In the Irade 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, as the large issues confronting the American labor movement project themselves into the scene.

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 wartime, 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 strug-

Questions of the role of the union movement in war-time, the next steps in unity negotiations between the C.I.O. and special attention by the signthe A.F. 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 tion should furnish a pretty ployed and W.P.A. section. 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 City Manager Pollack. withdrawn by the C.I.O. negotlators. Lewis has indicated his willingness to compromise still further and insist only on a lined necessary future action, union shop and the removal of and announced a meeting for Party lock, stock and barrel. the penalty clause for strikes next week. After the crowd The statement of the Los Anin violation of contract.

portance of this issue one must | marched down the main street remember that the A.F. of L. is supporting wholeheartedly banners held high, and singing the organizing campaign of its at the top of their voices until to identify the Trotskyists with actionary and dual union in the orderly fashion. coal mining field.

Exclusion of this rival is necessary to prevent a bloody and costly internecine war with the bureaucrats would gain is furthereby making probable a unity pact which would definitely tend to be reactionary.

Bill Green's Game

Latest proposal of William Green to the federal conciliator in the coal strike shows Green knows of rank and file resentment within the miners union over Lewis' dictatorial control and unsavory record of SEN. REYNOLDS ON that Lewis machine. Now he proposes a national miners' referendum to determine collective bargaining representatives, hoping thus to capitalize

on the resentment. Best answer to the phoney Green proposal is introduction of the country's leading conof more democracy within the tenders for the future post of U.M.W.A. Ohio miners, for example, would take more kindly to the Lawis regime if district officers were elected, not appointed. It is the inner flaw within the C.I.O. set-up which the A.F. of L., even more guiltv. uses hypocritically. A buraround the neck of the C.I.O.

Just as the interests of the entire labor movement are injured by the A.F. of L. attacks on the Wagner Labor Disputes will appear before the New Jer-Act; the invasion into the sey Union of the Junior Order the Olsen administration is the road Brotherhoods, Indepen-U.M.W.A. territory threatens to bring the possibility of a big- This organization is not a trade ger open shop drive in major

Powerful utility, steel and other industrial forces are backing the coal operators and insisting on an open shop drive. The A. r. of L. fight against the C.I.O. in this industry can only aid in those plans.

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FLINT WORKERS PROTEST W.P.A. SLASHES

NOT SUFFICIENT

War Funds Go to Unemployed

(Continued from Page 1) voiced in no uncertain terms Prisoners and Refugees. 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."

was meeting could hear nothing of what went on inside, local unemployed leaders gave lighting speeches from the top of a flight of stairs.

First of Series

The demonstrators carried Meal!" "Bread Not Battle-21/2 cents a Meal for Us." City Manager Pollack was given painters, and he grew pale when he saw the sign which said, "Two Job Pollack-Double Pay-Double Cross" and and Rena Vale with the Social-

first of a series of militarit ac- the treacherous role which they of the labor movement to free the demonstration—the Stalinmachine. How John L. Lewis tions planned by the newly or- and the Communist Party are itself from the reactionary hold reacts to government interven- ganized U.A.W.-C.I.O. Unem- playing in California.

March Through Streets

To understand the vital im- group of several hundred as follows: of Flint, stopping all traffic.

A.F. of L. in this field. Even draw attention from it, by put- of these two individuals are or movement and its allies. partial success by the A.F. of ting a few pickets at plant em- ever were members of the So-L. would spur hopes in William | ployment offices earlier in the | cialist Workers Party or any Green and the die-hard clique day. The maneuver didn't other Trotskyist organization. that ruin of the C.I.O. is pos- work, however, and attempts We have never collaborated sible. The least the A.F. of L. at the demonstration itself by with them in their present "po-Workers Alliance leaders to litical activities" and condemn ther weakening of the C.I.O. pretend to be the leaders of their role just as vigorously as

what a shrewd and demagogic ployed and W.P.A. workers are Olsen capitalist politicians. Neiauto workers.

the 1920's. Green was part of SPEAKING TOUR FOR HIS FASCIST OUTFIT

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEWARK, N. J., April 18-Senator Robert Reynolds, one States, is scheduled to speak rected to this end. here on April 22 as representative of the Vindicators, the fascist organization sponsored by

