots" Ask Cut

And in this country the American boss racketeers are preparing to step into this gang war and international thuggery that goes by the name of "foreign relations" in the capitalist world.

The British, French, and American thugs want to hold on to what they have sweated out of the peoples of the earth. The German, Italian, and Japanese hijackers want a cut for themselves.

Hitler put it quite neatly when he said on Monday:

"To assume that God has permitted certain nations to take

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Suicide or Struggle -- These Choices Face the Unemployed

By BILL MORGAN

A neighbor walked into the home of Leonard Bencivenga and his wife in New York City the other day to inform them of the passing funeral of a mutual friend. But they did not answer his repeated calls. They themselves were seeking death in a gas-filled rear room.

When police and physicians revived the aged couple the story came out. A relief check had failed to arrive. The bureau had discontinued their case because "one of the three adult children had refused to assist them out of his weekly earnings."

Bencivenga is jobless, 81 years old and a cripple. His wife, Rose, 78 years old, blind and a cripple.

Suicide is one way out. The bureau and the city officials no longer have to provide for clients who are dead. But to make a fuss in the relief office—to raise hell—is the last thing they desire. And when Mrs. Fanny Marcus did just that there sure was hell to pay in the bureau at 178th St. and Webster Avenue, the Bronx, this week. The papers all sent photographers, the police sent cops to make arrests and the bureau officials were sure embarrassed.

Local 5 Acts

It all happened over night and is still front page news because Mrs. Marcus has no intention of letting the Relief Bureau get off easy with a mere Potters Field funeral. She intends to fight. Her small child is going to eat and that is that.

Local 5 of the Unemployed and Project Workers Union swung into action when the investigators in the bureau refused to discuss Mrs. Marcus' case and demanded an immediate interview. When the committee from Local 5 was refused an interview Mrs. Marcus just sat down and stayed down for twenty-one hours! It was the first one-woman sitdown strike in history and it brought results.

Arrests Made

Her furniture, dumped on the sidewalk by a city marshall, was carried to the bureau by members of Local 5. Her child was cared for by friends. The newspapers sent reporters and photographers. It made all the front pages in town.

This sudden publicity aroused the anger of the officials and soon two militant members of Local 5 were arrested. Mrs. Sabelsky and Ruth Friedman were removed from the scene by a partol wagon in an attempt to scare off further action.

Then Mrs. Marcus was arrested. She had been turned over to the police by the bureau.

U. P. W. U. Prepares Case

But Local 5 is made up of many militant workers and the arrest of two members and the client will not prevent carrying on the case until satisfaction is granted. The bureau knows that a defeat for the U.P.W.U. on this case will establish convenient alibis for future cases.

Arresting the most active workers and the client will give the bureau a breathing spell but in the meantime the U.P.W.U. is preparing its case and getting ready for a real battle.

This is only one of many cases, but it serves as an example of the endless work carried on by the organized unemployed who know that only a relentless, determined struggle will win relief for workers who are getting the runaround and the Raw-Deal in New York City.

OMAHA DRIVERS SOLID IN 22nd WEEK OF STRIKE

Bosses Quit Parley; Demands 60% Settled

OMAHA, Neb.—With over sixty percent of the operators already signed up, the teamsters' strike continued for the twenty-second week against the remaining operators, when the bosses broke off negotiations last week.

The break came when the bosses refused to negotiate on the issue of a closed-shop clause for contracts covering local Nebraska drivers.

Balk At Closed Shop

Tentative agreement had already been reached on a number of basic issues. On over-road runs, the bosses had agreed to the uniform minimum 11-state North Central Area rate of 2¾ cents a mile, roughly 75 cents an hour. On Omaha and local runs, agreement had been reached for a wage scale of 60 cents an hour. The bosses had conceded the closed-shop for over-road runs to main terminals—Kansas City, Chicago, etc.—but balked at the closed shop for local Nebraska drivers.

An enthusiastic membership meeting of the union voted to continue the struggle for the closed shop and authorized Farrell Dobbs, leader of the North Central Area Negotiating Committee, to send individual letters to the thirteen remaining operators, calling upon them to deal directly with the union instead of through the bosses' negotiating committee.

Most of the operators have since signified their desire to meet directly with the workers' committee.

St. Louis Workers Demand Funds For Sharecroppers

(Special to Socialist Appeal)

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Endorsing the campaign of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union to give relief to the homeless sharecroppers of Southeast Missouri, a mass meeting of 500 people held here today, called upon Congress to appropriate funds for the establishment of farm resettlement projects.

The meeting, called by the St. Louis Committee for Rehabilitation of the Sharecroppers, also decided to empower the sponsoring Committee to call a conference of interested organizations which would plan further steps to increase relief aid to the croppers.

Poverty Increased

Owen H. Whitfield, leader of the mass exodus and roadside demonstration of croppers which began Jan. 10, described in detail the plight of his people. Large-scale cotton growing, using machinery which replaced croppers and laborers, he stated, increased the poverty of these workers. The immediate cause of the croppers' revolt was the attempt of the landowners to change the croppers into day-laborers in order to deprive them of the Government cotton-reduction payments.

Evicted from their shacks by the landowners when they refused to accept this change in status, the croppers were then ejected from their roadside encampments by the State police, forced back to the farms and put at the mercy of the planters. Several hundred families, who could not be immediately returned to their masters, were corraled in a concentration camp, a barren 40-acre tract which was as devoid of real shelter as their make-shift camps along the Highways.

Whitfield estimated that at least 250 persons were living in cold, unheated shacks and barns and are in dire need. A tenant on the government resettlement project at La Forge, the speaker urged the extension of this project of 100 families to include the thousands of needy croppers and laborers.

About $100 was collected at the meeting.

Green's Tone Changing As Workers Press For Peace

MIAMI, Fla. Evidence of the growing pressure of the A.F. of L. membership for unity of the American union movement was reflected in the new tone of conciliation towards the C.I.O. in the remarks of William Green, president of the A.F. of L., before the quarterly meeting of the executive council of the A. F. of L. here.

"The psychological situation has changed. It is much better. That is true among both the officers and the members of the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O.

"The members of both organizations are pressing for a settlement That goes for the leaders too," Green declared.

He made an exception, however, of John L. Lewis, C.I.O. chairman, when speaking of the attitude of the C.I.O. leaders.

Green pointed out that "the difficulties on the mechanical side so far as peace prospects are concerned have multiplied. You know how difficult it is to merge already existing unions," and he did not express any optimism for an early peace.

In referring to the auto workers union split as a C.I.O. "family quarrel" he used different language towards that situation than was generally expected. The belligerent tone of Green's reactionary pronouncements against the C.I.O. in the past was lacking this time.

The A. F. of L. executive board is to receive a report on the C.I.O. convention and on Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins' efforts to bring about a behind-the-scenes settlement of the A.F. of L. and C.I.O. dispute.

Green, it appears, believes the C.I.O. convention retreated somewhat from the position Lewis took in negotiations last year.