

## 'Save Union' Move Gains More Locals

Francis Dillon, Professional Union Pay Roll  
Leech, Crawls Into Auto  
Faction Struggle

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)  
DETROIT, Feb. 18.—Local 210 of the McCord Radiator Co. voted at a membership meeting to send delegates to the Cleveland convention and join forces with the four locals fighting for the program "One Convention, One Union, One Fight Against the Bosses" and against Stalinist-Lewis domination of the United Automobile Workers of America. (The four locals previously on record for this program are Local 15, Fleetwood Fisher Body of Detroit, Willard Storage Battery Local 88, Weatherhead Local 463 and Baker-Rauland Local 451 of Cleveland.)

DETROIT, Feb. 15—Mister Francis Dillon is in town! Francis Dillon, the labor skater who sold the auto workers so far down the river they could see the ocean back in 1935-1936, is fishing for a conference with Homer Martin.

Dillon is in Detroit now as the personal representative of William Green, vaguely empowered by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor to consummate the split in the auto workers union through some kind of deal with the waning forces of Homer Martin.

**No Comment From Martin**  
Martin issued a formal denial that he would meet with Green but had no comment to make on the intentions of the craft union bureaucrats of the A.F.L. to wangle a foothold in the present factional conflict in the Auto Workers Union. It is not unlikely that a conference is in progress at this very moment, or at any rate that interested third parties are attempting to arrange one.

William Green properly characterized Martin's dilemma after the latter had withdrawn from the C.I.O. "Obviously," Green commented, "it will be more difficult for him to retain an independent status than Dubinsky." Dubinsky,

head of the Ladies Garment Workers Union, had a united organization and no rivals when he quit the C.I.O. and assumed an independent existence. But Martin must fight for his very life against the sentiments of the overwhelming majority of the auto workers, who are pro-C.I.O. He will need support. And willy-nilly he will be compelled to fall back on the A.F.L. This is first confirmation of what we wrote in the Socialist Appeal, Feb. 14: "Martin is compelled by necessity to align himself with the Green-Frey-Hutchinson diehards of the Executive Council of the A.F.L."

**Represents Corruption**  
Those who mistakenly believed that it would make no difference at this juncture whether the auto workers were affiliated to the C.I.O. or to the A.F.L. got a rude shock when Dillon turned up in town as the representative of the A.F.L. Dillon represents everything that is rotten and corrupt in the craft union structure of the A.F.L. It was Dillon who held the harness over the auto workers during two eventful years when organization could have swept the industry. He was the agent of the craft wolves who were waiting to split the Auto Workers Union into a thousand morsels. He was the

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## OAKLAND CIO HITS STALINISTS FOR FINK ACTION IN ARRESTS

Tanner-Bates Defense Committee Formed  
As C. P. Gang Leads Boss Chorus  
Against Two

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SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15—A sharp rebuke to the Stalinist stoolpigeons who rushed to inform the authorities of the "guilt" of Myra Tanner and Roland Bates, militant anti-fascists and members of the Young People's Socialist League, was delivered Monday night by the Oakland C.I.O. Council.

A letter from the League, protesting the action of Estoly Ward, Stalinist secretary of the council, in rushing to City Manager Hassler to disclaim all responsibility for the militancy of the anti-

fascist demonstration in that city on Feb. 10, was read at the council and favorable action taken on it.

**Ward Tries to Crawl Out**  
Ward was forced to take the floor and deny having made a statement—which was printed widely in the press—that the members of the League had refused to obey "orders" during the demonstration and were the cause of the disturbance which took place, ending in a police attack on the anti-fascist picket line and the arrest of six demonstrators including Tanner and Bates. Ward failed, however, to explain why he had waited so long to deny this statement which is in conformity with other actions taken by the Communist Party.

Two days after the demonstration Stalinist speakers, at a meeting held near the California University Campus, denounced the League members as "provocateurs" just as Ward and others had done during the demonstration itself when they and other militants called on the crowd to take more effective action against the fascists than holding a meeting a half a block away from the hall in which Aileen O'Brien, Franco nurse, was speaking.

