In the Irade Unions

By B. J. WIDICK =

Two significant straws in the wind of the trends in the labor vealed last week.

From Buffalo, N. Y., came signed a contract with the J. H. Williams Steel Co. which included a clause guaranteeing continuation of seniority rights to employes drafted for conscription in war.

Now every unionist is in fa-Vor of observation of seniority rights under all circumstances. What is disturbing is the calm acceptance of the idea of conscription during war-time.

It remains to be seen if this s an offical S.W.O.C. national policy or whether it was done purely on a local scale.

The steel company's accepthe world war.

Purge Aliens

its policy of purging alien em- print), while another wished to ty. They may even have to 3 000 employes have been the enclosure to one smaller dropped from the pay-roll per- than that of the reprint. manently because they were not American citizens.

the dismissals.

aration for M-day.

O.C. is doing nothing to prevent at Teachers College. this terrible kind of discrimination. In fact, even mention of this subject in some unions brings howls of disapproval.

W.P.A. and home relief.

refugees in Europe.

Wealthy Don't Suffer

It is not the petty-bourgeois or wealthy "foreigner" who suffers from this purge policy. Only the workers who came from Europe and plunged into the factories will suffer - the workers who toiled so hard that exhaustion at night prevented any activity but sleep in preparation for another day's hard

It is these workers who are being blacklisted from all jobs. They face outright starvation! They can't even get on relief! Acceptance of this policy happens, among other things. to be a violation of the constitution of the C.I.O. which solemnly pledged to organize and protect an workers irrespective of race, creed, color, etc., etc.

More fundamental than this, it is a direct expression of the development of chauvinism and its deliberate extension by the bosses among the workers in an effort to divide them and also whip up their patriotism. To those of us whose very life and ideas stem from the spirit of internationalism. sharpest struggle in unions to prevent this blow at working class solidarity is an elementary duty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME THE 14 EX-S.P.ers into the S.W.P. at a social this Saturday at the home of Anne Russell, Apt. 19, 100 Norfolk St., N. Y. C., 9 p.m. Admission 20c. All welcome.

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By Vagueness of Program and by Individualism of Leaders

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

NEW YORK-With the writ- the most part. Righteously iring of an opposition slate of of- ritated individuals like Dr. icers and national convention Childs and Louis Hacker, tion voted last year by the the discriminatory practices represents 207 trade union, friend in Habana, Cuba. movement in relation to the | selegates for the coming year, | George | Counts and George | people of New York | State? | used in the employment of Ne- | church, and fraternal organizacoming world war were re- he Stalinist majority of the Hartmann, have been "forced" Various bills, five in all, de-New York College Teachers' to spread their complaints signed in one form or another his World's Fair Corporation, that "Democracy means De-3ranch of the American Fed- abroad, Licking the time or to implement the voters' decinews that the S.W.O.C. had eration of Teachers, Local 537. the resolution or a sense of sion, are up for consideration faces organized opposition for trade union technique, or all by the legislature. Why has no only 391 jobs have been given mocracy" where no rights are he first time since it was three, to organize an effective action been taken upon them? to Negroes. Not only have few- given to Negroes is no democformed out of the college sec- bloc within the local. ion of Local 5. Vague Program

At the nominations meeting 21, a sufficient number of anti- ciplined and resolute to cam-

tance of this clause was a clev- attacks on the formation of an point- "Such conduct of the er maneuver to pacify the re- opposition and elaborate at- Union's affairs that membersentment still felt by workers empts at character assassina- ship therein shall not be, or be Dr. George Hartmann. In a to membership in any political Thousands of soldiers re- milder moment, the chairman party or partisan organizathat their jobs had been taken surd" the recent letter in the and specific program for acpermanently by those "who New Republic written by Dr. tion. stayed behind," as they were Hartmann and offered for dis- But no written program will called. This fact was the tribution to the membership, take the place of constant and source of considerable agita- Obvious tricks to prevent the active participation in union aftion among the ex-service men. mailing of this letter to the fairs. To compete with the members were resorted to, one Stalinists, the august and indimember pointing out the ab- vidualistic liberals at the col-A report from North Tarry- sence of a union label (the New leges will have to take on some General Motors has gone with it does not appear on the re- is fundamental in union activiployes. Over 175 out of the limit the size of the paper for attend union meetings.

