



Notice: We regret the delay of one day in issuing the 8-page May Day Appeal. This was unavoidably due to the large amount of extra work entailed in its publication. We are sure that our readers will have excused this delay after noticing the excellence of the May Day issue.

"I consider it a pleasure and a privilege to greet the Socialist Appeal and the Fourth International both morally and financially on the first of May."—A. Singman of Pine Bush, New York.

We want to acknowledge receipt of the following May Day Greetings which arrived too late to be included in the May Day issue:

- (1) A. Singman of Pine Bush, N. Y.
(2) The Los Angeles branch of the S.W.P.
(3) The Berkeley Y.P.S.L. unit of California.
(4) A branch of the Workers' Circle in Boston, Mass.
(5) Karl Liebknecht Unit, Y.P.S.L., New York.

The following branches increased their bundle orders:
(1) Los Angeles is taking 25 more per issue for a total of 150. John Murphy, by the way, is making great strides towards wiping out completely the old debt owed by L. A.

Anti-War Speeches Win Crowd from A.S.U. Rally

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) BOSTON, April 20—It took only one member of the Young People's Socialist League (Fourth International) to win the entire crowd away from a Jingo American Student Union meeting held here on the Common on April 20—the day of the student strikes against war.

John Hamilton, an ex-Y.P.S.L. member, and now the organizer of the Boston Y.P.S.L. mounted a peach basket only 50 feet away from the large Stalinist pro-war rally. The only one in his audience was comrade Besse Schlossberg. The audience and the speaker decided to open the meeting with a song, and they sang a duet of "Banker and Boss", a workers' song of solidarity.

Congressional Investigators Launch W.P.A. "Red" Hunt

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK CITY, April 26.—Agents of the Congressional Committee investigating the W.P.A. attempted to violate the law, it was learned last night, in their efforts to uncover "reds" among the workers employed on the Federal Arts Projects in this city.

After distributing copies of a questionnaire among 100 persons employed at the project, demanding among other questions, the union and political affiliations of the workers, the committee's attorney, H. Ralph Burton, who has served as counsel for the ultra-reactionary Daughters of the American Revolution and other wealthy patriotic groups, tried to order the W.P.A. project to mimeograph his questionnaire and distribute it to the workers.

According to Congressional act it is specifically forbidden to the W.P.A. to distribute or prepare any inquiry into the political or organizational affiliations of its workers. The law forbids discrimination against relief workers because of race, religion, politics, or union membership.

FLINT WORKERS PROTEST W.P.A. SLASHES

TWO AND HALF CENTS A MEAL NOT SUFFICIENT

Demonstrators Demand War Funds Go to Unemployed

(Continued from Page 1) Voiced in no uncertain terms the determined protests of their organization, the massed hundreds on the stairways and in the halls lustily sang "Solidarity," and gave rousing renditions of "Soup" and "We'll Hang Old Pollack to a Sour Apple Tree."

Since those outside the room in which the City Commission was meeting could hear nothing of what went on inside, local unemployed leaders gave fighting speeches from the top of a flight of stairs.

First of Series The demonstrators carried signs and placards which read, "We Can't Live on 2½ cents a Meal!" "Bread Not Battleships!" "Five Billions for War, 2½ cents a Meal for Us." City Manager Pollack was given special attention by the sign-painters, and he grew pale when he saw the sign which said, "Two Job Pollack—Double Pay—Double Cross" and "Pollack is G. M.'s Charlie McCarthy, Only Pollack Ain't Funny!"

The demonstration, perfectly planned and executed, was the first of a series of militant actions planned by the newly organized U.A.W.-C.I.O. Unemployed and W.P.A. section. That future demonstrations will be necessary was proved by the fact that in spite of the spirited showing of the demonstrators, the City commission threw down the gauntlet by endorsing the hated policies of City Manager Pollack.

March Through Streets While the throng was massed outside, several speakers outlined necessary future action, and announced a meeting for next week. After the crowd sang more songs, the whole group of several hundred marched down the main street of Flint, stopping all traffic.