**C. P. Sheet Aids Court**  
Joining in this hue and cry against the League members the People's World, Stalinist slander sheet for the West Coast, practically declared that the charges of "assault and battery" and "inciting to riot" with which these two demonstrators are faced, were true. The World declared:

"Trotskyites who had joined in the demonstration set up a cry to 'return to the picket line' directly in front of the auditorium where NO PERMISSION FOR A MEETING OR PICKETING COULD BE OBTAINED. . . ."

"Roland Bates, Trotskyite leader, responded to one of the blows (from a cop) by knocking down an officer. . . ."

So anxious are these informers to finish their work by helping to convict Tanner and Bates that they insisted yesterday in court on bringing the case to trial immediately despite the fact that Bates is still in the hospital as a result of the beating he received at the hands of the police. Even the judge was shocked by their zealotry. He read the Stalinist lawyers an affidavit from Bates' doctor describing the youth's condition and put the case over for two weeks.

So far the International Labor

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# 50,000 ANTI-NAZIS ANSWER S.W.P. CALL

## AT THE GARDEN PICKET LINE



Max Shachtman, editor of the SOCIALIST APPEAL, addressing a section of the huge crowd that jammed 51st Street on Monday night in the counter-demonstration called by the Socialist Workers Party against the Fascist Madison Square Garden meeting.



Here's how Mayor La Guardia's Cossacks protected the Fascist meeting, bottling the anti-Fascist workers in the sidestreets facing Eighth Ave. Several workers were hurt when the cops rode their horses into the crowd.

## LOCAL NEW YORK RALLIES WORKERS

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Shouting "Drive the Fascists out of New York," the members of the Joe Hill unit of the Y.P.S.L. picketed a meeting of Coughlin's fascist Union for Social Justice held at the Audubon Hall in Washington Heights last Friday night.

The meeting was one of the many neighborhood rallies held throughout the city in their effort to build up the Feb. 20 fascist meeting at Madison Square Garden.

The Young People's Socialist League called on the workers of Washington Heights to "Smash the fascist meeting at Madison Square Garden." They further called on the workers to join the picket line in front of the Gar-

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## 1,780 LaGuardia Cops Protect Nazis from Workers' Wrath in Brutal Attack on Demonstrators

An imposing, fighting demonstration of fifty thousand workers assembled near Madison Square Garden on Monday evening to protest the first big fascist mobilization in New York City.

In addition to the fifty thousand demonstrators, who responded to the call of the Socialist Workers Party for a labor rally against the fascist concentration, official police estimates given to the press counted another fifty thousand among the spectators. With few exceptions, the latter made clear their sympathy with the aims and slogans of the demonstrating thousands. With a brutality recalling the days of Czarist Cossacks,

## NAZIS CHEER NEW YORK COPS FOR CLUBBING OF PICKET LINES

"History Is Written Not in Ink; But in Blood!" Declares Jew-Baiting Swastika Leader

When Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund, finished his oration in Madison Square Garden Monday evening, he thanked "New York's finest, the police department, for the splendid protection it has given." His voice was drowned in the longest and loudest ovation of the evening, the Nazi audience arising and applauding the police department vociferously.

Outside on the streets, New York's "finest" were clubbing down the workers who had come to exercise their right to picket the fascist meeting. . . .

## All Races, Creeds Join Picket Line

By FELIX MORROW  
The fighting anti-fascists who answered the call of the Socialist Workers Party were of many types.

Among those who pressed against the horses, fighting for every inch of ground, were Spanish and Latin-American workers, aching to strike the blow at fascism which had failed to strike down Franco; Negroes standing up against the racial myths of the Nazis and their 100% American allies; German-American workers seeking to avenge their brothers under the heel of Hitler; Italian anti-fascists singing "Bandiera Rossa"; groups of Jewish boys and men, coming together from their neighborhoods, to strike a blow against pogroms everywhere; Irish republicans conscious of the struggle for the freedom of all peoples if Ireland is to be free; veterans of the World War; office-workers, girls and boys, joining the roughly-clad workers in shouting and fighting; workers of every trade and neighborhood of the city.