Anti-Stalinist forces had be-Regrettable is the fact that gun to crystallize in the college this policy has been pursued local after the publication in with the approval of the auto- the Nation, December 17, last GREEN workers union. Joseph Gal- of James Wechsler's article gano, financial secretary of "Twilight at Teachers College" Local 118. U.A.W.A., made it and the subsequent exchange BOSSES very clear in his comments to and publication, in the Nation reporters that the union was and the Post, of letters from not taking any stand against John L. Childs and others on the Teachers College faculty charges. He added that the purge was and statements from the Execdone with War Department ap- utive Board and various offiproval. It was part of the prep- cers of the College Teachers Monday. Prior to his appear-Union. These statements con- ance he issued a general de-A leading steel progressive sisted of general whitewashing nial of Lewis' charges, and from another area informed us of the Union on the part of its challenged Lewis "to prove his that a similar purge was being officials, and personal defenses carried on in many steel of the integrity of Professor promised that "any and all plants. Unfortunately, the S.W. Childs on the part of his friends | questions propounded by the

More recently, an article by swered in a direct and definite Jerome Davis, national presi- way." dent of the A.F. of T., in the New Republic of March 15, Of course, this purge policy with its flat denial of charges Act proposed by Senator Walsh tive. is in line with Roosevelt's pol- of Communist control, and its of Massachusetts, but disassoicy of throwing all "aliens" off indignant reference to attacks ciated the A.F.L. from amendon the Union from a "miscel-We have heard not one word laneous assortment of sharp- Burke of Nebraska, Represenof protest over this cold-shooters stretching from the tative Hoffman of Michigan blooded plan of starving every Dies Committee all the way to and Senator Holman of Orenon-American citizen living John L. Childs", has provoked gon, which he termed "dehere from those who shed croc- new response in the press, structive of the purpose and interests the "people's repre- whole world the fact that an cry and answered Vincount odile tears over the fate of the from Dr. Hartmann, who re- theory" of collective bargaincently resigned the chair of the ing. Columbia Chapter in protest against the Stalinist control of the Executive Board of the lo-

In the New Republic of April Dr. Hartmann, a Socialist, puts forth a series of specific proofs of Stalinism in the Union, which are denied in the powering a new "Federal Lasame issue by Jerome Davis in | bor Board" to permit employa manner which may with ers to initiate elections to de-

scribed as flimsy. Avoids Main Question

Dr. Davis, well-known cru- unions may initiate such elec sader against Stalinism, dis-tions. Green emphasized that the past few days. misses the essential question of it would be merely "discreto alleged Communist control eral Board would order such an himself. of the New York Unions, ask election in any specific case; Ned Dearborn, Dean of the Di- but the proposal, as the C.I.O. skeptical. Dean Dearborn, in- recognition whenever it suited gnawed on the arm. cidentally, is the most recent the employer. and being too busy and too im- contract. This provision is thumb by rats. portant to be an active mem- plainly designed to protect the an authority on its affairs.

every motion except one made those demanded by the C.I.O. Section of Local 544, was bit housing authority which could in the Columbia Chapter (in- In defending the Walsh ten by a huge rat. sisting on retraction of charges amendments. Green blasted of anti-labor bias against Pro- away at the National Labor Reresorts to every device to forestall genuine discussion of the C.I.O.

At the Newsstand ly, and in the public press for Act.

