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Auto Progressives Confer on Program

6,000 Workers Organize to Save Auto Union; Martin's Finishing Touch Is Red-baiting

DEMAND UNION STAY IN CIO BULLETIN

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
DETROIT, Mar. 13—Delegates representing five U.A.W. locals of Detroit and Cleveland and groups of a dozen additional local unions of Cleveland, Detroit, Flint and Saginaw met at the Tuller Hotel in Detroit to discuss policies and preparations for the Cleveland convention, scheduled to meet on March 27.

Representing approximately 6,000 automobile workers, who have declared themselves for the third or rank and file group and who have endorsed the militant open letter to all U.A.W. members calling for "One Convention—One Union—One fight against the Employers!," these delegates spent a whole day in conference, soberly analyzing the causes for the decline of the Automobile Workers Union and adopted a series of resolutions and proposals calculated to hand back the union into the hands of the rank and file.

An organizing program was also presented and adopted designed to rebuild the union into a powerful instrument for the protection of the automobile workers.

The resolutions calling for the abolition of unemployment in the automobile industry, a closed shop in General Motors, great organizational drives in the Ford Motor Co. and the parts plants industry, organization of the W.P.A. workers, establishment of union defense guards against the attacks of the corporations, a bold fight

against anti-union legislation, constitutional amendments guaranteeing rank and file control of the union machinery and other vital resolutions will be presented to the Cleveland Convention for the consideration of all the delegates.

The Conference took the further step of authorizing the issuance of ten thousand copies of its union program for the education of the union membership, calling upon all automobile workers to "Join with us in Support of the Union Building Program."

Martin Meeting Ends In Fiasco

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
DETROIT, Mich.—Homer Martin's personal caucus meeting in this city, boastfully termed an auto convention, was the biggest fiasco in recent labor history. Neither in numbers nor in policy did it represent the interests or the strivings of the nation's organized automobile workers. It was Homer Martin's swan song as a progressive labor leader.

A careful survey of the official representation reported at the convention reveals that some where less than one-fourth of the United Automobile Workers Union sent delegates to Detroit. If we grant that the U.A.W. dropped 100,000 in its dues-paying membership, from the estimate of 875,000 reported at the Milwaukee Convention in Aug. 1937, the Martin following would still be less than 60,000.

Tide Against Martin
More important however is the specific gravity of these local unions in the automobile industry. In the original report of the credentials committee, General Motors workers were accredited with representation from Pontiac Motor, Fisher Body and Yellow Cab of Pontiac, from Fisher Body, Chevrolet, Buick and A.C. Spark Plug of Flint, from Cadillac in Detroit, from Oldsmobile in Lansing and from various General Motors plants in Bay City, Saginaw and other assembly plants in Indiana and on the east coast.

No claims were made to Chevrolet Gear and Axle, Fleetwood,

Fisher Body tool and die or Turnsted in Detroit, to the big G.M. plants in Canada, to the G.M. plants on the West Coast, to Fisher Body in Cleveland, to the Chevrolet transmission works in Toledo. Thus if Martin's figures were to be accepted at face value one-third of the workers would be aligned against him.

But his estimates are highly misleading. Ever since Martin broke from the C.I.O. the tide has been daily turning against him both in Flint and in Pontiac. Yellow Cab and Fisher Body of Pontiac are now definitely on the C.I.O. lists. Chevrolet, A.C. Spark Plug and Buick of Flint have hopped on the C.I.O. bandwagon. The remaining General Motors plants in these cities are divided at least in half, with the C.I.O. holding a slight and increasing edge. Actual count will show that whatever remains of a union in Lansing General Motors is with the C.I.O., that the Chevrolet transmission in Saginaw is with the C.I.O. Ditto for Anderson and

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It's Your Money Or Their Lives!

Twenty-five Sudeten-German, Jewish, and Czechoslovakian anti-fascists are waiting to hear our answer. For months they have been living under permanent threat of arrest by the fascist-minded authorities. The American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees had almost completed arrangements for their rescue. This work was carried on under almost insurmountable difficulties. Now Hitler's conquest of Czechoslovakia threatens these arrangements—and their lives.