This speech is but one of a series the Senator is now makeaucratic regime exists in both | ing. On April 21 he will address organizations. Lewis has the a gathering of students from Stalinism. additional handicap of placing Princeton, Harvard, and Yale the albatross of Stalinism at Princeton. His complete itinerary will carry him from

> At the Newark meeting he of United American Mechanics. union but a fraternal order. dating back to 1845 and including more than a million mem-

> It has a uniformed division, conducts regular military drills, and its officials bear military titles. Its membership in-

cludes even governors. Senator Reynolds is reported to be very interested in the pos- can wrest certain concessions program within the labor sibilities of this organization to from the Olsen administration movement. We seek to conform a wider base for his fas- but to seek an "ally" for labor vince the rank and file of labor

TWO AND HALF CENTS A MEAL Local Jim Crow Move | Compared to the Socialist Appeal) | AKRON, Ohio—The National

Demonstrators Demand the City Council which would Council conceded that it had no tion of the company's notoritain districts, Mexican workers of Azusa, a small town near here, turned for aid to the Los Angeles Committee of the American Fund for Political

The Fund immediately formwith the Mexican Sports Club ganized several affairs recentof Azusa, an organization of ly to collect money for refugees young Mexican workers, and from fascist countries. Among printed leaflets in English and these were a concert and a bas- SCHOOL BUDGE Spanish condemning the at- ketball game. tempt to establish racial re-Since those outside the room strictions as to the place of in which the City Commission residence and calling on the Dura-Steel team of Local 1421, Mexican workers to fight for

> Council Retreats When the City Council heard the C.I.O. Southern California Stalinists Veto Picket the petition, the Fund sent at- Division.

residence by Mexicans.

the assistance given by the over a year. American Fund.

The Los Angeles Committee ed a committee in conjunction of the American Fund has or-

In the basketball game the C.I.O.-All-Stars battled the United Electrical and Radio and Machine Workers of America, who are the champions of

signs and placards which read. Statement by S.W.P. Branch ships!" "Five Billions for War. On C. P. Rôle in California

LOS ANGELES, Calif., April the situation will shatter. 25 .- In a sharp reply to Stalinist attempts to link Dave Price

That future demonstrations ber of the Clarityite caucus in

right wing of the Democratic sang more songs, the whole geles Branch of the S.W.P. is

Never Were Trotskyists The recent attempt of the Communist Party in California in the chain of slander and In a typical maneuver, the frame-up which have now bethe affair, were a dismal flop. we condemn the role of the Such Workers Alliance mem- Communist Party. If the Combers as were present applauded | munist Party is working hand the vigorous militant speeches and glove with the Olson politiof the U.A.W.-C.I.O. spokes- cal machine, Dave Price and men. The Workers Alliance in Rena Vale have chosen the Flint, never much of an organ- miserable political path of actization, is doomed. All unem- ing as informers for the antithe same counterfeit coin.

> 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

last analysis it owes its alle- unemployment and war. giance. Determined and organized political and economic is straining every effort to pressure of the working class achieve this by advocating this

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) | sion which every new turn in The treachery of the Com-

having tied whatever labor "Pollack is G. M.'s Charlie ist Workers Party, the Los An- unions they control to the tail April 27. McCarthy, Only Pollack Ain't geles Branch of the S.W.P. has of the Olsen kite. They stifle issued a statement exposing the the independence of the labor of the old capitalist parties. Dave Price is a former mem- They block every attempt to mers and the Employers Associations.

> Labor cannot defend itself moved away, from the present offensive of

The present legal offensive against the unions as evidenced in such recent cases as the Howard Automobile Agency, Warehousemen Union, etc., is only the prelude to organized against the cut by singing vigilante and gangster attacks. California capitalism is deter-

Out to Smash Labor

they lost to labor in the strike waves and union organization drive. The banks and the big farmers are determined to meeting at which speakers consmash any attempts to organ- demned the education budget game he is playing to stab the flocking into the U.A.W.-C.I.O. ther of these roads can serve ize the quarter of a million cut, and the Stalinist A.S.U. for in process of being written CA.O. in the back. Once a section, in which they will be the interests of the working agricultural laborers in this not picketing City Hall. Irving down on the statute books for member of the U.M.W.A., supported by the organized class; they are two sides of state. We must consider serious measures for a counter council and Irving Howe, asso- sives. campaign. Dependence on Ol- ciate editor of the Challenge of sen is a delusion that will de- Youth, speaking for the stroy the fighting power of la. Y.P.S.L., called for a picket