Forgotten

What has happened to the

That the problem is one that demands immediate and dras-Whether the new "oppositic action is once again provedof the local on Friday, April tion" will be sufficiently dis- it further proof were necessary -by recent reports of wide-Stalinists were nominated to paign effectively for its slate spread profiteering by landform an almost complete op- remains to be seen. Its plat- lords in slum areas. This profposition slate, the nomination form, while avoiding a mere iteering is of the most ruthless of Alonzo Myers for President blanket charge of "Stalinism," and meanest sort. Some 750 being uncontested. As a result is vague. Two of the four families on the Lower East of the proportional representa- points offered, concentration Side have been ordered to vaion system, there is hope that on professional problems and cate their premises by May 6 some of the nominees will be rapid expansion of member- 30 as to clear the site needed ship, are so generally given for the new Corlears Hook The meeting was marked, lip-service as to be without building project. But these however, by virulent Stalinist special meaning. The crucial families have no place to go. "Tenement owners."

clared Emeric Kurtagh, Henry from their experiences after tion of the opposition leader, considered to be, tantamount few days ago, "are cashing in Street Settlement director, a on the housing shortage. Landlords are offering them (the turned to U. S. A. and found saw fit to characterize as "ab- tion" does not give a positive families that have to clear out) worse slums than they now live in-at unheard of rentals."

Miss Jean Brand, executive raised as high as 50 per cent. "Owners of nearby tenements;" she stated (N. Y. Post, town; N. Y., indicates how far Republic has a union label but of the onerous hack work that April 26), "have not only set ridiculous figures on vacant apartments but have even boosted rentals in occupied units.'

These 750 families cannot pay the increased rentals. What is to become of them? And: how does it happen that the city authorities (don't forget, Mayor LaGuardia is the people's friend) permit profiteering at the expense of human misery?

Action Needed

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Green began testifying be-

fore the Senate committee on

charges and allegations." He

Committee" would be "an-

Green committed the A.F.L. to

ments introduced by Senator

Favorable to Boss

has denounced as especially fa-

1. Wiping out the present

personnel of the National La-

Many of the big A.F.L. un-

vorable to bosses are:

Among the Walsh amend-

The Corlears Hook problem is not an isolated one. The same problem has occurred before and is bound to occur frequently in the future. It is a clear indication that the question of slum clearance and erection of low-rental homes cannot be handled piece-meal. Comprehensive plans must be laid and executed at once if the existing evil is to be corrected.

the amendments to the Wagner

Unless some action is taken quickly, there is every likelihood that the whole matter of housing will be scuttled. Evisentatives" are so eager to English army of occupation is Craigavon that conscription

Teachers Propose Rents Rise World's Fair Bars Opposition Slate as Housing Jobs for Negroes

College Teachers' Union Opposition Weakened Plans Are Committee Organizes Picket Line against Jim Crow Policy of New York World's Fair Corporation

> More than 500 persons pick- ployment has been fighting \$300,000,000 housing appropria- Fair on opening day to protest policy. This committee, which

> > er jobs been given to persons racy at all. of the colored race, but these

hired are employed as porters. World's Fair Corporation. No white collar jobs or skilled | On Saturday afternoon, at a paid position to the Negro;

have been turned down be- every day. cause they are Negroes:

Committee Organizes Fight

eted the New York World's Grover Whalen's anti-Negro groes by Grover Whalen and tions in New York City says Although the Fair is now em- mocracy for all, Negro and ploying thousands of people, white alike." The sham of "de-

During the past week the jobs have been only the most Committee has kept a picket menial ones. Of the 391 jobs line in front of Grover Whalthat have been given to the Ne- en's office at the Empire State groes, 191 of them are as "san- building. Nothing could change itary attendants." The term the callous attitude of Whalen 'sanitary attendant" is a high- and last Thursday night thoussounding title for toilet clean- ands of Negroes demonstrated in Times Square against the Almost all other Negroes continued discrimination of the

labor has been given to color- meeting of the Committee, the

ordinating Committee for Em- May 2, at City Hall.

asserted that rents have been De Valera Cancels U.S. Trip As Masses Balk at War Plans

his much publicized trip to that the Irish people are deter-

plans on the part of the Irish machine. premier lies the dramatic story of Ireland's renewed fight for whole world that De Valera ty to the war preparations of his own Irish house, and that

ambitious scheme. De Valera Irish-British cooperation. was to convince Roosevelt to use his influence and authority Free State.

guarantee Ireland's uncondi- in 24 hours a campaign was The people of this state have | tional support to the British | raging endorsed the expenditure of war plans and cheerfully to against conscription. Northern \$300,000,000 to meet this need. provide air L-ses for the Brit- Irish Nationalists demanded of The legislature remains inac- ish air fleet off the western De Valera to "mobilize the Irish coast.

