By Dwight Macdonald-

SPARKS IN THE NEWS

Time Marches On!

"Socialism and jingoism seem to mix very well in England. During the last general election, one of the biggest guns on the Tory side was the German war-scare letters, written for the Daily Mail by Robert Blatchford, who is easily at the head of Socialist journalism in Great Britain. More recently, the big-navy cry has been raised by that veteran leader of uncompromising British socialism, H. M. Hyndman. The aristocratic Morning Post is the medium in this case.

"Socialist Hyndman is explicit. In the first place, England must have a Navy in order to safeguard her food supply. In the second place. she must have a Navy to safeguard the right of asylum for political refugees from other countries. In the third place, England has in her charge the liberties of the amaller nations who look to her as their protector. Finally. England must be in a position to defend her own freedom. For these reasons, Socialist Hyudman is at one with those Tories who want a special loan for warship building, which is strange company, indeed, for the best-know English advocate of international socialism." -- (From The Nation, July 21, 1910.)

C.I.O. and W.P.A.

When President Roosevell several weeks ago asked Congress to reduce the W.P.A. rolls from 3.000,000 to 2,000,000, a deep silence spread over a large part of the labor and left wing press. Had anyone dropped a pin in the editorial offices of The Daily Worker, the echoes would have been deafening. Nor did The New Leader consider the episode worthy of any major headlines. This is perhaps hardly strange, considering the political commitments to the New Deal of such groups. But John L. Lewis and his C.I.O. have less definite commitments and a more immediate interest in a big W.P.A. appropriation. And yet The C.I.O. News was as silent as The Dally Worker on the subject of the President's message. Reading the News, indeed, one would not even know that the President had sent the message to Congress at all. The paper has a regular department called, apparently without irony: "YOUR W.P.A. JOB." The week the President's message appeared, this department was entirely devoted to a description of the beauties of a new plan for reorganizing relief activities which had just come out of the White Housebut not a word on the one-third cut which had also just come out of the White House. Elsewhere in the same issue, the News bad an indignant story about the pending W.P.A. cuts. This stated that 200,000 workers were about to lose their jobs "as a result of the cut in W.P.A funds engineered by Congressional Tories"but, again, not a word about the 1,000,000 W.P.A.'ers the President had just proposed to

I had almost lost my faith in The C.I.O News when, in the issue of May 15, it finally came out boldly against cutting W.P.A. to

2,000,000. On the front page was a big head line: "LEWIS URGES W.P.A. JOBS FOR THREE MILLION." The "YOUR W.P.A JOB" column begins: "The C.I.O. has fired the opening gun in its national campaign to make the W.P.A. adequately serve the needs of the unemployed during the next fiscal year." This opening gun is a letter from the pen of John L. Lewis himself protesting against any cut in next year's W.P.A. appropriation and giving in bold and stirring language a number of excellent reasons why the 3.000,000 figure must be kept as a minimum. # really splendld letter! But Mr. Lewis's secre tary must have gotten the address wrong. It is addressed not to "The Hon. Franklin D. Roose velt, The White House," but to "The Hon. Ed ward Taylor, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, House of Representatives."

Mountain Labors, Bears Mouse (Dead)

At long last the group of intellectuals o' which Professor Statey Hook is the leading spirit has made its public debut. The group began in a small way last fall as "The League Against Totalitarianism." It has been gathertog recruits ever since, and now it comes out or by the removal of any in- election to Congress. in the N. Y. Times as "The Committee for Cultural Freedom" with a ringing denuncia tion of all tyraimy and despotism wherever i may rear its ugly head, whether in Fascis' Italy and Germany or in Soviet Russia, Poli tics makes strange bedfellows, and anti-total' tarian, bourgeois liberal politics makes the strangest of all. Among the ninety-six mem bers of the Committee are such mates as Walter Damrosch and John Dos Passos, Louis Adamic and Henry Hazlitt, Sherwood Anderson and Willi Schlamm, James Rorty and Dor- ment is doing everything it can to a reformist 'Afuera Winship' othy Thompson. I hesitate to quibble over a to intensify its imperialist con- (Oust Winship) blind alley, ing more critical. Today the document signed by so many eminent names, and it seems odd that one should have to bring! the point to the attention of so justly renowned a Marxist as Sidney Hook, but it seems to me that there are only two social bases from which one can fight totalitarianism, whether its supported in its struggle for Red or Black, namely: the workers or the the independence of Puerto bourgeoisie. The Committee's manifesto is Rico by a large part of silent on the question of socialism and social the Puerto Rican people, unrevolution. And so it plays the game of the derstands, said Pineiro, the bourgeoisie, and its denunciation of Stalinism meaning of the war preparatakes on a reactionary character. As I recall itions of the United States govthe Honorable Martin Dies has also put him ternment. They know that the self on record against all forms of dictator speeches about "democracy" ship, whether Pascist or Communist. And the and "poor little countries in headline-writer of the N. Y. Times shows that Central Europe" are, as he put he grasps clearly enough the "point" of Pro it, "so much eyewash to cover fessor Hook's Committee-the "point", that is, up Yankee imperialism's own in relation to the objective line up of social ruthless destruction of the lib forces, regardless of what the left-wing mem- erties and freedom of Fuerto they are accomplishing-when he writes the lof Latin America, in the mac sub-head: "96 SCHOLARS AND ARTISTS struggle for military and com-LED BY JOHN DEWEY REVOLT AGAINST | mercial control of this conti-FAILURE TO DENOUNCE REDS.