> bor ranks., Great Opportunities

But if the situation presents become accepted and acknowl- labor movement great opporedged by the boss politicians as tunities. The last state election responsible, respectable, patri- saw the middle class in Cali- make any noise because the otic and devoted servants to fornia rally to the support of Board of Estimate was meetcapitalist democracy. All the labor in its struggle against the power and influence they have anti-picketing ordinance. This Fascist Dictator of the United in the labor movement is di- is a favorable sign of the greatest importance. The impover-It is neither our duty nor our | ished middle class, the pauperpurpose to "expose" the time, ized aged, the small farmers, place or circumstances of this the great mass of agricultural process to the circles of capi- laborers, the unemployed, the talist politicians who for one dispossessed youth, all will ralreason or another are opposed ly to the banner of the labor to accepting the services of movement if it shows that it means to fight for its own in-The S.W.P. points out that terests and the interests of all the present struggle in Cali- who are oppressed by the profit fornia state politics between barons. California labor, as North Carolina to Massachu- two groups of capitalist politi- well as labor nationally, should cians is charged with great immediately take steps to ordangers for California labor. gahize a great convention of littles. Behind the present attack on its forces: A.F.L., C.I.O., Raildesire of Big Business to dent Unions, for the organizalaunch a vicious attack on the tion of an independent Labor living standards of labor, on Party; a party that will unite unemployment relief, on the politically the forces of the labor unions. The Olsen ad- working class; a party that ministration, in turn, cannot will challenge "the right of and will not resist the pressure America's Sixty Families to of Big Business to whom in the plunge the mass of people into

The Socialist Workers Party in the Olsen machine is an illu- that this must be their road.

AKRON, Ohio-The National Labor Relations Board issued (Special to the Socialist Appeal)
LOS ANGELES, April 26.— | torneys who demanded that the complaint against the Goodyear Tire & Rubber When their homes were threat- face of the militant protest and Co. charging unfair labor pracened by a petition presented to the organized resistance, the tices, including the organizabar them from living in cer- power to restrict areas from ous "flying squadron" for strike-breaking purposes. The A unanimous vote of thanks United Rubber Workers of was passed by the Mexican America has been pressing for Sports Club in appreciation for action against the company for

'PSL LEADS

Line of LaGuardia City Hall

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) NEW YORK-In response to he threat of curtailed educational facilities called for in the 000. educational budget cut of the LaGuardia administration, munist Party consists in their some 7,000 students massed near City Hall on Thursday,

The effectiveness of the dem-The demonstration, perfectly activities of these two capital- movement. They bitterly at- onstration was weakened by planned and executed, was the ist politicians and denouncing tack any attempt on the part the tactics of the leadership of ist American Student Union.

At about 2:30 in the afternoon achieve the independent polit- there were thousands of stuwill be necessary was proved the Socialist Party of Califor- ical organization of the work- dents near City Hall. A group by the fact that in spite of the nia. He was a bitter enemy of ing class by spreading the poi- of them began to move toward spirited showing of the demon- the left wing and took a lead- sonous illusion that progress the City Hall building where strators, the City commission ing role in destroying the So- lies in the direction of a har- the Board of Estimate was in threw down the gauntlet by en- cialist Party of that state by monious alliance with the "left session considering the budget. dorsing the hated policies of illegally expelling the left wing wing" of the capitalist parties. The thousands of students met under the guise of "Trotsky- They attempt to frame up with opposition from . . . one every militant worker who op- cop. But the Stalinist leader-While the throng was massed Rena Vale is a former Stal- poses this course as an agent ship, fearful of antagonizing outside, several speakers out. inist who has gone over to the of Hearst, the Associated Far- the LaGuardia administration which they had helped elect, quickly backed down and

At this point members of the Big Business if it confines its Y.P.S.L. (4th International) bepolitical activity to the strug- gan to shout for a picket line. gle between two sections of the The Stalinist leadership proboss class. In the end this will posed a meeting in Foley result in labor's defeat. Olsen Square which is four blocks and his political opponents will away from City Hall. They figrecent affiliate, the Progres- they reached U.A.W.-C.I.O. of the activities of Dave Price and unite and make deals against ured, no doubt, that this would Sive Miners of America, a re- fices where they dispersed in Rena Vale is just another link the working class, the poor be a safe distance from City farmers and the pension move- Hall. When the Y.P.S.L. raised ment, the moment they sense the slogan of picketing City Stalinist - dominated Workers come the prevailing political a lack of militancy, vigilance. Hall instead of moving to Foley Alliance tried to steal the thun- methods of STALINISM. We and independent political ac- Square, several Stalinist hoodder of the demonstration, and emphatically state that neither tion on the part of the labor lums tried to tear Y.P.S.L. placards. The Y.P.S.L. adequately defended itself.