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Best answer to the phoney Green proposal is introduction of more democracy within the U.M.W.A. Ohio miners, for example, would take more kindly to the Lewis regime if district officers were elected, not appointed. It is the inner flaw within the C.I.O. set-up which the A.P. of L. even more guilty uses hypocritically.

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L. A. Mexicans Defeat Local Jim Crow Move

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) LOS ANGELES, April 26.—When their homes were threatened by a petition presented to the City Council which would bar them from living in certain districts, Mexican workers of Azusa, a small town near here, turned for aid to the Los Angeles Committee of the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees.

The Fund immediately formed a committee in conjunction with the Mexican Sports Club of Azusa, an organization of young Mexican workers, and printed leaflets in English and Spanish condemning the attempt to establish racial restrictions as to the place of residence and calling on the Mexican workers to fight for their rights.

Council Retreats When the City Council heard the petition, the Fund sent attorneys who demanded that the Council reject the petition. In face of the militant protest and the organized resistance, the Council conceded that it had no power to restrict areas from residence by Mexicans.

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed by the Mexican Sports Club in appreciation for the assistance given by the American Fund.

The Los Angeles Committee of the American Fund has organized several affairs recently to collect money for refugees from fascist countries. Among these were a concert and a basketball game.

In the basketball game the C.I.O.-All-Stars battled the Dura-Steel team of Local 1421, United Electrical and Radio and Machine Workers of America, who are the champions of the C.I.O. Southern California Division.

Labor cannot defend itself from the present offensive of Big Business if it confines its political activity to the struggle between two sections of the boss class. In the end this will result in labor's defeat.

Never Were Trotskyists The recent attempt of the Communist Party in California to identify the Trotskyists with the activities of Dave Price and Rena Vale is just another link in the chain of slander and frame-up which have now become the prevailing political methods of STALINISM.

It is quite obvious that the Stalinists have been engaged in desperate efforts to integrate themselves into the capitalist political machine of Olson. The Stalinist today lives and breathes for one purpose: to become accepted and acknowledged by the boss politicians as responsible, respectable, patriotic and devoted servants to capitalist democracy.

It is neither our duty nor our purpose to "expose" the time, place or circumstances of this process to the circles of capitalist politicians who for one reason or another are opposed to accepting the services of Stalinism.

The S.W.P. points out that the present struggle in California state politics between two groups of capitalist politicians is charged with great dangers for California labor. Behind the present attack on the Olson administration is the desire of Big Business to launch a vicious attack on the living standards of labor, on unemployment relief, on the labor unions.

At the Newark meeting he will appear before the New Jersey Union of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. This organization is not a trade union but a fraternal order, dating back to 1845 and including more than a million members.

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N. L. R. B. ACCUSES GOODYEAR TIRE CO.

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) AKRON, Ohio—The National Labor Relations Board issued this week a complaint against the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. charging unfair labor practices, including the organization of the company's notorious "flying squadron" for strike-breaking purposes.

Y P S L LEADS SCHOOL BUDGET CUT PROTEST

Stalinists Veto Picket Line of LaGuardia City Hall

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK—In response to the threat of curtailed educational facilities called for in the educational budget cut of the LaGuardia administration, some 7,000 students massed near City Hall on Thursday, April 27.

The effectiveness of the demonstration was weakened by the tactics of the leadership of the demonstration—the Stalinist American Student Union. At about 2:30 in the afternoon there were thousands of students near City Hall. A group of them began to move toward the City Hall building where the Board of Estimate was in session considering the budget.

At this point members of the Y.P.S.L. (4th International) began to shout for a picket line. The Stalinist leadership proposed a meeting in Foley Square which is four blocks away from City Hall. They figured, no doubt, that this would be a safe distance from City Hall.

At Foley Square the Stalinists tried to shout down Y.P.S.L. militant slogans against the cut by singing "Hold Tight." They then broke the meeting up into several smaller ones in order to diffuse their demonstration more quickly.

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The contrast between the bootlicking attitude of the A.S.U. toward the LaGuardia administration and the militant fighting position of the Y.P.S.L. was clearly seen by those students really interested in fighting for decent educational facilities.



