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Outcome of CIO Auto Convention Seen Resting With Lewis Decision

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long as it is allowed to direct the union and collect the salaries.

Next in prominence is the Reuther-Mazey faction. Walter Reuther is the leader of the large West Side Local, and Emil Mazey of the Briggs Local.

Banks on Lewis Support Insofar as any real battle with the Stalinist caucus is to be expected at Cleveland over leadership...

Lewis thought he wasn't asking too much for labor which, after all, has to shed all the blood in war while the industrialists get richer.

Lewis has already indicated indirectly, through the Hillman-Murray report as receivers of the International, that he proposes to drop his C.P. allies.

Some faint stirrings in the direction of a program have appeared in the writings and the speeches of members of this group.

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tion and will bring to the surface all the reactionary tendencies so manifest at the Martin convention.

Red-Scare Certain The other alternative will see the Stalinists clearly on the defensive. While they will not lightly consent, with their large backlog, to be pushed out of the picture entirely, they distinctly do not want an open cleavage between the Communist Party on the one side and John L. Lewis backed by the "non-politicals" on the other.

They must maintain the fiction that they are above all "respectable," "reasonable" unionists and that John L. Lewis is their leader. Hence they can be expected to seek desperately for some kind, any kind of compromise.

And if the heat is turned on too strong, it is not at all unlikely that the leading supporters of Stalinism in the auto union today will turn their backs on the Communist Party.

In either case, the struggle will be waged to the accompaniment of a red-scare. It may not be so loud or so discordant as the one at the Martin convention but the undertones and even the overtones will be quite audible.

Third Group Program One group alone, small in numbers, without extensive influence, will go to bat for a fighting democratic program. This program...

AFL Red-Baiting Attack On CIO Hurts Unification

Offer No Adequate Substitute for CIO Proposals

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) WASHINGTON, March 19.—In an ultimatum charged with red-baiting, American Federation of Labor officials, last night denounced the Congress of Industrial Organizations as "infiltrated with Communism..."

While Lewis's plan to gather labor into one big union was marred by very serious defects, especially his lack of provisions for democratic control by the members...

Whether the present denunciation by the A.F. of L. will lead to the dissolution of the present Joint Unity Committee is not yet clear. Certainly it will act as an additional stumbling block to final unification of the labor movement.

As yet President Roosevelt has made no comment upon the A.F. of L. statement. When he called the two camps together several weeks ago and asked that they find a common ground upon which to compose their differences...

The ranks of Local 463, determined to retain the conditions already won, are solidly united in the fight for the 30 hour week and the two dollars per hour wage.

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hits the major keys of auto workers' problems both of organization and of struggle against unemployment.

1. 30-hour week at 40 hours pay—to abolish unemployment in the auto industry;

2. Closed shop contract for General Motors and abolition of the disciplinary rights granted the corporation;

3. Organization of Ford and parts plants with a specific provision that no local union is to work on parts fabricated in a struck plant;

4. Launching of a campaign for a \$5,000,000,000 W.P.A. appropriation, the establishment of the \$30-30 hour standard and the chartering of W.P.A. workers into C.I.O. industrial unions;

5. Democratic rights and local autonomy including protection of minority opinion;

6. Union Defense Guards against vigilantes and fascists and company thugs—not goon squads used against union men;

7. A fight against all anti-labor legislation such as the Fitzgerald labor bill which has just been passed in the Michigan legislature;

8. Vigorous opposition to the "red scare" as a device of the employers either when used by outright reactionaries or by Communist party reactionaries;

9. A constitutional amendment providing for a referendum on elections and all important policies, and recall of all International officials.

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Anti-Nazi Call By Philly SWP

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) PHILADELPHIA.—A call to this city's workers to mass in demonstration against a Nazi rally which will be held March 23 in the Metropolitan Opera House has been issued by the Socialist Workers Party and Young People's Socialist League.

