

LEFT JABS

Buckets of Blood
The Academy of Medicine urged the French government to set aside reserves of human blood for transfusion operations in the event of war. Of course, of course, everything must be ready. Barrels of tin medals and gold stars, wooden crosses by the million, piles of crutches, lunatic asylums, schools for the blind, firing squads for those unwilling to die, and buckets of blood.

Infringe on Free Speech? Never!

Acting Secretary of the Navy, Charles Edison, submitted a Bill to Congress, which provides for a fine of \$1,000 or two years imprisonment for any person or persons "who advises, counsels, urges, or solicits soldiers or sailors to disobey orders of superiors or military and naval regulations or who publishes or distributes any book, pamphlet, paper, print, article, letter or other writing containing such advice." Under this bill which Mr. Edison said was directed against Communists, the authorities would be authorized to seize subversive literature. Mr. Edison said: "It does not infringe upon the rights of free speech or free press." We thought, for a moment, that there was a slight infringement, but of course a government so devoted to the defense of democracy as ours is, would never think of infringing on any democratic right.

Maybe in King Arthur's Time

Major Atlee, leader of the British Labor Party, made, according to the N. Y. Times the following statement in the House of Commons: "There was a time when this country (he means Britain, mind you!) was universally known as the friend of liberty and the freedom of peoples and as the enemy of tyrants." Now, Mr. Atlee, on behalf of myself, a couple of Irishmen, a Negro or two and a few Indians, will you please tell us when that time was?

Oil Workers, Attention!

Count Ludwig Salm has arthritis, expensive tastes and no money to speak of. So, he wants to draw \$30,000 a year out of the oil workers of America. You see, the Count married Millicent, daughter of H. H. Rogers of Standard Oil and begat a son, Peter, now fourteen years of age. Col. Rogers couldn't take it with him, so he left sixty million bucks of which \$25,000 went to his grandson Peter. Now the Count, divorced from Millicent, is badly in need of cash. Both he and his mother, "the aged Countess" (pardon these tears) are threatened with eviction from their home in Monte Carlo and all that he asks, is that he be given a paltry \$30,000 a year out of the millions which his son sucks out of the oil workers. It's a wise child that knows its own father, but young Peter seems to have the straight dope on the Count, and he says to dear papa "Scram, I never want to see you again." If the workers of America would only learn from that fourteen year old brat how to deal with all their parasites. . . . No, no, no, that wouldn't help Roosevelt and Hopkins and Browder "restore confidence to business" and as everyone knows that's what all progressive minded people must do to-day if we are to keep Fascism and Reaction away from our door.

A Letter a Day

Writing to your Congressman is the favorite indoor sport of the Communist party. Circulating petitions, their chief outside activity. One correspondent to the Daily Worker raises the slogan "A letter a day keeps reaction away." On Feb. 28 another, Sam Latner, complains, "I have frequently come home from work, had some spare time and wondered whether I ought not to write certain letters that ought to be written. I remembered several urgings to write certain letters but could not remember just to whom. . . . I think it would be a good idea to run a column listing the letters that any progressive person ought to write in order to make his or her influence felt for good in the proper places." Ah, if only the German Communists had had this line in 1933 wouldn't Hitler have been stopped in his tracks.

SHERIDAN SANDWICH SHOPPE

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CIO-AFL Open New Unity Talks

PLAN FOR UNITED LABOR CONGRESS OFFERED BY CIO

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"going along" with the other groups if they wanted to "set up a cooperative program."
War Program Behind Move
Washington observers were skeptical of the possibilities of uniting the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O. Conflicting jurisdictional claims between the two groups constitute an extremely difficult barrier to surmount as does the fear of trade union bureaucrats that their posts would be jeopardized in a united organization.
The president's demand for unity is ascribed to his wish to consolidate labor forces behind the Democratic Party for the 1940 elections, serious losses having affected the New Deal during the last election because of the warfare in labor's camp.
Another vital consideration motivating the president is his de-