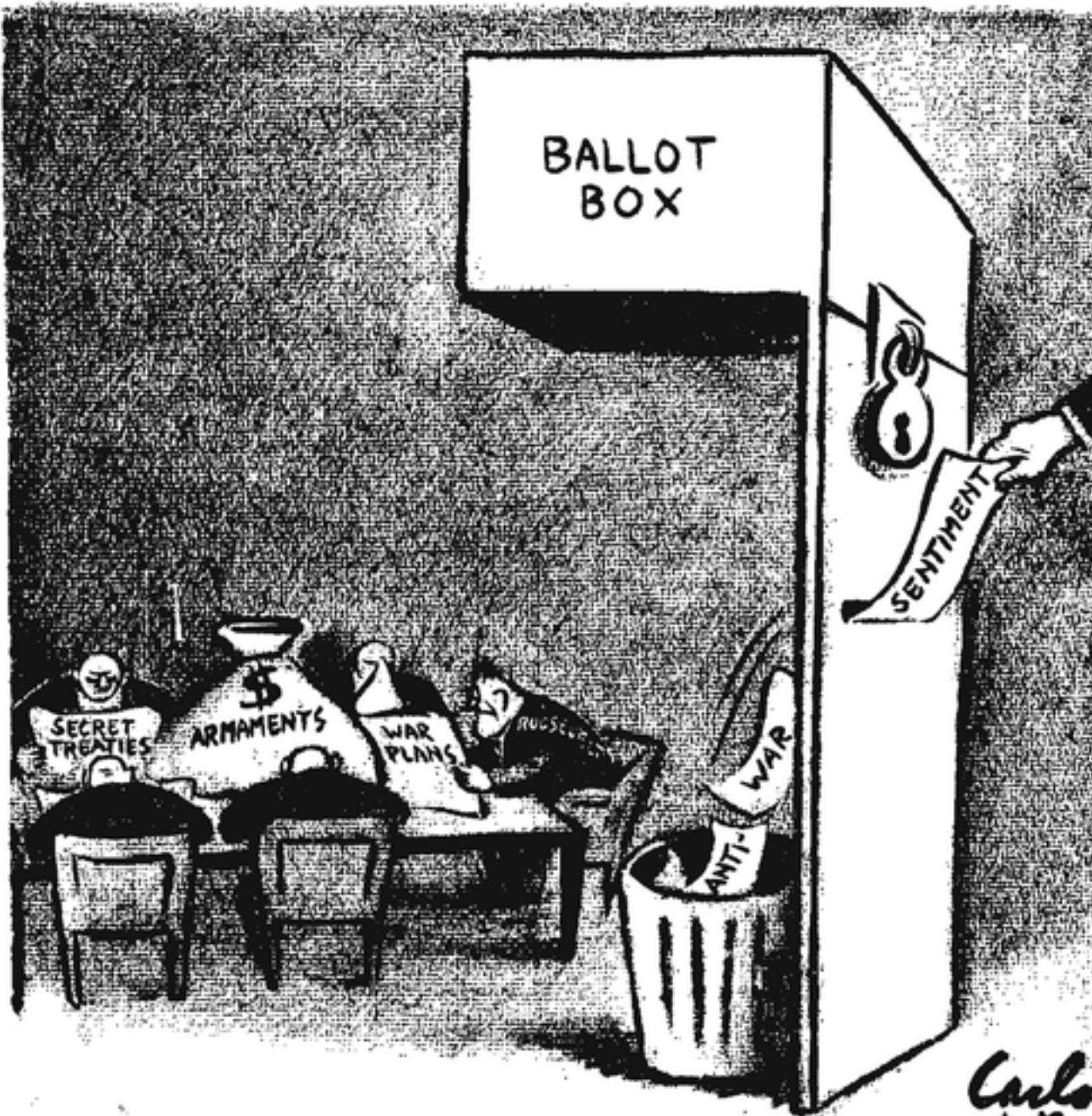
Immediately after the Fascist march into the Sudeten territory last October, thanks to the generous response of its friends, the American Fund sent an envoy into Czechoslovakia. He was able to save four anti-fascists from the Nazis by transporting them to safe places of refuge.

It is now necessary to do this again, not for four, but for twenty-five people. The American Fund has already set in motion the necessary machinery for getting at least fifteen of these people out of the hands of the Gestapo. We must not fail them now. We count on you to help us save them.

A minimum of \$2,500 must be raised within one week. Show this appeal to your friends, your fellow trade unionists, your fellow students. Set yourself a quota to raise within one week.

IT IS A QUESTION OF LIFE OR DEATH!
Send all funds to the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees, George Novack, Secretary, 100 Fifth Ave., N.Y.C.

The Champions of Democracy at Work!



WHO IS GENERAL MIAJA?

Who is General Jose Miaja?
He is head of the "Madrid Defense Council" which is organizing the final betrayal of the Spanish workers and peasants to Franco.

