In the Unions

In the daily and pressing struggles which militant unionists face there is little time left for a consideration of the broader questions before the labor movement.

The split in auto, the crisis in textiles, and other trade union matters deserve and obtain serious study from progressive union-

However, the life and death question of the attitude of trade unions towards war seems much neglected, especially in comparison to the history of the labor movement from 1914-1918.

In the days of Woodrow Wilson, the anti-war sentiment was so dent was re-elected on a "Keep America Out of War!" program.

War-Mongering In the Unions

Roosevelt blunders and admits auto centers. his plan to make "France America's frontier!" Another war to make the world safe for "democracy" with American workers dying in the same trenches in France is in the offing.

How different labor today is reacting to this crisis! Recently, we mere drop of water compared to after a three-day strike. swept the country in 1917.

War-mongering is more common in unions today than anywhere in the country because of the power of the Stalinists who

Yet, M Day will bring a virtual fascization of the union movement. And death on the bloody ery country.

War Means End Of Unions

few unionists understand, how- tied at once.

"Save the Unions!" from the direct negotiations, no union meetings if it can be helped. There is only one way to fight this danger. A clear and unambiguous struggle against imperialist war is the method.

Both the C.I.O. and A.F.L. top leadership are for support of Roosevelt's war plans. Conservative labor leaders in every union also' will support the war! And presses all unionism in war-time porters, refused to commit himwhen the federal government supthe same people will make a feeble criticism too late.

Time to Get Tough

the situation, tighten up the belt Green-Frey-Hutchinson diehards another notch, and "get tough." of the Executive Council of the The union struggles of today are A.F.L. preliminary training bouts to the real battle ahead. It is time to get drag'em-out fight with capitalism the membership which has been the Martin convention would be and its war dangers.

Workers Educational Forum Presents KARL SCHOLZ on "Conflicting Forces in Europe Today Thursday, Feb. 23rd, 8:30 P.M. 810 Locust Street PHILADELPHIA, Pa.

AT YOUR SERVICE! THE APPEAL

man who received his training as of the Executive Board of the hands when the inter-union fight a minister of religion. He is wag- U.A.W., is that well-known Stalin- subsides.

U.A.W., is that well-known Stalin- subsides.

While this fight is raging, Gov- a-week Campaign.

V. R. Dunne Asks Unity Convention For Auto Workers

Progressives Cannot Support Dual Union Move

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

MINNEAPOLIS — "Progressives in the Auto Workers Union must gather their forces and force the Martin and Thomas groups to meet jointly in a unity convention," declared Vincent R. Dunne, noted labor figure and organizer for the militant Drivers Union, Local 544 of Minneapolis.

Dunne reported this. to a large Socialist Workers Forum last Sunday at Socialist Workers Party headquarters, 919 Marquette. He had recently arrived from Detroit where he had conferred with leading figures in the auto situation.

"We will support the March 27 Cleveland convention, and whethstrong that the Democratic presi- er or not to send delegates to Martin's convention in Detroit March 4, is purely a tactical con-Hundreds of thousands of mili- sideration," said Dunne. "No protant workers expressed their op- gressive can support Martin in his position to war at union meetings, move for a dual union and his mass meetings, and other forms plan to carry off a segment of the auto union into either the A.F.L. Eugene Debs grew in stature to of into an independent set-up like a historical figure in the annals Dubinsky's International Ladies of the Martin outfit and the Com- Ford's, themselves sanctioned the the Executive Board. of the working class because of Garment Workers Union. The I.L.his fight against imperialist war. G.W.U. seceeded from the C.I.O. Militant workers understood for the same reason Martin is very well the implications of a now threatening to-inability to "War to Save Democracy!" in deal with the Stalinist union busters on a principled basis"

Dunne advanced a minimum four-point program around which the struggle for unity must be Today, the foreign exchange fought: the organization of Ford, and stock market prices jump the renewal of the contracts with around at every rumor of war! the auto bosses, the organization Confidential Wall Street bulletins of the parts plants and the organspeak of 1939 as the "war year!" ization of the unemployed in the