Grave Crisis Threatens California Unemployed; Olson Favors Bosses

By NORMAN MINI
SACRAMENTO, Mar. 1—A determined drive to cut the relief standards of the unemployed is gradually assuming serious proportions in California.
Speaking before a legislative committee last week Deway Anderson, Relief Administrator, declared bluntly that "bankruptcy" faces the state if present relief conditions continue. This is but one of many recent moves by the Democratic state administration to convince the public at large that a serious crisis is impending in the relief setup.
A short time previously Anderson had presented to Governor Olson—with a great deal of publicity—a "Production for use" Plan designed to reduce relief costs. This was closely followed by an announcement from President Roosevelt that California would receive federal aid to help solve the "migrant" problem. And for the past month a legislative sub-committee has been holding open hearings on unemployment in the larger cities.

Bosses Demand Cuts
Originally announced as an attempt to win business, industrial and farm leaders to support the "Production for use" scheme the committee's meetings have rapidly developed into field days for reactionary attacks upon the unemployed. In practically every instance the spokesmen of the bosses organizations have put forward the stern demand—cut relief costs!
Leo Shapiro, representing the San Francisco Trade Executives' Association, declared: "vast reductions could be made in this (relief) outlay without neglecting the problems of the truly needy."
Harold Pomeroy, former Relief Administrator and now executive secretary of Associated Farmers, said: "Production for use would prove only a disappointing failure."
Actually the elements of a serious relief crisis exist in California. Primarily the unemployed problem is a rural condition. Vast numbers of migratory agricultural laborers, who work only intermittently during the harvests, are thrown onto the relief rolls during the off seasons. Within the last few years the number of these transient workers has increased considerably due to the influx of dispossessed and homeless farmers and sharecroppers from the South and Middle West. A recent estimate places the number dependent upon relief in California at the astounding figure of 550,000.

SWP PICKET LINE FIGHTS FASCISTS IN LOS ANGELES

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The pickets had mobilized before the meeting opened. Among the signs carried were: "Down with Franco," "The working class will destroy fascism," and "Fascist meetings today symbolize concentration camps tomorrow."
Police Aid Fascists
The pickets were peacefully parading before the entrance to the theater when the "students" came out and attempted to halt the picketing. When they failed, the police ordered the pickets to leave the street. Apparently some one attempted to lead the pickets away.
But the pickets soon returned, accompanied by "a multitude that protested against the police action." The tear-gas attack followed, when the reserves arrived at the call of the chief of police.
The Los Angeles branch of the Socialist Workers Party had issued a call for the anti-Franco demonstration several days before.

ANDREWS AND BIRCH TRIAL SET SATURDAY

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
NEW YORK, Mar. 9—The case of Chris Andrews and Arthur Birch who are charged with "disorderly conduct" will be heard Saturday, March 11 at 9:30 A.M. in Magistrates Court at 314 West 54th St.
Birch and Andrews were arrested during a distribution of leaflets by the Socialist Workers Party at the Communist Party rally in Madison Square Garden, February 27.
The American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees has provided legal assistance for the defendants.

LA VOZ BREAKS WITH STALINITES OVER SPAIN WAR

"La Voz," Spanish-language Popular Frontist daily of New York, so closely associated with the Communist party since its founding after the outbreak of the civil war in Spain that it has been considered Stalinist-controlled, has broken with the Stalinists since the news arrived that the Spanish Popular Front had expelled the Communist party.
"La Voz" has avoided editorial comment on the latest events, but is giving prominence to the United Press dispatches reporting the repressions against the Communists.