He is the organizer of the massacres of militant anti-fascist workers—communists, anarchists and socialists—who want to continue the fight against Franco in Central Spain and who are mowed down by Miaja's machine guns and artillery. The Daily Worker says that "Trotskyists" are in this Council of Treachery. The Stalinist liars say this in the hope that we will forget the answer to the question so embarrassing to them—

Who is General Jose Miaja?
Here is the answer—the official answer:
"The President of the famous Madrid Defense Commission, Comrade Miaja, is a member of the Communist Party. His work, with that of the other delegates, will go down in history."

This answer is to be found in the official organ of the Executive Committee of the Communist International, the "International Press Correspondence" (Inprecorr) of February 6, 1937 (Vol. 17, No. 6, page 121). It is contained in a Madrid dispatch, dated Jan. 28, from the English Stalinist correspondent, Hugh Slater.

Miaja the Traitor, the assassin of communist, anarchist and socialist workers—a member of the Communist Party of Spain!
Have the Stalinists even bothered to expel him? In any case, they have maintained a discreet silence about his membership.

"His work . . . will go down in history."
Indeed! And so will the work of the whole Stalinist machine.

Spanish C. P. Leaders Seek Peace With Madrid Junta

By FELIX MORROW

The Spanish Communist Party has made its peace with the Casado-Miaja Junta, it would appear from a Valencia dispatch to the N. Y. Times, March 15:

"The Communist morning newspaper Verdad appeared today for the first time in ten days. It laid great stress on the assertion that the Communist party wanted only 'an honorable peace,' the same that other parties are striving for, and pointed to the number of Communists who had fallen on Spanish battlefields in the fight for our common ideals."

This development appears to be the explanation for the sudden cessation of the anguished utterances against the Miaja junta uttered last week by the Stalinist press. Since Monday, no anti-Junta material has appeared in the Daily Worker. On Wednesday and Thursday Spain disappeared from its front pages altogether. Nor has there been any editorial comment or any other material seeking to explain the Spanish events. This studied silence of the Stalinist press seems to indicate a change of line toward support of the Miaja Junta.

First Direct Statement

The first direct statements by Communist Party leaders on the Madrid fighting against the Jun-

ta were published by "La Voz", Spanish-language Popular Frontist daily of New York, in a Paris dispatch, March 16. It was an interview with Antonio Mije and Francisco Anton, members of the Central Committee of the Spanish Communist Party.

Anton, as Political Commissar of the Army of the Center, was the right-hand man of Miaja during the siege of Madrid.
"This could have been avoided said Anton, speaking of the fighting in Madrid, 'because there were legal methods available for ousting the Communists from the government. We are not intransigent, but the violence employed against us forced us to defend ourselves. The coup d'etat was avowedly anti-Communist. Our people were arrested and in some places, like Valencia, the buildings of the Communist party were assaulted."

Did Not "Prolong" Fight
"To these aggressions," continued Anton, "the Communists" answered by taking up arms against the Defense Council. But we did not break up any front, we did not draw off forces from any firing line to extend our protest. We communists used only those forces that we had in reserve."

"Nor did the Communist lead-

ers prolong the rebellion, although we would have been justified. We would have been able to increase our forces, beside those fighting, for we had men in the armies of all the Central zones that would have obeyed our orders to fight; we preferred, nevertheless, not to benefit by extending the field of battle (against Miaja).

"We wished to continue united, resisting (Franco) as well as we could, in order to obtain an honorable peace, because we know that fascism does not parley with the weak, and we were able to offer at the least three months of resistance with the materials at our disposal. Meanwhile many men could have left Spain who are now going to fall into the hands of the enemy, because of lack of military strength to continue resisting."

In conclusion, Anton said:
"To negotiate with Franco is now more difficult. . . . We wished to continue the war because our resistance was efficacious for obtaining peace. But they (the rest of the Popular Front) did not know how to understand us."

What It Means
This significant statement of the Spanish Stalinist leaders clarifies a number of important

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PLAN SUBMITTED TO CUT 400,000 FROM WPA LISTS

Harrington Outlines Slashes Set for April 1

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
WASHINGTON, March 16—F. C. Harrington, army colonel in charge of the Works Progress Administration, today submitted a plan to the House Appropriations Committee for making the first major slash in relief rolls on April 1.

If Congress does not grant the \$50,000,000 requested by Roosevelt, then Harrington will proceed to immediate execution of his plan and eliminate projects now employing 400,000 relief recipients. On May 1 600,000 more will be cut from relief rolls, and on June 1 200,000 more. Roosevelt's plans call for the elimination of 150,000 per month from the rolls. He is opposed to greater slashes at the present time, fearing that it would lead to demonstrations and mass protests which would arouse the unemployed movement.

Will Eliminate Projects
Harrington's plan, according to Committee members, would cut by projects rather than on the basis of "individual needs." Wherever it was necessary to cut in any particular region, entire projects would be eliminated and with them the unemployed who had been working on them.