ARMOUR YIELDS AT FARGO

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

FARGO, N. D.-Scoring another made a survey of the number of smashing victory against Armour unions that have passed anti-war and Company, 600 Armour work-

ing class to another imperialist sent home all workers of the Beef politics to bother about organizing Kill when the Grievance Commit- the unorganized. tee protested against the speed-

battlefields of imperialist war will Beef Kill other departments put Organization Campaign. During fatal step Martin proposes to take closed shop contracts with standbe the lot of millions of union in their protests. One after anoth- this period he spent thousands of to split the automobile workers ardized rates of pay and stand- financial reports by the Internamilitants, not only here but in ev- er, every department in the plant dollars of our money. How many from the C.I.O. We are against ardized working conditions, upon tional Union and Regional Directof every serious unionist in fight- from Armour plants all over the tion. icy on concrete issues today. Too reopen and the grievance be set- backstairs deal with Harry Ben- of the C.I.O.

combining the fight against the locals stick together. There was membership.

ONE CONVENTION --- ONE UNION ONE FIGHT AGAINST THE BOSSES!

An Independent Program of Action for the United Automobile Workers Union of America in the Crisis Created by Martin's Pull-Away from the C.I.O. and the Stalinist Wrecking Crew

Already supported by such locals as Willard Storage

Battery (88), Weatherhead of Cleveland (463) and

The U.A.W. faces the worst crisis of its history. Will it destroy itself and bring back the open shop? Or will it survive the crisis and go forward as a fighting organization to improve and protect the interests of the automobile workers?

The answer to this question lies squarely in the hands of the rank and file of the union.

Today two factions in the top leadership of the union are hurling damning accusations at each other. The Martin gang accuses the Stalinist Executive Board majority of betraying the automobile workers. The Stalinist Executive Board Majority accuses the Martin gang of betraying the automo-

It is our considered judgement tive Board majority.

General Motors

submitted to G.M. a letter giving STEEL. the company permission to "discipline" union men. Result: Chaos in G.M. locals and a worse contract now in existence than over a year ago and present negotiations with the company completely at a standstill.

Who is responsible? Obviously

both groups on the board! Organize the Unorganized?

What progress has been made in the organization drive supposed to have been launched resolutions. They seem like a ers in Fargo went back to work among the unorganized workers of the aircraft and automotive For 14 years speed-up on the parts industries? Zero! No prog-Beef Kill has been an outstanding ress! And that goes for the Margrievance of the Fargo workers. tin Regional Directors as well as for the Mortimer-Frankensteen In its customary high-handed Regional Directors. Both gangs way, the Armour management were too busy playing shoestring

Ford Drive

For over six months Franken-Rallying to the support of the steen was director of the Ford

Fleetwood Fisher Body of Detroit (15), the program of the independent forces is making headway in all parts of the Auto Workers Union. The genuine progressives are determined to remain within the ranks of the C.I.O., in spite of the Stalinist-Lewis provocations, but they want a program that will build and srengthen the union instead of allowing it to be destroyed by the Stalinist-Hillman-Murray combination now at its head.

Dozens of key union men and inist crew hails with joy THE and file. This new group must be smash our union. Both top facstewards have been fired by the SAME KIND OF A BACK- built on the lines of a fighting tions in this fight are guilty of management out of the G.M. STAIRS DEAL WHICH JOHN program and on constructive employing this dangerous antiplants because the International L. LEWIS ENGINEERS WITH UNION-BUILDING principles. Executive Board (the entire 24) MYRON C. TAYLOR OF U.S.

> The Ford campaign has become political football of the two unprincipled factions, while the interests of the Ford workers have been completely forgotten.

Union Democracy? Both gangs are guilty of the

Martin and Mortimer voted to bile industry. kick out of the union two memother locals when they were in entire Executive Board of 24.