**Can't Stand Nazi Smell**  
They had come, the overwhelming majority of them, not because they were adherents of the Socialist Workers Party—to most of them indeed the name became etched on their consciousness for the first time—but because that party, alone among the working class and anti-fascist organizations of the city, had clearly and unambiguously called them to confront the hated fascists.

Some of them brought homemade signs, eloquent of their anxiety to speak out. "Give me a gas mask, I can't stand the smell of the Nazis," read one, perched on the end of an umbrella rib. "Hitlerism is Political Gangsterism" read two others, identifying their bearers as "German-Americans of Yorkville." One group of Jewish-American World-War veterans from Brooklyn brought a large American flag.

**Learn About Cops**  
Many of the demonstrators learned for the first time what the cops are. While the Socialist Workers Party spokesmen were addressing the huge crowd on 51st Street, making clear to the demonstrators the role of the police as protectors of the Nazis, an impatient Jewish boy appealed

to minimize the significance of the call issued by the Socialist Workers Party, to smother it by a campaign of silence, and to sabotage it directly.

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The climax of the meeting came near the end of Fritz Kuhn's oration against the "vile role of international parasitism and the Jewish Mordecai Karl Marx."

A man broke through the phalanx of uniforms surrounding the press section and gained the stage. He sprang bare-handed toward Fritz Kuhn at the microphone in the center and front of the rostrum. As he fought to reach his objective, the Order Division smashed him to the floor. The audience rose excitedly, women screaming, men breaking from their seats and milling in the aisles.

Some thirty police scrambled onto the rostrum. They muscled away the Division Order from their victim and began beating the man as he writhed on the floor, the whole vast crowd of 18,000 Nazis yelling at the top of their lungs, as if they were watching a lynching.

**Laud Fascism**  
During the evening, before Fritz Kuhn took the microphone, speaker after speaker gloated over the bones of the workers who have died in Italy and Germany under the bestial attack of the fascist storm troops of Mussolini and Hitler. They brought great shouts of jubilation ringing from the topmost balcony as they described the new victory of race prejudice, ignorance, and fascist reaction in Spain.

But they drew even greater applause as they cursed "international Jewry" for two solid hours, and denounced anything but "fascist, gentle, Christian, right-minded unionism" in terms as venomous and vicious as Hitler ever dared use prior to his rise to power.

Size Exceeds All Hopes  
The size of the workers' counter-demonstration far exceeded the expectations of even the most optimistic.

Efforts had been made on all hands, prior to the Nazi meeting, to minimize the significance of the call issued by the Socialist Workers Party, to smother it by a campaign of silence, and to sabotage it directly.

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## ARREST, BEAT 5 FOR PICKETING

Five workers were arrested, after being beaten into unconsciousness, by LaGuardia's cops during the workers' demonstration Monday evening.

George Mason was convicted by Magistrate Lindsay on a disorderly conduct charge, and fined ten dollars. The arresting cop said Mason had broken two plate-glass windows.

Peter Schopes, Lionel Shephard, Abe Dollinger, and Michael Nerevitz, charged with disorderly conduct, will be tried on March 2.

They are being defended by counsel provided by the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees.

Recognition of the call for the demonstration, much less endorse it. They were nowhere to be found in the demonstration.

**C. P. Role Despicable**  
The Stalinists played a particularly despicable role, which aroused widespread bewilderment and confusion in their own ranks, which contain thousands of workers who really want to fight against Fascism.

On the day of the demonstration, all that the Daily Worker had to say was its report of a speech in favor of democracy by acting Mayor Newbold Morris. Not a single word about the "Trotskyists," or their call. It would have been a little embarrassing even to such brazen pen-slaves as Stalin employs in New York to write, on this occasion, diatribes against the "Trotsky-fascists!"

As for the Monday edition of the Freiheit, Yiddish organ of the Stalinists, it solved the whole annoying problem by not printing one line about the Nazi demonstration or about the counter-demonstration. It just shoved its head into a deep pile of sand. The three other Jewish daily

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