FACE STARVATION

Unable to meet any of the strict residence requirements these migratory workers are forced into the most degrading forms of relief and charity. Huddled in filthy camps up and down the agricultural valleys many are facing slow starvation. At the committee's hearing a Workers' Alliance official charged that in one Tulare camp babies are dying at the rate of two a week from undernourishment.
The hypocritical agricultural and business leaders try to throw a smoke screen around this condition by shouting loudly of "permanently unemployed" and "homeless migrants." But these interests deliberately encourage migration to the agricultural regions in order to ensure a large supply of lowly paid harvest labor.
To reduce wages to the barest subsistence level the overlords of the huge corporation farms attempt to force the state to bear most of the expense of keeping these thousands of workers barely alive. Thus their appeals for "federal aid" are nothing more than an attempt to shift this burden a little more upon the government and to open the way for further wage cuts.

MILITANT ACTION NEEDED

Entirely subservient to the Democrats, with whom they enjoy a certain "unofficial" standing, the Stalinists tack and veer with every minute change in the Olson policies. The latest outrage along this line came last week when a W.A. official issued a warning to all workers to stay away from California—fitting in with the reactionary attempt to keep the homeless from entering the state.
Unpromising as these developments appear on the surface they actually foreshadow the rebirth of California's militant unemployed movement. WPA and relief workers can maintain their present meager standards only by clamping an unremitting organized pressure upon the relief apparatus and the government. They can save themselves from a terrible future only by laying hands on the demagogic promises of the "Production for use" propaganda and pushing to realize them in action. The original successes of the Relief Workers' Protective Union in Los Angeles and the formation of the Union of Progressive Workers in San Francisco are the first healthy indications that this new movement will not fall short of its goals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOCIAL-ALL INVITED. 231 W. 16th St., Apt. 5V. Saturday night, March 11 at 8 P.M. Funds to White Collar Locals Committee Fighting Against WPA Lay-offs.
SING AND SWING: Community Sing and Dance, Lower East Side headquarters, 163 Norfolk Street. Saturday, March 11, at 8:30 P.M. Entertainment, Dancing, Refreshments. Subscription—25c. For the New International.
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FLINT S. W. P.'ers PICKET MEETING OF LABOR HATER

"Stay Away" Is C.P. Counsel to Anti-Fascists
(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
FLINT, Mich., March 5—Socialist Workers Party members of Flint braved a bitter blizzard today to picket the meeting of labor-hating Gerald L. K. Smith, self-appointed candidate for the stellar role of Fascist dictator of America, and the spokesman for the so-called "Committee of One Million."
The cowardly leaders of the Communist Party did not utter a word of protest to the brazen challenge of the would-be Hitler's meeting. Neither Lovestonites nor the defunct Socialist Party offered the workers of Flint any leadership in the fight against the Fascist meeting.
Call Workers to Picket
Only the Socialist Workers Party, determined to reply to the provocative call for a "Monster Meeting," by the labor-hating Smith, called upon workers to picket, and carried banners which read, "Smash Fascism," "Build Workers Defense Guards," "Smith and General Motors, the Committee of Millionaires!"
The Stalinist-dominated C.I.O. issued a leaflet which correctly blasted Smith as a would-be Fascist, but which urged workers to "demonstrate against Smith by staying away."
Treachorous Policy
This leaflet demonstrated how treacherous the policy of burying your head in the sand at the first sight of danger can be. To auto workers with a background of militant action this plea for passive resistance was incomprehensible.
Some union leaders, sensing the unpopularity of their admonition to stay away from the meeting, told workers to attend in order to jeer and boo.
Build Workers Defense Guards
These tactics proved utterly hopeless. Smith delivered a vicious anti-labor speech filled with plious references to God and country, and the disorganized efforts of scattered union men could not and did not succeed in stopping him.
Unless the workers learn how to fight such a movement by their own organized power and by conducting an aggressive, intelligent campaign to smash the Smith gang, Michigan will witness the devastation of its labor movement. This is no time to "demonstrate by staying away." Militant unionists must organize now to crush fascism by building Workers Defense Guards.

