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A typical C.I.O. state convention was held recently in Massachusetts. It had, however, some extremely important nuances of differences that make it worth analysis.

Theme Song Is "Save Wagner Act"

The problem of maintaining and organizing unions received insufficient attention at the convention. Little mention was made of the decline in delegates, a reflection of the status of the unions.

All the speech-making becomes a form of filibuster. It takes too much time of a two day convention. This is typical of state C.I.O. conventions.

C.I.O. Democracy Disputed

We find it very significant that the only serious dispute at the convention was over the question of more democracy within the C.I.O. set-up.

Blast at A.F.L.

Unlike most C.I.O. meetings, this one began with a bitter blast against A.F. of L. officials in Massachusetts by Thomas F. Burns, U.R.W.A. vice-president.

Significant too, there was no resolution passed calling for a third term for Roosevelt.

Stalinists Endanger Jobs Of 20,000 at Auto Plant

Only Rank and File Grouping Against Both Stalinists and Martin Can Save Union

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workings have been suffering for the last year under the incompetent, bureaucratic rule of the Lamotte-Stalinist clique.

The crooked manipulations of this clique gave the reactionary McCartney gang its opportunity to gain a stronghold among Plymouth workers.

Martin Closer to A.F.L. Meanwhile Martin moved closer to the A.F.L. as thousands of workers previously supporting him, even in his fortress in Flint, moved over into the C.I.O. camp.

Martin as much as stated that he is going to put a die-hard A.F.L. chauffeur at the wheel of his jalopy which by now has few auto workers left as passengers—completely confirming predictions made in the Socialist Appeal concerning the inevitable trend of Martin's policy.

Reserves Final Stroke

This is the most expedient manner Martin can put the question of his alliance with the A.F.L. labor skates without losing the rest of his following.

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First of Kind

The District Attorney's office conceded that the prosecution was unusual. The indictment is the first of its kind to be returned in this country.

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AKRON BOSSES INITIATE DRIVE AGAINST W.P.A.

Throw Hundreds Of Unemployed Into Streets

AKRON, O., Feb. 21.—A vicious campaign to throw thousands of W.P.A. and leave them to starvation was launched in the Akron district this week by the resounding cheers of the rubber barons, the city officials and their assorted stooges.

Hundreds of special investigators and assistants were hired to "drive the chiselers off W.P.A." and to eliminate the aliens.

Four Cents Per Meal

The thousands of citizens whom the investigators intend to fire will receive direct relief amounting to four cents per meal.

Unions Resist Attack

The city fathers are already wondering whether the campaign will end as successfully as it began. W.P.A. unions—excepting the Workers Alliance, of course—are fighting this attack with vigor.

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Pres. Azana Aids Democracies To Support Franco

(Continued from Page 1) the workers and peasants to abandon the fight for socialism in return for military supplies from England and France.

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Boss Regime Aims Blows At French Revolutionists

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

PARIS, Feb. 18.—French Bonapartist capitalism, well realizing who are its most dangerous enemies, has lately been striking blow after blow against the militants of the French section of the Fourth International.

Continuing its blows, French capitalism yesterday sentenced comrade Pierre Bohys, administrator of the "Lutte Ouvriere," weekly paper of the Fourth International P.O.I., to six months in prison for an article in which he said: "We will not march, either for imperialist war, or for a Four-Power Pact directed against the U.S.S.R."

Goodrich Workers Fight To Keep 30-Hour Week

Issue in Los Angeles Strike Won As Ohio Men Vote on Yielding

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20—The strike of 550 employees of the Goodrich Rubber plant was successfully terminated today when Local No. 43 of the United Rubber Workers Union obtained the approval of the rank and file to an agreement with the plant management maintaining the 30-hour week and the four six-hour shifts in the 24-hour production departments of the plant.

The strike beginning Jan. 30 and lasting 20 days was called when the management declared plans to change the number of shifts in the production departments which operate twenty-four hours a day to three shifts instead of the four six-hour shifts, indicating a move to return to the eight hour day.

Anti-Nazi Pickets Trial Set Thursday

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK, Feb. 28—Trial for victims of police brutality at the anti-fascist demonstration Feb. 20 has been set for Thursday, March 2, in the court at 314 West 54th Street at 9:15 A.M.

2 JOIN PARTY AT NEW YORK MORROW MEETING

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK, Feb. 27—Felix Morrow, associate editor of the Socialist Appeal, last Sunday addressed the first of a series of three meetings organized by Local New York, Socialist Workers Party, on how to fight fascism.

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The MARXIST SCHOOL is being held at Irving Plaza, Irving Plaza and 15th Street, N. Y. C. Classes began on Feb. 27. I. PRACTICAL TRADE UNIONISM—Sam Gordon, B. J. Widick. Lectures on the day to day activity of the trade unionist.

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APPEAL ARMY

"News of your inspiring work in rallying New York anti-fascists against the German-American Bund reached us today. Words can hardly express our enthusiasm. So impressive was it that our Party is mentioned in the local press."

"We want to follow up on your activity by making it known in Akron. Will you send us one hundred (100) copies of the Friday issue of the Appeal?" — Paul Fielding, Appeal director of Akron, Ohio.

After a fine showing last week, the number of subs that have come in so far this week has fallen off considerably. Quite a few branches have still to be heard from.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE WE WILL PUBLISH A FULL LIST OF BRANCH QUOTAS AND FULFILLMENT OF THESE QUOTAS AT THE HALF-WAY MARK.

Fascist Meeting Picketed By S.W.P. at Los Angeles

(Continued from Page 1) colleges, Jewish and other minority groups were reached and asked to attend.

Mayor Turns Down Delegation

The Mayor's office was approached prior to the meeting by a delegation from the S.W.P., Y.P.S.L. and Relief Workers Protective Union in order to secure a commitment on the right to picket and peaceful assemblage.

Rank and File Stalinists Join

The Stalinists and their sympathetic organizations refused to support the demonstration. However, a number of the Y.C.L. and C.P. members joined the ranks of the internationalists to show their solidarity with the anti-fascist activity.

Sound Truck Utilized

A sound truck was parked across the road from the Bund Hall and was in constant use throughout the demonstration, keeping up the spirit of the demonstrators by playing trade-union and revolutionary songs.

S.W.P. Combats Fascism

The demonstration received wide publicity in the daily Los Angeles press and has aroused considerable interest and sympathy for the S.W.P. David Stevens, local organizer of the party issued the following release:

But The People's World (Stalinist) reported the event as a "spontaneous demonstration of 4,000 led by a Reich refugee."

Stalinist non-participation in the demonstration was not mentioned.

The S.W.P. visited the Mayor in advance demanding a statement that the police would not interfere with the picket line, prepared legal defense; and, utilizing a sound truck at the demonstration, gave all directives, carried all banners, and led the picket lines in shouting anti-fascist slogans.

All this was reported in great detail in the press of the entire nation together with many news photos showing the struggle led by the S.W.P. and the Y.P.S.L. against the Nazis.

Demonstrators Release Prisoner

At one point in the demonstration the police arrested a man

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