

Demonstrate Against Fascist Garden Rally on Feb. 20!

On February 20, under the guise of "George Washington Birthday Exercises," the allied Fascist-Nazi organizations are planning to hold a mass mobilization in the Madison Square Garden.

The Garden meeting is being built up by a series of smaller rallies already held and planned during this week in various parts of the city—the Bronx, Brooklyn, Harlem and Queens.

The mobilization is backed by Hitler's German-American Bund, the notorious Pelley's Silver Shirts, the "Social Justice" gang of Father Coughlin, the Hague gangsters from Jersey City, and a further assortment of anti-Semites, labor-haters, Red-baiters and similar scum.

The Madison Square mobilization of the Fascists is an impudent provocation to the workers of New York!

The provocation must not go unanswered.

New York City has one of the strongest and best organized trade union movements in the world. The Garden meeting is aimed at it.

New York City has the largest Jewish population of any city in the world. The Garden meeting is aimed at it.

New York City has the largest radical population in the country. The Garden meeting is aimed at it.

New York City is the center of all progressive thought, all liberal movements. The Garden meeting is aimed at all of them.

Can these insolent scoundrels be allowed to carry through their provocative mobilization unchallenged?

Are the workers of New York going to sit by quietly and wait until these Fascist assassins grow arrogant and powerful enough to carry their war against labor and the Jews into every district, with daggers, blackjacks, brass knuckles and guns?

Are the workers of New York going to remain

quiet, drugged by illusions, until they wake up some day in the concentration camps, under the whip of triumphant Fascism?

Are the workers of New York going to let La Guardia take care of the problem—La Guardia whose police always give the Fascist meetings the maximum of protection?

Are the workers of New York going to follow the Daily Worker, organ of the belly-crawling Stalinists, who beg District Attorney Dewey to do the job that only organized, militant labor can do?

If the workers act that way—then chalk up another victory for the Fascists, another setback for labor.

There is another way, however. That way means a triumph for labor, a crushing defeat for the Fascists.

That way is—

Organize a militant, mass counter-demonstration at the Madison Square Garden on February 20!

There is not a minute to lose in preparation.

Tens of thousands of New York workers—Jews and Gentiles alike, employed and unemployed—must be at the Garden at 6 o'clock in the evening of the crucial day.

Let the Fascist scum see the invincible battalions of the working class of New York massed in imposing array.

Let the would-be "Storm Troopers" learn that American labor will not let them take another step in their drive to impose a Fascist dictatorship on the masses.

Answer the Fascist provocation with labor's mass counter-demonstration!

Workers of New York! Turn out in such numbers that your demonstration will never be forgotten!

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Negrin Begs "Safe" Peace from Franco Uses Madrid Zone To Hold Up Franco

Wants a "Safe" Peace for Himself and Friends; Seeks Fight, Not for Victory But "Pending Arrival of Peace"

ACTS ONLY FOR POWERS

Premier Negrin of the Spanish People's Front confirmed this week that he is ready to make peace with the Fascist Franco.

He wants peace—but a "safe peace."

Safe for whom? For the millions of workers and peasants handed over to the mercies of the Fascists?

No, safe for the hides of the People's Front leaders and safe for the imperialist aims of Britain and France.

This is the essence of the proclamation issued by Negrin in Madrid calling upon the people to fight on—"pending the arrival of peace."

This is no call to revitalize the struggle against the Fascist beasts.

This is no call to fight on until the victory is won.

This is no effort to use the great resources that still exist in Central Spain for turning the tide against the Fascists.

This is just using these resources to squeeze a better bargain out of Franco for the Loyalist government leaders and their mentors in London and Paris.

The Stalinists hailed the return of Negrin and Foreign Minister del Vayo to Central Spain as proof that they were going to carry on an irreconcilable struggle.

Now it is revealed to be nothing but a crude attempt to haggle for better terms at the expense of the masses and the soldiers in Central Spain.

Negrin dropped all pretense of opposing Fascist reaction. He asked first that the lives of the government leaders be spared and second, that Franco pledge to remove Italo-German influence from Spain.

It was significant that a third demand previously made by Negrin, for a plebiscite on the future government of Spain, was not reiterated by him in his proclamation. The key paragraph of the latter, indicating that other forces in Loyalist Spain were demanding a last-ditch fight, reads:

"There is no room for other discussion than absolute identification with the government, as the latter is preparing the defense of uninvaded Spain, pending the arrival of peace in an atmosphere of independence, safety and liberty."

The Stalinists, seeking to cover up the treachery of their accomplices in the People's Front, simply omitted from their press the sections of Negrin's proclamation referring to moves for peace!

The Daily Worker of Monday

HAINAN SEIZURE GIVES JAPANESE STRATEGIC BASE

Commands Maritime Routes Of Major Powers

Japan last week occupied the Chinese island of Hainan in the South China Sea and thereby opened up a new chapter in the changing history of the imperialist balance of power in the Pacific.

Hainan sits astride the vital British route from Singapore to Hongkong. It is less than 200 miles across the Gulf of Tongking from the coast of French Indo-China. It is only a little more than that from the American outpost in the Philippines.

In the approaching imperialist war Hainan will have the utmost strategic importance. The Japanese have made it plain that this is what they have in mind, for no sooner had their forces landed than work was begun on air-dromes and fortifications. Dredging operations were begun in the harbor of Hoihow to permit entry of the larger warships.