MEN AND WOMEN OF LABOR

Democracy Scrapped in War Preparations

Roosevelt Moves Do Not ACTION OF FLINT JOBLESS UNION Deceive Puerto Ricans

"Only by Smashing the Grip of Yankee Imperialism" Can Puerto Rican Freedom Be Attained, Says Spokesman in Interview

upon this week by Lorenzo Independence to our island. Pineiro, Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party

dividual or even group of individuals, but only by smasking

"Now that everyone has bethe coming war."

See War Schemes

The Nationalist Party, which

"The people of Puerto Rico. inder the heel of the Roosevelt democrats,' realize just how hypocritical are these imperialists who write speeches on demoeracy with one hand and use

By DIEGO MONTANEZ freedom of speech, press and at all. Roosevelt's appointment of assembly, and to throw into the Admiral William D. Leahy to Atlanta Penitentiary those who supersede General Blanton advocate, merely advocate Winship as Governor of Puerto mind you, the application of the Rice was acidly commented principles of the Declaration of ered in Kearsley Park, miles

No Faith in C. P. This correspondent raised the question of the Communist in the United States, in an in- Party and its congressiona! terview with this correspond-stooge, Marcantonio, The latter has for some time been pos-"The Puerto Rican people ing as a "friend" of the Puerto demonstration would be a fizknow that their freedom from Ricans. For a time he was gle, the Stalinist and C.I.O. Wall Street oppression cannot quite successful, the Puerto tops launched a slander cam- completely. be attained by being shifted Rican votes of east Harlem be- paign against Genora Johnson, from military to naval control ing the decisive factor in his outstanding unemployed lead-

completely the grip of Yankse him. As Pineiro put it. "the from being over. What the unimperialism," declared Pineiro. Stalinists and their ilk are employed want is fighting ac- class, and has done so with the fense of peace and freedom interested only in lining up the tion against starvation, lay-offs active aid of the trade union (!!) to agree to an effort which come aroused about the bloody Puerto Ricans in support of and eviction. What they want leaders, and the Socialist and will allow of this peril being record of General Winship, the Roosevell and Yankee imper- is actions like the "Death Communist parties. Yankee imperialists cynically lialism for the next war. That Watch," And the leaders of think that they can 'pacify' us is why they have tried so hard the Unemployed and W.P.A. by removing him. But we real to chancelize the genuine mass Union are pledged to just such Daladier has become purely ment, and along with it the Soize that the Roosevelt govern- movement for independence in- a fighting policy, for its use as a naval base in they will be able to swing us a two week period because of are mistaken if they think we be given out until June. haven't seen through them.

publicized bill for Puerto Rican \$250,000 now allotted. independence die a silent Immediate action is neces-

which numbers several hundred thousand.

Special Offer! TWO BOUND VOUMES SOCIALIST APPEAL

1937 and 1938 Both for only \$3.00-including postage

This 25% reduction holds good for only a few weeks!

(Continued from Page 1) Newspaper advertising didn't materialize. Meanwhile the C.I.O. leaders made their position clear-"now isn't the that they were doing anything

Under these conditions, the demonstration was a complete off. A few hundred people gathaway from the "Death Watch" and the relief offices. Speakers advised "postcard action." Not a word was said about the 'Death Watch."