Which Convention?

was shut down. The Armour Ford workers did he organize? the autocratic rule imposed on the the successful conclusion of or- ors to all locals. workers were locked out. Three When Frankensteen finished with U.A.W. by Lewis, Hillman and ganizational campaign. days were enough to show Arm- the drive, there were less Ford Murray. But the C.I.O. is the in-

that BOTH ACCUSATIONS ARE cuses Martin of conspiring to seat all bona-fide delegates includ- and legislative action to defeat TRUE! Let us look at the record build a "company union" at ing Martin and his supporters on the vicious anti-union legislation

ed him several days previous to the organization of a new group other states. making their charges to continue representative of the rank and

The Only Union-**Building Program**

atic, aggressive campaign through red scare. union action and legislative pres-

2. CLOSED SHOP IN GENER- a) Simplify and speed up probers of the Lansing Fisher local. AL MOTORS: We propose the cedure for the authorization of These men were expelled without immediate convocation of a rep- strikes; all strikes to be called cratically appointed administrat- conference to negotiate a closed ure. ors over the Flint local and many shop contract, with a 30-hour b) Establishment of a monthly trolled Executive Board majority clause. The G.M. conference shall rather than the present set-up of burg, South Africa. autocratically took charge of elec- abolish the infamous "disciplin- district councils. tions at the Packard local and ary" letter granted G.M. by the c) For a ten member Interna- DRIVE:

power. Both gangs are guilty of 3. FORD AND PARTS each region. destroying democracy in the PLANTS: We propose the immed- d) For reducing the number of iate launching of a big drive to vice-presidents to two. organize all Ford workers and workers of the competitive parts membership right of referendum We must openly condemn the plants. We propose the signing of vote on all important questions.

our that it was playing with fire. men in the U.A.W. than at the dustrial union movement of Amer-"Save the Unions!" is the slogan Telegrams poured into Fargo time of the Milwaukee Conven- ica, and as mass production work- lative campaign for a five billion licked G.M. less than a year ago. ers we must remain part of that dollar WPA appropriation for We can defeat the union wreckers ing the Stalinist rule-or-ruin pol- country insisting that the plant Now Martin has made some movement We must remain part low-cost housing and medical care inside our own ranks. net of the Ford Motor Company. We stand for ONE UNION IN use our union power to establish UNION WRECKERS WITH A ever, that the union-wrecking tac- The Fargo unionists themselves What Martin promised and what THE INDUSTRY. We stand for a thirty-hour week and \$30 week- UNION BUILDING PROGRAM, tics of the Stalinists are part and stood firm. The avalanche of Bennet offered, nobody knows. ONE CONVENTION, but inside by pay-the only decent standard parcel of their political line. And wires that struck the manage- We stand against negotiations the C.I.O. We therefore call upon on WPA. We propose to ask the that unions can be saved only by ment made it clear that P.W.O.C. conducted behind the backs of the all locals to attend the Cleveland C.I.O. to charter the WPA work- with this program of action, noconvention and to insist upon the ers into WPA industrial unions tify us at once. Send all communi-

vigilantes and fascists hired or sponsored by the corporations to smash the union. DEFENSE GUARDS TO PROTECT THE UNION, NOT GOON SQUADS TO PROTECT THE CLIQUE IN-

ity opinions.

ALL OPEN-SHOP, ANTI-UNION LEGISLATION: We propose a vigorous campaign of economic proposed by Governor Fitzgerald munist Party - dominated Execu- Martin negotiations and instruct- The crying need of the hour is of Michigan and the governors of

TEREST OF SOME FACTION.

7. A BOLD FIGHT AGAINST

from Executive Board dictator-

ships; and U.A.W. autonomy from

a Lewis-C.I.O. dictatorship. Let us

fight for democratic rights for all

including protection of any minor-

6. UNION DEFENSE GUARDS:

Let us organize union defense

guards to protect our unions from

the violence and attacks of thugs,

8. RED SCARE: The red scare the negotiations. This same Stal- file and controlled by the rank is the weapon of the employers to union weapon. Martin calls his opponents "Communists." The Communist party brands all opponents who oppose its criminal 1. ABOLISH UNEMPLOY- We are opposed to union men emanti-union policies as "fascists." MENT IN THE AUTOMOBILE ploying this anti-union weapon INDUSTRY. We propose the im- and we propose to fight any group of our press effectively. Already mediate launching of a system- within the union that raises the 18 comrades are participating in

9. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDworst autocracy towards the rank sure to establish the 30 HOUR MENTS: We make the following time. Minneapolis will build an and file. Each ruthlessly squelches WEEK WITH NO REDUCTION constructive suggestions for effective propaganda machine."all opposition members. Both IN PAY throughout the automo- amendments to our present con- M. Freed, Appeal director of

tional Executive Board-one from

e) For provisions giving the

f) Submission of quarterly

The Only Answer! Only quick action of the rank

for the workers. We propose to JOIN WITH US TO DEFEAT

If your local is in agreement

saying: "Every time we get our pictures and the sale of liquor to own in the union paper. He says guts out of strikes. No protests the growing misery of the unemmade a public declaration against The Executive Board has not a tor's Man Friday in the State and is laying the basis for a re-Fred Pieper of Atlanta and is word to say about the organiza- Capitol prepares a real body blow vival of a class-conscious and said to have planted a left hook | tion of WPA workers in industrial to the whole union. It becomes | militant movement among the unation. But Martin's new attorney between Pieper's eyes. Reuther union set-ups under the C.I.O. The daily more apparent that unless employed. It is called the Union

praise to capitalist mayors, governors and presidents, the membership of the U.P.W. believe that only independent working - class action, both on the economic and political fronts can wrest any real gains from the bosses' government. These ideas are clearly expressed in the preamble of the U.P.W. Constitution.

growing, organization contains 1. Work for all at union

3. Large enough housing and public works projects to absorb all the unemployed. 4. A decent living for every

human being. work of the organization.

APPEAL ARMY

HOW DO YOU LIKE THE NEW APPEAL?

all branches, friends and sympa- to your branch quotas, thizers to send us their opinion week we intend to run extracts Week Subscriber! from comments received. Send yours in now and-don't forget-5. AUTONOMY: We propose to serious criticism is a healthy THE MAILS: establish local union autonomy thing for us.

NEW YORK CITY BRANCHES SWING INTO ACTION:

Under the able direction of comrade Abe Miller the branches and comrades in New York are beginning to solve distribution problems on the semi-weekly paper. First, a highly efficient squad of professional salesmen has been organized. They can be seen during the day covering New York's garment workers' area, Times Square and Union Square. Dressed up in their newsboy aprons they look like the real McCoy. All of them are cracker jack salesmen, too!

Branches have begun mass street sales activity. Last week the Upper West Side branch turned out en masse to distribute and sell Appeals in the Times Square and theatre areas. With great success, too! Branches are issuing leaflets, small cards advertising newsstands that carry our paper folders, etc. And on the subscription drive, New York has 15 in one week. The Twice-a-Week Appeal is putting a little zest into the New York party's AND FROM OTHER SPOTS:

"We are organizing the Appeal

Brigade to handle the circulation the work. We should raise that number, to 30 over a period of Minneapolis. Incidently, M'pls. has ordered and paid for 6 news-

"We have every hope that your trial. Martin, when in power, auto- resentative rank and file G.M. within the constitutional proced- project to bring out the Appeal California; M. Meyers of New semi-weekly will meet with suc- Brunswick, New Jersey; Paul cess."--A letter from the Social- Fielding of Akron, Ohio; A. J. other locals. The Stalinist con- week and no reduction in pay conference of local union officers, ist Workers League of Johannes-

ON THE SUBSCRIPTION

This week has seen a fairly new jobs. good start, considering that it is only the first week. But we must A FEW REMINDERS: subscribers to at least 100 if we newsboy aprons yet? are to reach the 1,000 goal by

We have sent around a special (3) How many bound volumes

which will enable almost every party member to become a sub-This is the second of the Twice- scriber. Take this offer up at a-Week Appeal. The first one has your next branch meeting and met with nothing but praise and send in the results. Subscriptions acclaim from all sides. We'd like obtained this way will be credited

Remember our slogan: Every of the semi-weekly Appeal, Next Class Struggle Fighter a Twice-a-

STATEMENTS NOW IN

We are now mailing our final statements on the old, weekly Appeal. This will give each branch an opportunity to clear up its old balance before we bill it on the semi-weekly paper. Many branches have done sobut there are some large branches which, instead of cutting down their bills, have added to them. It is necessary for us to increase our income beginning right now. We feel that no agitation on this point is needed-the thing to do is act immediately. Send in payments on your balance to the

Here's the list of new subscriptions obtained during the first week of the Campaign: New York City..... 15

Appeal.