Organized by the Philadelphia Committee for the Defense of Constitutional Rights, the Nazi rally is intended to gather all of Philadelphia's anti-labor and anti-Semitic scum. Well-known fascists and labor-haters, like Thomas A. Blissard and Eessie Burchett, have been announced as speakers.

The S.W.P. asks all workers and anti-fascists to demonstrate with it at Broad and Poplar, at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, March 23.

PLUMBER STRIKE FOR 6-HOUR DAY SPREADS RAPIDLY

Stalinists Whip Up Strikebreaking Maneuvers

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK, March 20.—Striking to retain the 6-hour day and their present rate of pay, 2,500 plumbers and helpers of New York City, swung into action on the picket line today, as all work in Manhattan, the Bronx and the World's Fair was tied up solid.

Plumbers Local 463, striking against the Master Plumbers Association of Manhattan and the Bronx, tied up all jobs controlled by this association not only in the two boroughs, but throughout Greater New York and even as far as Connecticut.

Jobs controlled by the Manhattan and Bronx Association in Brooklyn and Queens were closed down tighter than a drum, as members of Local No. 1, who have an agreement including the 6-hour day and two-dollar rate, refused to go through a picket line of their striking brothers.

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TWELVE W. A. A. LOCALS DENOUNCE C.P. CONTROL

Sever All Relations With Parent Body

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) CHICAGO, ILL.—Twelve locals, including Local 1, the first unemployed organization in Cook County, have severed all connections with the Stalinist controlled Workers Alliance. This makes a majority of the Chicago locals who have left the W. A. A. because of the Communist Party's sell-out line.

When the vote to break with the W. A. A. was taken all but two new members voted to split. The membership of the locals which have broken away from the shackles of Stalinism feel that now is the time to "go places and do things" and are starting a drive for membership and at the same time fighting to restore the relief budget to former levels and a \$5,000,000 monthly relief budget for the State of Illinois.

Local 3 made a ringing appeal for a fight to a finish for the 6-hour day, comparing it with the heroic struggle of the past for the 8-hour workday.

There is, however, one danger in the situation, that is the interference of the international officials who from the outset helped the employers foist a longer workday and reduction of pay.

The Assistant General President Mr. Masterson is working through the sub-servient Stalinist leadership of Local 463 auxiliary, these Stalinists while paying lip service to need of amalgamating the two locals, do everything to bloc it.

At a membership meeting of local 463 auxiliary, March 20, a member of the local moved to back the strike 100%, and as evidence of it one thousand dollars be given to striking local.

Saul Heisler, the Stalinist whip in the local and its president made a long winded speech in which he tried to spread distrust among the rank and file of the striking local. His arguments in brief were that the strike is unauthorized by the parent body, and being a Stalinist experienced in the art of bootlicking, he advised the auxiliary not to do anything that has the possibility of arousing the ire of Masterson.

Heisler also tried to scare the membership into believing that the striking local will try to sign an agreement that will include also jobbing and alteration work, thus depriving the auxiliary members of their jobs.

In this he deliberately withheld from the membership the information printed in the last issue of the Appeal, that plumbers Local 463 decided by unanimous vote of the membership to approach the Auxiliary Local for the purpose of negotiating a common agreement with the employers.

While the striking local is extending a hand of friendship to the Auxiliary, the Stalinist leadership of the auxiliary is sowing distrust, suspicion and hate.

Very Embarrassing After the services, Freed and Barach entered the church and interviewed Rev. Burt. Told that his trustee had called the cops, Rev. Burt said: "I had nothing to do with calling the police. I never use such tactics."

Asked why he had accepted employment with a church whose head pastor, Rev. Mecklenburg, is the most notorious enemy of organized labor in Minneapolis, Burt nervously fingered the carnation in his lapel and admonished his interviewers:

"This is no way to build the movement, by embarrassing me." The Socialist Workers Party will lodge a formal protest with Mayor George Leach against the high-handed illegal action of Rev. Burt's trustee and the police department.

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