Genora Johnson Attacked Having made sure that the er and advocate of militant ac-But now the Puerto Ricans tion.

are beginning to see through | The fight is, however, far

The situation is daily becominto line. But these gentlemen lack of funds. No relief will

The June budget is \$20,000 "Marcantonic showed clearly less than the frightfully inadwho he was when, in contrast equate May budget which lastwith all his howling about Win-jed only half-a-month. Thouship, he said not a word about sands more will be thrown out the bill making Puerto Rico & on the streets if the June budg- the Communist benches apnaval base, and let his well- et is not raised above the plauded again and again."

sary. Stalinist sabotage cannot parties. Duladier has cracked The Puerto Ricans are the be allowed to stand in the way. argest group in New York's All attempts to transplant the ers and has wiped out the last will be to allow these liars and great Spanish-speaking colony, belly-crawling, bootlicking pol- vestiges of the social gains of fakers to put over this fraud icles of the Stalinist Workers the People's Front honeymoon, once again! With the last Alliance into the C.I.O. must be over which Daladier himself shreds of "democracy" dissolvhalted. The lives of thousands had presided. That the 40-hour ing under the heel of iron dicof workers and their families

U.S. ACTS FOR WALL STREET'S CHINA PROFITS

The Roosevelt governmen again served sharp notice on Japan last week that it intended to defend Wall Street's 'rights" in China.

In recent weeks the Japanese have been emboldened by the their British, French, and Amholds in the foreign concessions in China. Demands were made ment at Shanghai to be placed under the more direct control right to loot China.

and less important concession in Amoy, seaport in south Fuklen. Roosevelt, who a few dered the American fleet back vention represented a cross. campaign in New York City to into the Pacific as a direct section of the membership of meet the growing danger of the warning to Japan, cracked the Party in Local New York, Coughlin menace. The Coughcruiser Marblehead and a de- fully represented at each seg. making themselves increasingstroyer were ordered to Amoy sion of the convention but by obnoxious to the workers of and a landing party of marines among the most active dele. New York by their attempts at put ashore in Kulaugsu, the gates were outstanding mill-spectacular sales of their antisettlement area. The British tants in the trade unions and Semitic, labor-hating rag, "Soand French followed the Amer- unemployed organizations, in- cial Justice," and have even ican lead and did likewise. note was sent to Japan reject. New workers and teachers. ing the Japanese demand for A census taken of the dele- campaign is to take the first a larger share in control of the gates revealed that the dele- steps to arouse the anti-fascists

likewise expected to join. my these measures, netore ployed and Project Workers' which the Japanese staged a Union. The average age of the prompt strategic Roosevelt again served notice that the fleet is not in the Pa-lacted on reports covering or the unemployed field. cific to play games but to be ganization, trade union work, ism intends to put an end, by fense, and youth. These re- slogan "The Thirty Hour Week The incident also served to these fields, nevertheless indi ment," confirm once more the now cated that considerable proggenerally understood fact that ress had been made since the eye" understanding with Brt- ization work, literature sales. tain that the United States will campaigns, propaganda work, "take care" of the Pacific bat- Marxist School, membership, tlefront when the guns begin etc. Europe. It is to help this un- the time and attention of the HELP TO BUILD the Anti-

World Powers Prepare War-Time Dictatorship

(Continued from Page 1) istry in Hitlerite Germany. It General Confederation of Labor will usher in censorship of the time" for a demonstration, it press and of all other channel was only because of pressure of information and put an end week in France, the bulietin to the formal fiction of the "freedom" of the newspapers in "democratic" Britain. The welve regional dictators wh failure. The parade was called will rule England in wartime. victiout benefit of parliamen ary advice or consultation have already been publicly named.

> Democracy Disappears When war comes the meages 'democracy" which in Eng land disguises the slave-holding rule of the Empire over 400.

000,000 black, brown, and yel-

In France the parliamentary trappings have already beer largely dispensed with. Dala

The "opposition" of the So-

With this benevolent support from the Socialist and Stalinist their bosses! down hard on the French workworkers in all essential industries Opposition to it, or even

was abandoned, meanwhile, by regime of the concentration the official buildtin of the In- camp over the workers of the ternational Trade Union Fed- United States.

eration, to which the French is affiliated. After describing the fate of the shorter work states that it would be "well to postpone the discussion on the generalization of the reduction of hours in industry and Commerce" and proposed resumption of discussion (Only of 'discussion," mind you!) to some uncertain future "when the chances of success are greater."

"On the one hand, the representatives of the workers will certainly use all their tafluence on the governments to prevent the question disappearlow subjects, will disappear ing completely from the agenda, while, on the other, it is no less obvious that the workers. realizing what is the present situation, will understand that dier rules by decree and has in view of the tremendous already instituted a dictatorial threat of the totalitarian councountered."