New Anti-British Eerment dently this is the legislators' trigue of the Irish Premier. Even the "Irish Press," de Vaplan. It is also the plan of the The recent bombings have lera's own newspaper, took profiteering landlords whose brought to the attention of the cognizance of the public outterrorizing the northern Irish

Premier Eamon de Valera | population, that the Irish Reannounced last week to the publican Army still exists and startled members of the Daily commands the support of large Eirann that he had cancelled sections of the Irish people and mined not to support or give Behind this sudden change of any comfort to the British war The bombings showed the

freedom and her deadly enmi- was not undisputed master in he was not in a position to It is well known, in Irish cir- pledge Irish support. The incles in America, that de Valera troduction of conscription by planned to enlist the support Chamberlain knocked the botof President Roosevelt in an tom out of the whole policy of

Right Against Conscription On April 27, Viscount Craigawith the British rulers to abol- von; Prime Minister of Northish partition and allow the unit- ern Ireland, requested of ing of north Ireland with the Chamberlain that the conscription measures be made to ap-In return, De Valera was to ply to Northern Ireland. Withthroughout Ireland

Irish race at home and abroad immediately" to resist British The events of the last few conscription. The powerful weeks have dynamited out of rish Republican Army threatexistence this over-clever in- aned further punitive action. "would be resisted by every means."

> Eamon De Valera explained his sudden decision to cancel his American trip as follows: 'Certain grave events . changed the situation and I ave deemed it necessary to alter my plans and postpone my visit.'

Today's war preparations and war plans of the British empire have hit their first snag: Irish resistance. The actual outbreak of the second passport (ASE imperialist World War will see the determined resistance of Irish people to that war and 'heir strong battle for national freedom.

Colonial peoples throughout the world will act with the courage and determination that has been displayed by the Irish revolutionists. .

lower income brackets. According to a recent survey, NATIONAL COAL are living in homes unfit for human occupancy.

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) tension of the Anthracite coal agreement covering 100,000 Workers of America for an-The recently-elected Stassen other week temporarily avert than that which has been legaled a nation-wide coal industry ly introduced." shutdown.

Meanwhile, John L. Lewis, president of the U.M.W.A., told tion with a eulogy of American tial comment concerning the the soft-coal operators in be- 'justice and American ideals, "possible" Stalinist affiliations through a prolonged shut-down plary." Edelstein's praise of sometimes dragging along would boomerang on them.

for a union shop.

peal. The paper is for a friend

"I will try to get new subscriptions among my friends. The single copy I have been

MAY DAY ISSUE SUCCESS:

Preliminary reports from all over the country indicate a real reception for our 8-page been exhausted.

"Please find enclosed a | We urge all readers to write money order for \$3.00 for a in and let us know what they year's subscription to the Ap- think of the May Day Appeal.

STATEMENTS IN THE MAIL

We are mailing out the regular Appeal statements to getting has a circulation of 5 or branches this week. As usual, more. The people that read it action is the key-word and we find it very fine indeed."-A expect every single branch to make a substantial payment immediately on its bundle order debt.

APPEAL POSTER OUT:

The new Appeal poster is May Day Appeal. Many friends | finished and will be mailed out have called it one of our best this week. Watch for yours in issues to date. The entire sup- the mail. And if you want ply of the May Day issue has more let us know immediately as the supply is limited:

ON THE WAY TO THE TRENCHES

Whalen's attitude was sched- Kaunas, capital of Lithuania, use of the War Office. The Greater New York Co- uled to take place Tuesday, for buying foodstuffs in the open market. The object of the demands, it is clear, is to im-

> defenses in answer to Hitler's step up the national "defense" Reichstag speech.

trained in Canada according to Committee for \$790,429,453 for an agreement reached between the navy. The Naval Supply Bill the two governments. The which comes before Congress Canadian Defense Department this week includes an item for will superintend the training two 45,000 ton battleships, and schools. \$6,000,000 will be spent an item for \$65,000,000 to be on the scheme which does spent on naval air base conmuch to show the insincerity struction. of the Canadian government when it pronounced it would not be part of England's armies in a "European" war.

ly not enter their training period until next (all have been called to service by the Danish government. 9,000 troops will proceed to, garrisons on the South Jutland German frontier.