It was not certain whether Harrington had provided a table giving State by State cuts on a percentage basis, or whether he had only promised such a breakdown for the next hearing. Reports of Committee members conflicted on this point.

To Eliminate 1,000,000
Last week Harrington announced that it would be necessary for him to reduce relief rolls by one-third, that is 1,000,000 persons, beginning the cut April 1, if the present appropriations were not increased by that date. But he did not specify the exact procedure he would use in reducing the relief rolls to the level demanded by Congress.

Now according to his announcement, he will begin by cutting 400,000 from various projects as the first step in the plan to slash 1,000,000 from the rolls. Congress has already signified to the President that if an emergency arises (read, mass demonstrations) then Congress will immediately grant more funds to appease the unemployed.

Roosevelt's Program
The reduction of relief appropriations is one of the major points in the Roosevelt program to increase profits for business. The administration hopes not only to lower taxes for the higher bracket incomes and the big corporations at the expense of the workers, but in addition believes that relief appropriations can be greatly reduced in view of the disorganized state of the unemployed movement.

The question as to whether immediate reductions should affect no more than 150,000 a month as Roosevelt advocates or 1,000,000 within the immediate future as Congress advocates is merely a tactical question as to the best way of accomplishing the reductions without arousing a militant response from the unemployed.

Members of the Appropriations Committee told reporters immediately after learning of Roosevelt's intention to ask for \$150,000,000 more for the unemployed that they would not vote for this unless an investigation showed

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Move Brings Bandits Nearer Soviet Union

Spurs World Crisis as "Democracies" Wail and Mussolini Is Left Holding the Bag

WORKERS, DEFEND THE USSR!

In a series of lightning blows that left both his rivals and his victims stunned and helpless, Adolf Hitler last week established German rule in Czecho-Slovakia.

Bohemia and Moravia, with their 6,000,000 Czech inhabitants, and Slovakia, with its 2,500,000 Slovaks, became "protectorates" incorporated into the Great Reich.

The spearhead of German imperialist expansion, pointed toward Rumania, Poland and the Soviet Union, advanced 500 miles eastward. The new German advance post is only 150 miles from the border of the Soviet Ukraine.

This was Hitler's answer to Stalin, who only a few days earlier told the Communist Party Congress in Moscow that Hitler had turned his face westward, and that only Britain and France were trying to foment a needless Nazi-Soviet war.

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain and the French wait that Hitler has violated the "spirit" of Munich, by which they only mean he has struck his ruthless blows without first asking their permission. For actually, by making another thrust eastward Hitler is carrying out the tacit understanding at Munich that his future field of expansion would be in Central and Eastern Europe, and not in the West.

The difficulty is that the French and British leaders realize that a Reich expanding, even to the East, represents an increasingly urgent menace to the status quo in the British and French Empires. They shiver under the constant threat of German pressure for colonies and the stronger Germany gets the less able they will be to resist its demands.

That is why the past six months since Munich have been characterized by an unprecedented rearmament program, especially in Great Britain. That is why Roosevelt, fully aware that American capitalism will have to intervene in the impending war for a redivision of the war's spoils, has hurled this country into an arms program of equal magnitude.

Purpose Clear
The purpose of the resolution is as clear as day. Administration spokesmen said it was intended to build a "united front" of American nations (including Bloody Batista's Cuba and Vargas' Brazil) against European totalitarian states. What that means in simple language is Roosevelt's determination to impose his "good" Yankee will on each of our southern "neighbors." Specifically, Roosevelt's aim is to oust from Latin America European business interests in favor of Wall Street's brand of brigands.

The arms-sale is only one in a long series designed by Roosevelt to make the Monroe Doctrine clear beyond any possible doubt. Part of the same series were the recently concluded naval maneuvers in South American waters, and the trade agreement signed by Brazil and this country which gives Yankee profiteers a strangle hold on the economic, hence political life of Brazil. Before that, the administration had announced an addition above those already there of spies and military attaches in Latin American Embassies.

The Pittman-Bloom bills are intended to bring the nations of Latin America closer to the United States by force of any means, military or economic, that may be necessary. Such Latin American countries as resist Yankee intervention will find their neighboring countries armed to the teeth and politically directed by the United States, ready to move in at a moment's order to execute Roosevelt's will.

Hungary Rushes Troops
Meanwhile Hungary rushed troops into the Carpathian Ukraine to secure the common border with Poland, which, it is fondly believed in Warsaw and Budapest, will offer some slight bulwark against the expanding Nazi colossus. In this they may have the tacit support of Mussolini, who was certainly both surprised and

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