> Y.P.S.L. Opens Meeting At Foley Square the Stalinists tried to shout down Y.P.S.L. militant slogans 'Hold Tight." They then broke the meeting up into several mined to win back every inch smaller ones in order to disperse their demonstration more quickly.

The Y.P.S.L. then started a

Some 100 students responded the vigorous militant speeches and marched to City Hall breathes for one purpose: to great dangers it also offers the where the cops prevented them from picketing. The cops said that the picketers could not ing. The Y.P.S.L. then picketed at the outskirts of City Hall, shouting "Sh. . .Sh, don't tell anyone, but the Board of Estimate is cutting the educational budget." Then after some more slogans and picketing the line was called off.

The contrast between the bootlicking attitude of the dents really interested in fight- against the forces of labor and ing for decent educational fac- progress.



LAYOFF DRIVE CONTINUES ON

Somervell Announces New Cuts From Job Roll's

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) -While President Roosevelt Bush, New York. 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

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. This will slash the W.P.A. rolls in New York City down to 143,-

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. Home Relief officials estimate conservatively that they can declare not more than 12,500 of the relief workers dropped in April and May as eligible for city help. but acceptance of this number of cases, without considering tens of thousards of other needy families, would add about \$600,000 a month to the relief budget, which is enough to buy at least seven first-class

At the end of this week the W.P.A. will close three white City-the analysis of electric utility reports, sponsored by the Federal Power Commission, and milk distribution and clinical reports on home relief Department.

Administration seems to be: It than Anyone Else.

New York Bill Denies of solidarity. Teachers Free Speech;

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) ALBANY, April 19 - Legislation anticipating the military dictatorship which will be clamped down upon the United had gathered their crowd by Common. States when Roosevelt plunges hiring busses and bringing into the coming war has passed the stage of "consideration" by capitalist politicians and is now

Today the New York State Assembly passed by a vote of 107 to 27 the ultra-reactionary the State or in the teaching systems of persons advocating the overthrow of the American government.

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 the law, it was learned last 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 McNabde bill which is now in committee. The McNaboe bill specifically strikes at "Com-A.S.U. toward the LaGuardia munists." whereas the Devanadministration and the militant ey bill proscribes advocacy of fighting position of the Y.P.S.L. all "anti-American isms." But was clearly seen by those stu- both bills are alike directed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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Notice: We regret the delay | when I offered it to them for of one day in issuing the 8-page nothing. Now they are regular May Day Appeal. This was readers and like the paper!"unavoidably due to the large Howard Stump, Appeal agent amount of extra work entailed of Quakertown, Pa. in its publication. We are sure that our readers will have ex- NEW APPEAL POSTER: cused this delay after noticing the excellence of the May Day mer creations from Paris! The

"I consider it a pleasure and the form of an A-1 poster. a privilege to greet the Social- Comrade R. who is directing ist Appeal and the Fourth In- the work tells us, "It's the best ternational both morally and yet!" From a preliminary financially on the first of view of it we can agree. NEW YORK CITY, April 27. May."-A. Singman of Pine

We want to acknowledge re-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 Workmen's Circle in Boston, Mass.

(5) Karl Liebknecht Unit, Y.P.S.L., New York. "I went into Lansdale, Pa last week to visit some old friends and looked up some former members of the old Socialist Party branch. One whom I had never met before looked over the 3 last issues of

if we had enough people to go | (2) The new Y.P.S.L. unit of out and sell the Appeal we Madison, Wisc., has jumped all could double the circulation. | the way from 10 copies per is-"When I first started to sell sue to 30 copies. D. Thorpe is

Talk about your latest sum-Appeal Poster Shop is now at work on its latest creation in

This poster will be sent out in quantity to all branches in about one week's time. Watch ceipt of the following May Day for it and make good use of it!

