

Demonstrate Against W. P. A. Cuts on April 1st!

You Will Be Next If You Do Not Act Now

One million W.P.A. workers are being cut off the payroll this week.

One million workers are being sent back to the scrap-heap, back to the breadlines, back to the misery and starvation of 1931 and 1932.

This is only the beginning.

The entire W.P.A. is being wiped out by Roosevelt and by Congress in favor of a four billion dollar war budget.

Two million more are to follow unless action by the workers forces Roosevelt and Congress to retreat. The dismissal slips are already prepared. They say there is no money. They say taxes must be reduced. They say there are jobs in private industry for every worker. They say prosperity is just around the corner.

YOU KNOW THEY LIE. You know that four billions spent for destruction and death could just as easily be taken away and used to put workers back on the job.

YOU KNOW THEY LIE. You know there are no jobs in private industry because you have tried to find these jobs. You know that unless there is a bigger W.P.A. three million workers will remain unemployed.

YOU KNOW THEY LIE. You know the 60 families have not been over-taxed. You know they are still in control of billions of dollars. You know the unemployed and relief workers have been taxed to the limit through sales-taxes and wage reductions. You know there is plenty of money and resources available for the workers of America.

YOU KNOW THEY LIE. When the Stalinist Workers Alliance tells you to rely upon post cards and telegrams. When the W.A.A. promises not to count the ballots sent in by workers who want to march to Washington until after Congress has voted to fire one million workers, **YOU KNOW THEY LIE TO THE WORKERS WHO WANT TO FIGHT AGAINST THE LAYOFFS.**

YOU KNOW HOW TO WIN JOBS. You know that the workers never get anything for nothing. Unless you are ready to fight—ready to strike, to demonstrate, to march on Washington, the cuts will go through. **ACT NOW.** Once you are off the job you are unable to strike effectively. Once you are dismissed you are separated from your fellow workers. **YOU KNOW ALL THIS.**

ACT NOW. Join the Unemployed and Project Workers Union.

ACT NOW. Demonstrate at 70 Columbus Ave. on April 1 at 10 A.M.

Uneasy Interlude Opens In Europe

Initiative Remains in Hitler's Hands While Powers Seek Way Out

Europe this week entered upon a brief, uneasy interlude between crises.

Hitler rested for a moment on his laurels. In ten days he had slashed away again at the map of Europe and made far-reaching changes. Without a general war, he had incorporated Bohemia and Moravia into the Reich, established control over Slovakia, recovered Memel, and signed pacts with Lithuania and Rumania which brought both those countries into the widening German orbit.

His axis partner, Mussolini, made a speech Sunday in which he demanded that France meet his demands for colonial adjustments in the Mediterranean and Africa. For all his violent bombast, the Italian Duce did not get too specific and he left the door wide open for negotiations with Paris. On Wednesday Premier Daladier was expected to answer in a similar spirit, indicating France's readiness to come to some kind of understanding with Italy in the hope of detaching it from the Reich.

"Declaration" Falls
The British attempt to secure a four power declaration "against further Nazi aggression" failed dismally. It failed because its intent was purely platonic. Poland refused to go along unless London and Paris explicitly declared they were ready for an armed showdown. With its ears still cocked for some friendly word from Hitler, the Soviet Government said it would not join unless Poland did.

And when it became clear that London and Paris still fear war and the inevitable collapse of their empires even more than they fear Hitler's program at this stage, the whole project fell through, leaving Hitler in a position to take off on his next coup pretty much when he pleases.

The French and British boss politicians understand, however, that they will have to meet Hitler's force with force sooner or later. They bank now on a fresh attempt to break Mussolini away from his none-too-well-beloved ally

and on the hope that the economic weakness of the Greater Reich will result in collapse before Hitler can cash in on his gains. At that juncture, with their own armament programs further advanced, they would be better prepared to take the plunge.

And always they cling to the hope of bringing about a Soviet-German war that will weaken both these powers and leave the road clear for the re-establishment of their own domination in Europe.

It will not take long before events test these calculations. Hitler, driven remorselessly forward by the desperate strain in German economy, is doomed to plunge on into fresh adventures. The great "have" powers, France, Britain, and the United States, will fight to keep Hitler from getting too much of their own loot in the vast empires of Asia and Africa and Latin America.

Teachers' Union Adopts War Monger's Program

Bars Anti-War Members from Presenting Position in Union Magazine

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
NEW YORK—In a stormy membership meeting Friday, March 24, of Local 5 of the American Federation of Teachers, the Stalinists pushed through a reversal of the traditional anti-war policy of the union and put it on record for a pro-war line.