Threat to France
The importance of Hainan has long been recognized in Far Eastern inter-imperialist arrangements. In 1897 France extracted from China an assurance that the island would be handed over to no third power. In 1907 France and Japan agreed mutually to respect each other's "sphere of influence" in China, and Hainan came within the French zone. Since the beginning of the conflict in China in 1937, the Japanese have held the occupation of Hainan over the heads of the French as a constant threat.

Bowing to these threats France closed the Indo-Chinese border to arms traffic destined for the Chinese armies—but this compliance did not help. Taking advantage, as usual, of the acutely strained situation in Europe, Japan cut away the seals and signed.

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RUBBER STRIKE IN THIRD WEEK

(Special to Socialist Appeal)
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15—Five hundred and fifty striking workers at the Goodrich rubber plant here continued to hold their picket lines today, established when the rubber barons extended their drive against the six-hour day to the West Coast.

Employees had been working six hours daily with an average four day week, when the company, notorious in its main plant at Akron for its labor-baiting, attempted to increase hours under the guise of a flexible work week.

Blasting the boss pretense that increased hours would not mean lay-offs or pay cuts, the workers struck Jan. 30, and threw picket lines around the plant.

Applying Their Trade Union Line!



Irish Republicans Open New Drive Against English Rule

By THOMAS O'REILLY

A most startling and dramatic revival of the long, bitter struggle of the Irish people against British tyranny is at present in full swing. A wave of bombings, attributed to members of the Irish Republican Army in England, began on January 19, as a protest against the long occupation of the six northeastern counties of Ireland by a British Army.

The extent to which the panic has spread among British officials is evident in the mobilization of 75,000 policemen, including Scotland Yard's greatest experts, for a house-to-house search for clues in the Irish districts of England.

The Houses of Parliament were closed to the public for the first time since the World War following a blast in the wall of Walton Prison, Liverpool, where a number of persons are being held in connection with the explosions.

De Valera Shows Colors
In Dublin, De Valera, once a leader in the fight for the national independence of Ireland, introduced and had passed in the Dail several bills providing for juryless trials, death to "traitors," the right of police to arrest or detain anyone suspected of planning to commit an offense and the right of the police to question

Refuse Support for Move Toward A.F.L.

Rank and File Group, Fighting Martin and Stalinists, Records Growing Influence Among Members

C. P. LOOTING DISCLOSED

(Special to Socialist Appeal)

DETROIT, Feb. 13.—Turbulent fighting continued in the Auto union at high pitch this week as local after local voted in the convention battle—Detroit (Martin) or Cleveland (C.I.O.). The largest and most influential of the locals put their names in the C.I.O. list.

Violence in local after local characterized the fight. Goon squads organized by both sides broke in and disrupted meetings. In Flint, a goon squad led by Bert Harris broke up a meeting where Frankenstein spoke at the I.M.A. auditorium.

In Detroit, Pat McCartney's goons invaded a meeting of C.I.O. followers in the Packard Local. The Executive Board crowd threatens reprisals in kind. It is interesting to note that these "unionists," so militant and brave against other union men, are tame as lambs before the corporations.

The rank and file group, which came into existence last week (its militant program was published in the last issue of the Appeal) and which has created widespread sympathy for itself among the members, extended its influence in union ranks. In many of the large locals, groups have already been formed and in others groups are under way.

At the meeting of Chevrolet Plant 6 of the Flint U.A.W., the reactionaries succeeded in tabling the resolution voicing the policy of this group by only two votes. Several hundred votes were cast.

Progressives Mobilizing
In the near future, spokesmen for the third group indicate, a conference will be called of all locals and groups in local unions to organize the fight before, during and after the Cleveland Convention to place the union on a fighting program and against the clique politicians of the Stalinist and Martin stripe.

Meanwhile the C.I.O. entered the situation through a report by Hillman and Murray who were appointed administrators over the U.A.W. late last summer. They naturally came out flatly against Martin and in favor of the Executive Board. Their findings and recommendations admit the heinous influence and practices of the Stalinists in the U.A.W. In their own way, they confirm once again the charge we have repeatedly made that at the bottom of the sickness in the auto union is the virus of Stalinism.

But their statement can only be construed as a shame-faced whitewash of the Stalinist Executive Board Majority. While they refer to Stalinist influence they also point on the other side to Lovestone influence—a negligible factor in the union. And nowhere do they specifically identify the real danger and the real culprits: the Executive officers and the

Hillman's Letter
On February 9, right in the midst of the fight in the auto union, Sidney Hillman and Philip Murray, C.I.O. bosses who have been trying to establish a receivership over the U.A.W., sent out a circular letter to all locals of that organization which, while centering the attack upon Homer Martin, made the first direct attack delivered in the name of the C.I.O. The circular placed the latter on the ban along with the Lovestone group.

"The committee," said Hillman and Murray, "condemned the practice of certain political sects injecting their factional war-cries into the councils of the U.A.W. It recommended in the Allis-Chalmers local, Milwaukee, the right of the International Union to restrict and eliminate those who would use the local for Communist party purposes. In Lansing, Mich., it recommended against permitting the 'Lovestone' Communists to manipulate the local for their sectarian purposes.

"In condemning both Communists and 'Lovestone' Communists the coordinating committee took the side of neither Martin nor (Continued on Page 2)

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