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5 copies per issue. (2) Fresno, Calif. has resumed taking the Appeal and likewise begins with an order of 5.

gins its history with an order of

This week we take pleasure in introducing and greeting a bunch of new literature-agents for the Appeal. E. McCreary of Fresno, Mounjie of Toledo, Ohio; and finally, John Margo of Los Angeles. We wish all these comrades the best of success in their

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was adopted only yesterday. local built up to almost a closed young people. shop, this gang on top tears it down with its faction fighting."

moved closer to an open A.F.L. position. Martin, questioned by reself on the matter of A.F.L. affili-The job of every progressive ate of Frank X. Martel. Even the unionist has become tougher. The conference of Martin supporters, union wreckers from within the held in Northern High School labor movement, the class ene- here last week, voted to table a mies from without, are deter- motion breaking from the C.I.O., mined to crush the workers in so strong is the antipathy to the the interests of Wall Street and A.F.L. craft union bureaucrats. Yet Martin is compelled by neces-Now is the time to take stock of sity to align himself with the

Red-Baiters For Martin His following is largely made in shape now for the knock down, up of that backward section of timer that locals who attended turn them to their jobs. sections of the A.F.L.

Yesterday a conference of Cath- | Mortimer's personal opinion. olic, Protestants and Jewish priests met here and plunked

In the strong Chevrolet local in tents." The conference also went ther's West Side Conveyor, is car- islature his anti-picketing law Flint, workers have been heard on record against indecent motion rying on a little red-baiting of his which will take the heart and

progress among the Executive vised by the Lovestone "Commun-

Who is to get the swag? That is the only consideration that former Martin supporters pay any attention to at all. They are blissfully unconcerned with | ner's. any program that will push the union forward-except of course when some statement is required for public effect.

prompted by Coughlin and the suspended from the U.A.W. Moryellow newspapers to believe that timer's statement came from New John L. Lewis and the C.I.O. are York where he probably just had "communist." Moreover Martin's emerged from a conference with lack of a majority will result in Earl Browder. The rest of the an isolation that will compel him Executive Board immediately disto seek support in the reactionary owned Mortimer, saying in a faint-hearted voice that this was

The new editor of the United shop committees, workers can ex-

this pot-pourri of Stalinists and priations was before Congress. this Executive Board favored Roosevelt's slash as against Gar-

They have not a solitary word to utter against Roosevelt's jingo war program and armaments budget. Nor do they have any pro-Characteristic of the mentality gram to fight the attacks of the of the Stalinist gang was the split- corporations or to defend the inting statement of Wyndham Mor- terests of the unemployed or re-

Meanwhile General Motors is making the best of the factional situation, Last week it issued a statement to the press saying that it would not negotiate with either set of officers until "their positions and authority have been clarified." But although local unions have

proved strong enough, despite the

is George Bernard, well-known and the Stalinists were vicing for Stalinists are keeping a watchful the rank and file group gains of Progressive Workers. A.F.L. lawyer and intimate associ- positions as President and Vice- eye peeled for the interests of power and momentum and forces | Firmly convinced that the intheir company union Workers Al- | this issue to the front, the anti- | terests of the unemployed cannot liance. Two weeks ago when the picketing measure will become be served by singing hymns of law in Michigan.



split, to force them to deal with Dale Edwards of the Lower which were awarded in the Twice

The program of this new, but demands for:

2. Immediate increase in all SRA and W.P.A. budgets.

The Constitution also provides for democratic control of the or- YOU HAVE A HEAVY DATE! ganization by the membership and down one hundred percent for "a Automobile Worker, official organ pect a first class battle on their East Side Branch, Local New guarantees that all funds collectman who received his training as of the Executive Board of the hands when the inter-union fight York, making up the banners ed from the membership shall be used to build, and carry on the