It had been long evident to any union member that the Stalinists had shifted, to a war-mongering position; but this was the first time they dared openly in the union to come out for arm-

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FIGHT W.P.A. SLASHES

Madrid Crushed Under Iron Heel of Franco

Junta, Despairing of Keeping Things Under Control, Finally Invites Fascist Hordes to Come In

ARMY IS HANDED OVER

Their Friend Miaja

By LEON TROTSKY

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

COYOACAN, D. F., March 24—As I see from the last issue of the Socialist Appeal received here, the Stalinists try to link us with Miaja and his staff. The Socialist Appeal has already given a clear answer to this frameup. In this connection permit me to quote from my article, "The Lesson of Spain," written in December, 1937. Analyzing the possibility, under certain circumstances, of a rapprochement between the leaders of fighting camps, I wrote: "It is not difficult to understand that in the case of this variant the final remnants of the 'democracy' will prove to be stifled in the fraternal embrace of the generals Miaja (Communist!) and Franco (Fascist!)."

Marxist theory gives the possibility of foreseeing some things even on a personal plane. Stalinist practice (here there is no theory at all) consists of combinations of betrayals and frameups.

BULLETIN

Franco's army entered Madrid Tuesday morning. General Jose Miaja, and other members of his Junta, fled to Valencia. Their last act was to surrender the remaining loyalist troops in Central Spain to the mercies of Franco.

Madrid's surrender was expected hourly as Franco, having stood aside while the Popular Front Junta did his work for him, broke off surrender negotiations and insisted on concluding the civil war by force of arms.

Upon a demand last Saturday from Franco, the Junta had already agreed to surrender its air force—the Loyalist navy weeks ago had been sent to be disarmed and interned in French Algiers—but Franco did not wait for compliance with this demand. For his purposes it sufficed that, before it had secured any guarantees, the Popular Front Junta had already publicly announced it was surrendering its airplanes.

Drive Opens
On Sunday Franco launched an offensive against the southern front in central Spain, near Cordoba. Loyalist troops, who since the Junta took over the government on March 5 have heard nothing from their leaders but preparations for surrender, provided little resistance against the advancing fascist troops.

But on the Madrid front the de facto truce continued, and reports indicated that the reason for this may be that worker-regiments there were determined to continue resistance, and that the Junta had warned Franco of this state of affairs, so that fascist forces were launched first to reduce other fronts.

The N.Y. Times correspondent

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NEWARK JOBLESS BALK PROPOSALS TO SLICE RELIEF

Union Lays Plans For Action on April 1st

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

NEWARK—The Workers Relief and W.P.A. Union of Essex County moved forward last week on two fronts in the fight for adequate cash relief for Newark's relief clients and the struggle to prevent any lay-offs on W.P.A.

Relief Director Malady had proposed two weeks earlier a cut of about 50 per cent in the 1939 relief budget. According to his "retrenchment program," this was to be accomplished by stopping all relief to single men, families of two, and all unemployed, and all supplementary relief to W.P.A. workers and workers in industry with large families.

Jobless Act
The unemployed responded by appearing before the local Assistance Board, which met to take up Malady's proposal, with a picket line of 200 workers in front of the City Hall. The Workers Alliance appeared, too, with about 15 or 20 members skulking downheartedly about the halls of the building, putting their "pressure" on the Board.

The Board met with the Union committee first, and notified them that they had "considered Malady's proposal" and had decided to tell him "to make another survey" and "bring in other proposals for a retrenchment program." But the heavy cuts Malady urged were definitely discarded.

Ready for More
After that the picket line assembled in front of the City Hall, drawing hundreds of passers-by, and held a short meeting where speakers explained the reason for and the results of the picket line and urged that the unemployed remain on their toes, with their eyes open, ready to respond immediately to Malady's next proposals.

The Union has now turned its attention to a mass picket line in front of the state headquarters of W.P.A. to be held on Saturday, April 1, where they will show quite plainly the attitude of the project workers to the scheduled lay-offs.

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Million Due To Be Cut By June 1

Fighting Action Will Force Congress to Provide Funds

JOIN PICKET LINE!

The layoffs are here. They are hard, cold, facts. There can be no more fooling around—no more delay. Only by militant action—strikes, demonstrations, hunger marches, can the blows of the Roosevelt campaign to destroy the entire W.P.A. and return three million workers to the breadlines, the garbage pails and the open-shops be stopped. Only by decisive and immediate action can the hundreds of thousands of dismissal slips—prepared long in advance—be stopped.

Now—before it is too late the workers must rally to hold their ranks and fight back before they are cut off the pay roll. Once the cuts have gone through the workers will be divided. Some will be completely separated from their fellow workers and thus demoralized. Others will be too scared to act. Unless the projects are struck, unless the workers demonstrate, unless the employed and unemployed strike together, Roosevelt will win and the W.P.A. will be a thing of the past and the unemployed will be back where they were under Hoover.

According to Colonel Harrington, when Roosevelt first asked Congress for the \$875,000,000 it was the President's plan to throw unemployed workers on the streets at the rate of 150,000 a month. But Congress thinks it can get away with larger slashes—and it is making every effort to get this plan put through—so it cut \$150,000,000 off the original request.

Last Thursday Colonel Harrington submitted a plan to the House Appropriations Committee calling for the first slash of 400,000 from W.P.A. on April 1. On May 1, 600,000 more will be cut, and on June 1, 200,000 more. Harrington proposes to cut by projects disregarding "individual needs."

All the doomed persons within these quotas will be in need. Workers considered not in need were removed long ago.