. . . Denmark has created a war risk marine insurance fund of 40,000,000 kroner (about \$10,000,000), half of which will Labor estimates present unembe subscribed by the State, ployment at 11,200,000. Its figand half by shipping, banking ures have always erred on the and industrial interests.

Secretary of War Woodring partment the power "to apply Bureau's own figures. to the army's officer personnel the same rigorous vitalization ness index stands at 86-where which is now taking place in it stood in October, 1938. Yet its organization and arma- at that time 3,350,000 were on

In preparation for its use in the production of warcrafts, tober, and the 900,000 to be General Motors has begun the lired by July 1 are being dismissal of foreign born work. thrown into the streets withers in its Chevrolet and Fisher out the faintest prospect of Body plants at North Tarry- getting jobs.

That the British Secret Serof Bohemia and Albania well ian period of Give-A-Job and

(Continued from Page 1) sip Garber, Aaron Sharfin, graphic studio. Nathanson had Edward Blatt and six fugitive Garber stand before the jury defendants, among them the box and pointed out to the ju-Moscow-imprisoned Robinson- rors the defendant's frailty Rubens couple, were begun in and honest face. Federal Court on Monday,

ing made by the defense to charges. Judge Goddard desave the three defendants from nied all three motions. conviction. M. Michael Edelstein, attorney for Sharfin, in order to spike the soft-repeated were of the opinion that the WASHINGTON, D. C .- Ex- charge that the defendants government will secure a conwere underlings of the G.P.U., viction, especially in view of declared to the jury, "This is the fact that the defense avoidmembers of the United Mine a criminal case and should not ed placing the defendants on admit of any other evidence the witness stand.

Defense Lauds Prosecution the prosecution is understand- wearily, the correspondents

scribed Adolph Arnold Rubens

Germany on April 26 made in advance of the actual operaed people. Whalen has assigned | delegates voted unanimously to | three demands on Lithuania: | tion | leaked | out | after | a only the most lowly and low picket the Fair grounds. If (1) to increase trade turnover speech by Winston Churchill to Whalen does not stop his "Jim with Germany by 25 per cent; the House of Commons. Speak-Qualified persons who have Crow" practices, the picket (2) to revise commercial trea- ing in praise of Britain's spy applied for employment in ev- line will be continued in front ties with Great Britain and service, Churchill indicated ery other category of work of his ofice from 12:30 to 2 p.m. other countries to give certain how the Empire's spies are privileges to Germany; (3) to busily engaged in collecting A demonstration protesting establish a trade agency in military intelligence for the

Despite war appropriations greater than any since the U.S. pose a German monopoly on organized its American Expethe economic life of Lithuania. ditionary Force for the last World War, administration. Poland is bracing its border leaders are now seeking to program to even greater speed: It is expected that Roosevelt British war fliers will be will ask the Appropriations

(Continued from Page 1) The American Federation of

conservative side. More People-Less Work Today 4,250,000 fewer workwill ask Congress in a few days ers are employed than in 1929. for legislation to remove from despite the fact that since then the army's officer rolls the five to six million have been aged and physically unfit. The added to the potential working purpose is to give the War De- population, according to the

> The New York Times busithe W.P.A. rolls, which now stand at 2,800,000. The 550,000 who have been fired since Oc-

Roosevelt piously dedicated the week of April 30 as Employment Week. This mockery vice knew about the invasions is reminiscent of the Hoover-Apple Weeks.