LAYOFF DRIVE CONTINUES ON N. Y. PROJECTS

Somervell Announces New Cuts From Job Rolls

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK CITY, April 27.—While President Roosevelt opens up the throttle to full steam ahead and Congress shovels in the dollars that are sending the war machine plunging down the tracks like a locomotive gone wild and headed straight for destruction, the unemployed are being forced to bear the full brunt of the cost.

Lieutenant-Colonel Brehon B. Somervell, local Works Progress Administrator, announced yesterday that next week he will lay off 13,740 workers in New York. Of this number 11,740 will be taken from construction projects and 2,000 from white-collar projects.

Destitution and starvation will thus be forced on additional tens of thousands so that Roosevelt and Congress can go on burning money in the war machine. The Welfare Department reports that they have been besieged with applications from people in desperate need as a result of the dismissal of 10,800 W.P.A. workers at the beginning of April.

At the end of this week the W.P.A. will close three white collar projects in New York City—the analysis of electric utility reports, sponsored by the Federal Power Commission, and milk distribution and clinical reports on home relief cases sponsored by the Health Department.

The motto of the Roosevelt Administration seems to be: In Order to Get More Funds for Guns—Starve the Unemployed. They're More Used to It than Anyone Else.

New York Bill Denies Teachers Free Speech; All Labor Is Menaced

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) ALBANY, April 19—Legislation anticipating the military dictatorship which will be clamped down upon the United States when Roosevelt plunges into the coming war has passed the stage of "consideration" by capitalist politicians and is now in process of being written down on the statute books for immediate use against progressives.

In reality the bill is designed to prohibit free speech and especially to prevent school teachers from explaining anything to their pupils but what is dictated by the representatives of Wall Street sitting in the state capitol at Albany.

The language of the Devaney bill apparently covers a much wider scope than the notorious McNabbe bill which is now in committee. The McNabbe bill specifically strikes at "Communists" whereas the Devaney bill proscribes advocacy of all "anti-Americanisms." But both bills are alike directed against the forces of labor and progress.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. C. L. R. JAMES, author of "Black Jacobins" & "World Revolution," will speak on "THE COMING WAR." Wednesday, May 3, 8:15 p.m. 918 U. S., N.W. Auspices: New Workers School.

In the Trade Unions

By B. J. WIDICK

The stakes in the fight between the United Mine Workers of America and the Appalachian coal operators are growing higher and more important every day.

This strike of 320,000 miners who might be joined next week by another 100,000 unionists has significance not merely because of the huge numbers involved—decisive as this itself might be—but also because of the indispensable nature of the coal industry especially in war-time, and because of the strategic role of the U.M.W.A. in the entire C.I.O. movement.

Future prospects of the C.I.O. depend considerably on a victory or at least an avoidance of serious defeat by the U.M.W.A. in its present struggle.

Questions of the role of the union movement in war-time, the next steps in unity negotiations between the C.I.O. and the A.P. of L., and the inner regime of the C.I.O. hinge on the outcome of the coal strike.

Roosevelt's intervention in the dispute is considered a matter of days. How he uses his powerful position and influence on the strike settlement will reveal much on what treatment labor can expect from his war machine. How John L. Lewis reacts to government intervention should furnish a pretty good gauge of Mr. Lewis's actions in the next war.

The Main Issue

Main issue of the strike is the U.M.W.A. demand for a closed shop. Already all economic demands have been withdrawn by the C.I.O. negotiators. Lewis has indicated his willingness to compromise still further and insist only on a union shop and the removal of the penalty clause for strikes in violation of contract.

To understand the vital importance of this issue one must remember that the A.P. of L. is supporting wholeheartedly the organizing campaign of its recent affiliate, the Progressive Miners of America, a reactionary and dual union in the coal mining field.

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Latest proposal of William Green to the federal conciliator in the coal strike shows what a shrewd and demagogic game he is playing to stab the C.I.O. in the back. Once a member of the U.M.W.A., Green knows of rank and file resentment within the miners union over Lewis' dictatorial control and unsavory record of the 1920's. Green was part of that Lewis machine. Now he proposes a national miners' referendum to determine collective bargaining representatives, hoping thus to capitalize on the resentment.

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