DOCTOR'S BULLETIN

Ruth Querio of Allentown, Pa., is back on her feet again and completely recovered. And the Appeal can breathe a sigh of relief now! Our star saleslady is still with us!
"I am happy to enclose my contribution to the Appeal Pledge Fund for this month."
"I think the March 7 issues of the paper exceptionally fine. Among other things, I was especially glad to see the article on Palestine, giving such a simple, clear and direct explanation. . . . Equally good and equally important was the article on the war referendum question. . . . I consider whatever money I am able to send in to be money well spent, and I only hope that sooner or later I shall be able to send the paper much more."
Marjorie Balamuth, New York City.

THE BRANCHES AT WORK:

"We have begun to sell Appeals to a number of union meetings. We have an Appeal Brigade that is concentrating on several of the large unions. We plan to broaden this selling to include other unions." Eric H. Lund, literature agent of St. Paul, Minn.
"Through concentrated canvassing we were able to sell more than 100 copies of the Appeal containing the report of the anti-Nazi demonstration." Paul Fielding, Akron, O.
"The setting up of our Central Branch in Chicago means a whole lot to literature work. First of all, the comrades will take a collection every time it is necessary to keep payments on current bills. So you need not worry about Chicago's bill. That will be paid."
—Karl Shier, retiring literature director of Chicago. Incidentally, we welcome to the ranks of Appeal agents a new comrade—Sam Richter of Chicago.
"The fine appearance, militant style and improved contents of the twice-a-week Appeal make it possible for us to sell more copies. The national publicity given our anti-fascist demonstration in New York has helped, too. You keep up the good work at your end and we will do our best at our end in the selling of the Appeal."
—Herbert Martin of E. Chicago, Indiana.
"Comrades have been selling Appeals on streets downtown. Besides sales and distribution almost every night there is regular mobilization for sales on Sunday mornings in specially selected neighborhoods. . . . We have divided the branch into two teams for the sub-drive and we have a good chance of making our quota from present indications." George Clarke of Detroit, Mich.

YOUNGSTOWN BRANCH AT WORK:

For special mention we selected the Youngstown branch. We do this not only because of the fine work this branch is doing, but also because we have neglected—and for this we apologize—in the past to give the Youngstown comrades full credit for their work.
First, they have already gone over their quota in the sub-drive. 12 subs obtained so far, which is 2 over their assigned quota. This puts them directly in line for one of the two branch prizes.
Secondly, because they have increased their bundle order from 35 to 100 copies per issue! 50 copies of this bundle are placed on newstands. Youngstown has become another of the Appeal pace-setters and deserves full recognition!
Here's the list of new subs for this week: Not bad, but we need many more to complete our campaign:
New York City 15
Ohio 10
California 8
Detroit 6
Minneapolis 6
Philadelphia 5
Newark, N.J. 4
Youngstown 4
Chicago 3
St. Paul 3
Foreign 2
Massachusetts 2
Pennsylvania 2
Connecticut 2
Nebraska 2
Total 72
In addition, the following bundle order increases have come in:
(1) Youngstown, Ohio, from 35 to 100 copies per issue.
(2) East Chicago, Ind., has increased its order to 15 copies per issue.
(3) Paul Fielding of Akron, Ohio now takes 50 per issue—an increase of 10.
(4) New Brunswick, N.J. has increased its order to 8 copies. This is a new unit of the Party and is already making good gains.
(5) In Tulane, Calif. we have a new agent—comrade S. Osborne—who starts out with a modest 5, but promises a rapid increase.
REMINDER:
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This Week at the Marxist School

Monday, March 13 at 7:15 P.M.
SAM GORDON—Strike Strategy and Handling Negotiations
Monday, March 13 at 8:50 P.M.
Changes in America's Political Structure
Tuesday, March 14 at 7 P.M.
J. G. WRIGHT—Program of the Left Opposition
Tuesday, March 14 at 8:50 P.M.
F. W. DUPEE—Two Political Novelists—Malraux and Silone
Wednesday, March 15 at 8 P.M.
GEORGE NOVACK—Secession and Civil War in America—1860
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