> as "the mystery man in this case, whose alleged relations with Garber are entirely open to question." It had been previously established by the prosecution that Rubens, under the name Richards, had occupied desk space in Garber's photo-

On Friday, the three defense attorneys made separate mo-A last-minute effort was be- tions for dismissal of the

Conviction Expected Close observers of the trial

At the beginning of the trial, the bourgeois press was well represented in the court room. Edelstein began his summa- Each of the papers made ini-

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ments those which the C.I.O. MORE PEOPLE BITTEN BY

bor Relations Board and emsome understatement be de- termine whether a union has residents who have been comthe majority in a given plant. pelled to live in vermin infest-Under the Wagner Act, only

Three of them are children the relation between the Union tionary" under the Walsh of Mr. and Mrs. Harris J. Stevand the C.P. with "In regard amendments whether the Fed. ens, the fourth, Mr. Stevens

Two daughters in the Stevens family, Mildred, 16, and Murvision of General Education of contends, would provide bosses | iel, 14, were attacked by rats New York University." The with an opportunity to attack in the middle of the night. Both compelling logic of this reply unions at their lowest ebb and girls were bitten on the foremust be apparent to the most to reopen the question of union head; Muriel in addition was

"Rabbit Bit Me"

which was streaming with blood from a deep bite; The janitor investigated the

we'l and found a huge rat the size of a house cat. David was rushed to the hospital. The rat was killed and sent to the Health Commissioner for examination. It had apparently crossed to the Sumner project

Unions Demand Housing Union forces are waging a

for human occupancy.

from the infested slum area. battle to force authorities to clean out the infested areas and provide decent houses for families on relief and in the 11,000 persons in Minneapolis

At the same time hundreds of Home Loan houses in good condition in Minneapolis are vacant because the banks that tive tenants to buy them.

state administration, thoroughhave made some \$20,000,000 of The Swansons live in the federal housing funds available half of 320,000 strikers that all lauding the conduct of the gov- of the three men. But as the Sumner housing project, an is- to build decent homes for those efforts to break the U.M.W.A. ernment prosecution as "exem- case continued to be heard,

The Minneapolis branch of It was also revealed that able when it is recalled that fell off one by one, as it be-Three-year-old David was the Socialist Workers party is Secretary of Labor Frances not once during the trial did came apparent that the prose-On the other hand, the oppo- ions and central bodies, includ- playing in the yard and fell demanding a \$20,000,000,000 Perkins in a private telegram it use any evidence pointing to cution was avoiding a political sition group has been, until the ing the Teamsters Internation- into a shadow casement win- Federal public works and hous- to the operators said that the the G.P.U. affiliations of the expose of the defendants. past week, completely unor- al, have dissociated themselves dow well. His cries attracted ing program to eliminate the U.M.W.A. had a perfect case defendants. ganized, its attacks on the Stal- from the Green - proposed the janitor who pulled him out. slums of the country and against the operators and they George Nathanson, counsel inists coming individualistical amendments to the Wagner "A rabbit bit me," sobbed Da- along with them the slums of should sign the contract calling for the defendant Garber, de-

RATS IN MINNEAPOLIS

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., April 27.-Four more Minneapolis ed districts because of poverty have been bitten by rats during

Tuesday night the rats atof the prize lambs to walk | 2. The Walsh amendments tacked Mr. Stevens, and last olindfold into the pen: having would prohibit the new board Sunday night, Arthur, a son, joined the Union this March, from ever invalidating a union was severely chewed on the

These cases bring to seven the ber, he may be looked on as A.F.L. practice of signing the number reported to have "union contracts" with fright- bitten by rats within the past Stormy sessions of the local ened employers who are faced 14 days. Two weeks ago two own the houses refuse to rent and the Columbia Chapter by a successful organizing babies of the Jacques family them, hoping to force prospecsince December have revealed drive of a C.I.O. union. In were attacked. Last Monday great nervousness on the part practically all cases of this morning another Minneapolis of the administration and its type, the A.F.L. has signed up child, little David Swanson, 3, supporters. Although control- | without having any member- | son of Harold Swanson, mem- | ly anti-labor, has shamefully ling a large majority vote on ship and on terms inferior to ber of the Federal Workers refused to establish a state

fessor Childs), the leadership lations Board as being in an land in the center of the worst now living in habitations unfit "unholy alliance" with the slum district in the city.

vid, pointing to his thumb Minneapolis,