> Subscriptions fell off sharply this week. We hope that this isn't an early sign of the summer slump! Here's the record for the week:

NEW YORK CITY..... 8 California Pennsylvania Ohio Maryland Massachusetts New York State New Jersey North Dakota 1 Total 30

The following branches increased their bundle orders: (1) Los Angeles is taking 25 the Appeal and pulled out \$1.00 more per issue for a total of for a sub. The other subscrib- 150. John Murphy, by the way, er said that if I would have is making great strides toasked him he would have sub- wards wiping out completely scribed long ago! I believe that the old debt owed by L. A.

the paper I had a number of the new literature agent for friends who refused to take it the unit.

Anti-War Speeches Win Crowdfrom A.S.U.Rally

BOSTON, April 20-It took the A.S.U. meeting in a few only one member of the Young | minutes' time. People's Socialist League | Call the Cops (Fourth International) to win | Finding themselves without the entire crowd away from a any listeners, the Stalinist leadcollar projects in New York jingo American Student Union ers, in true rat-like fashion, meeting held here on the Com- called the cops and demanded mon on April 20-the day of the that they silence Hamilton, student strikes against war.

cases sponsored by the Health the Boston Y.P.S.L. mounted day in every respect. He The motto of the Roosevelt away from the large Stalinist mit and in a loud and clear In Order to Get More Funds his audience was comrade Bes- war mongers for the next thirfor Guns-Starve the Unem- sie Schlossberg. The audience ty-five minutes. ployed, They're More Used to and the speaker decided to open the meeting with a song, ers had arrived. Hamilton inand they sang a duet of "Bank- troduced John Poulos, C.I.O. er and Boss', a workers' song organizer of Lynn, who contin-

> down all the students from Harvard, Radcliffe, Wellesley, speakers were too much com-Simmons Colleges that would petition for them, and they come to hear the speakers on closed the meeting early. The the Common. But this lone crowd remained to hear the young socialist, who kept tell- Socialist speakers until the ing the crowd how to fight war Y.P.S.L. closed the meeting

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) | the entire audience away from

claiming that the Yipsel ora-John Hamilton, an ex-Y.O.L. tor had no permit to 'speak. er, and now the organizer of But Hamilton was victor of the a peach basket only 50 feet whipped out his speaker's perpro-war rally. The only one in voice harangued against the

ued telling how war could be All eyes turned toward Ham- averted by a relentless struglton as he started to speak. In gle against the war makers-All Labor Is Menaced a few minutes the major por- the capitalist class. Poulos was tion of the crowd that had been followed by George Mathews, listening to the pro-war speech- organizer of the Harvard Soes of the A.S.U. orators moved cialist League (Fourth Interover to the Y.P.S.L. meeting national) who rushed from an to listen to Hamilton. The Stal- anti-war meeting on the Harinists became frantic. They vard campus to speak on the

In the meantime, the A.S.U. realized that the Y.P.S.L. by fighting capitalism, had won many hours later.

Devaney bill, which ostensibly prohibits the employment by Congressional Investigators Launch W.P.A. "Red" Hunt

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) | tion, society or union? Name NEW YORK CITY, April 26. all. State amount of dues paid. Agents of the Congressional State how often meetings are Committee investigating the held. State who solicited you W.P.A. attempted to violate for membership." night, in their efforts to un- discover the past professional cover "reds" among the workers employed on the Federal Arts Projects in this city. After distributing copies of a

questionnaire among 100 per-

sons 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.

The sixteenth and last question of Mr. Burton's question-At the Newsstand | naire read: "Are you a mem-

Other questions attempted to background of the workers, to make a comparison of their present W.P.A. compensation with the sums they earned in private employment, and to determine their birthplace and citizenship status.

The Red Herring

One of the major efforts of the present "investigation" of W.P.A. and relief by the House committee headed by the notorious Representative Woodrum who is a bitter opponent of any and all relief appropriations, is to prove that recipients of relief are "reds" and should therefore be thrown into the streets to starve.

A "red" in the eyes of Congressman Woodrum is anyone who does not salute the American flag three times a day. doesn't want to go to war to fight for capitalist profits, belongs to a union, or makes less than a Congressman's salary,

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