Can't Go on Relief

The government how frankly admits that it intends to throw needy workers on the streets. Relief budgets for the balance of the year are all set. They have been established and the additional hundreds of thousands of applicants will be expected to shift for themselves!

Congress, in granting only \$725,000,000 for relief, made clear that it will give more if an emergency arises. This means that if the unemployed and fired workers stage strikes and demonstrations, if the unemployed are determined not to accept this knife in the back, then Congress will be prepared to retreat.

There is plenty of money to be had for W.P.A. The War budget amounts to more than four billion dollars. The Roosevelt administration is reducing taxes. The 60 families have not even been touched for any real dough. The money is there. And it can be had.

They are asking for it—Let's give it to them.

Get on the picket line at 70 Columbus Avenue at 10 A.M. sharp on Saturday, April 1st.

Lewis Prepares Showdown With CP at Auto Convention

Third Group's Program Meets Favorable Response as Convention Opens With Majority of Workers Represented

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Mar. 27—A major showdown between the forces directed by the Communist Party and the locals backed by John L. Lewis and the top C.I.O. leadership, looms at the United Automobile Workers Convention.

The convention opened today with a clean-cut division between these contending forces. The Stalinists control a huge bloc of votes sufficient to dominate the convention, determine policies and elect the incoming Executive Board. If a major attack is not launched against them by the big local unions and the C.I.O. leadership, the spearhead of the anti-Stalinist bloc in the convention consists of the big Briggs local, of which Emil Massey is president; the enormous West Side Detroit local, headed by Walter Reuther; and the Detroit Chrysler local, of which William Marshall is president.

C. P. Jitters
Adolph Germer, Leo Krycki and at least ten other C.I.O. organizers are at the convention, trying to whip up sufficient anti-Communist Party sentiment. John L. Lewis himself has not yet made any public declaration, but speculation is rife among convention delegates that it will be he who will deliver the major blow against the Stalinists.

The Communist Party leadership is obviously jittery in anticipation of the expected attack. At their caucus meeting, last night, the Stalinist whips for the first time spoke against "C.I.O. dictatorship," and the "John L. Lewis invasion," although they themselves had been the chief promoters of Lewis' intervention a few months ago as the solution for the faction fight in the union.

The Stalinist-led caucus finally decided to send a committee to see the C.I.O. representatives and to seek a compromise with them.

Ally With Reactionaries
The Communist Party group is particularly concerned with securing preservation of the present size of the Executive Board of twenty-five members, while the top C.I.O. forces want to cut the board down to three officers and nine board members.

In its attempt to preserve the numerous posts now held by its stooges, the Communist Party is believed to be in alliance with the worst reactionaries, the old Martin supporters on the executive

George F. Addes, secretary-treasurer.

The convention undoubtedly represents the overwhelming majority of organized auto workers in the major corporations—General Motors and Chrysler—the independents, and the major plants. The credentials committee reported 469 delegates, representing a membership of 170,202.

This figure represents at least three-fourths of the union and is a crushing answer to Martin's pretensions.

It is expected that many progressive resolutions and steps will be adopted, although the tone of the convention and the character of many of the resolutions will be determined by the Lewis-C.P. fight.

Convention areaways, hotels and the town are filthy with Stalinist officials, ranging from E. K. Gebert, Communist Party district organizer of Detroit, to Arnold Johnson and a crew of similar functionaries.

"Independence" Is Cry at Meeting of Puerto Ricans

Denounce Roosevelt at Commemoration Of 1937 Massacre

Four hundred members of New York's Puerto Rican colony, demanding freedom for their people, commemorated the second anniversary of the Palm Sunday massacre of Ponce, last Friday night at the Club Hatuey Hall.

A peaceful parade of Puerto Ricans was cold-bloodedly mowed down by Yankee imperialist machine gun and rifle fire on Palm Sunday, 1937.

"Independencia!" The Club Hatuey Hall rang with cheers and applause every time one of the speakers voiced that demand.

Rosario Rodriguez simply and graphically described the massacre of the unarmed paraders, including his own father and brother, by Roosevelt's gunmen. Ernesto Concepcion de Gracia was thunderously applauded when he flung the board down to three officers and nine board members.

when they throw into Atlanta prison Pedro Albizu Campos and our other Nacionalista leaders?"

Lorenzo Pineiro Rivera clearly and succinctly answered the Stalinists and liberals who try to channelize the issue into merely reformist roads. Governor Blanton Winship, said he, "Is not the cause of Puerto Rico's troubles, he is merely the instrument; the cause is Yankee imperialism, led by the smiling Roosevelt himself."

False Friends
Pineiro Rivera's pointed remarks were directed against three guest speakers who, far from solidifying themselves with the demand for Puerto Rican independence, tried to channelize the issue into merely reformist roads. These guest speakers were: a Mr. William Bianchi, substituting for Congressman Vito Marcantonio, the Stalinist stooge, who blandly omitted any mention either of Roosevelt or of the demand for independence; Rockwell Kent, front-man for the Stalinists in artistic circles, whose contri-

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