In other words, as in 1914'. cialists and Communists to the official trade union moveformal, like the "opposition" of cialist and Communist Parties. the British Labour Party to is asking the workers of all conscription in England. Last countries to surrender the litweek when Daladier banged on the "peace and freedom" they the war drums in the chamber have on the altar of the greeds of deputies, as reported in the and rivalries of their bosses. New York Times, he "drew "Countering peril" is a little from the chamber the very un- phrase that means fighting the usual spectacle of really unani- new world war in which tens mous applause. Everybody of millions of workers of all from Louis Marin on the ex- lands are going to kill and be treme right to Andre Marty on killed, main and be maimed, for the greater glory not of 'peace and freedom" but of the profits and markets of

Anti-Labor Laws

been a fact now for several and soon in the United States. months. The actual regime the workers will be sent out to now imposes a 60-hour week on fight and die again for . . . democracy against dictatorship. Worst of all would be for us agitation against it, has be- in this country to have illusions come a crime of treason, pun-about the fate of our "rights" ishable by the extremest pen- as war draws closer and we The official abandonment of of so-called "anti-alien bills" even the pretense of a strug- now before Congress already gle in behalf of the workers cast the black shadow of the

'A Decent Job at a Living crisis in Europe to take more definite moves toward driving Wage'--New York SWP Call

City Convention Discusses Trade Union Work of Party-New Committee Elected

Local New York of the So- The prime interest of the delethird semi-annual city conven- tion was the problem of how Imperial Japan the exclusive tion May 13-14. Meeting at a better to integrate the memtime when the war danger is bership in the mass organiza-As a trial move. Japanese dully gaining momentum, the tions of the workers. marines landed at the smaller delegates were fully aware of ! One of the most important

rested upon them. On May 17 a sharp American trades, painters, seamen, of

Shanghai settlement. In this gates, with few exceptions, the British and French were were either active trade unionists or members of the Unemretreat, delegates was 27½ years.

The convention heard and

the great responsibility which decisions of the Convention was the adoption of a special The 36 delegates who attend- report which recommended weeks ago spectacularly or led the five sessions of the con-the launching of an intensive cluding food workers, needle tried to break-up several street meetings of labor political orof New York to the serious danger of the Coughlin brand of fascism.

> Other outstanding decisions of the Convention were: 1) A drive to intensify and expand the Party's activity in

> A campaign in the trade unions and among workers gen-

3) Factory and trade union concentration work in specified fields and localities.

4) The publication of a series of cheap pamphlets on current issues facing the workers.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Fascist Labor Guard, Attend the Social and Dance this

OUT OF THE PAST

MOTHER JONES (May I, 1830-Nov. 30, 1930) "You don't need a vote to raise hell", said Mother Jones. And hell she did raise wherever she went; and she went pretty near every-

where in the cause of the working class. Once, in 1910, she was called before a Congressional investigating committee to account for her part in alding Mexican revolutionists against the tyrant Diaz. The committee asked her her address. "I live in the United States". she told them, "but I do not know exactly where. My address is wherever there is a fight against oppression. Sometimes I am in Washington, then in Pennsylvania, Arizona, Texas, Minnesota, Colorado. My address is like my shoes; it travels with me." Mother Jones was then 80 years old.

She had been born in County Cork, Ireland. Her father, a worker and an advocate of Irish freedom, moved his family to this continent when Mary Harris Jones was slx. For a time the family lived in Canada where Mary Harris received her schooling. Out of school, sho taught in a Michigan convent for a while; then she opened a dress-making establishment in Chicago. In 1861, she married a member of the Iron Moulders Union, Ten years later her husband, and the four children she had borne, died in a yellow-fever epidemic.

Known to Every Worker

Mary Harris Jones, a woman of forty, came into contact with the Knights of Labor. She had never before been a member of a union. But the Knights of Labor inspired her to her life's work. Thenceforth she sank her personal life completely into the trade union movement. Mary Harris Jones became Mother Jones to every worker in the country as she travelled from strike to strike, most often by invitation of union leaders, sometimes forcing her way in, pitching her picturesque vocabulary, her steady wit and her sense of drama against

Essentially, Mother Jones was a revolutionary, though she herself probably never realized it. Theory wasn't her strong point; frequently she made errors ie.g., supporting the Democratic party in 1916). But in her bitter denunciations of bossdom, her attacks on the state machinery, and in her militant methods of organizing, Mother Jones was a deep going revolutionist who hated capitalist oppression with her every fibre. Did the bosses get out an injunction against her-a piece of paper to be torn up. Did the bosses order her to leave the state-an order to be defied. Did the National Guard patrol a struck mine-a force to b.

ignored, and fought, It made little difference to Mother Jones which union was running a strike—A.F.L., or I.W.W. She participated in both. For the most part, she worked among the miners; for many whom she considered insufficiently devoted to the interests of the workers. Often she quar relled with union officialdom; sometimes sh violated union policy.

But her presence was welcomed in any sit uation; for her real contributions were in the field. She could throw a community into strike action by a single speech; hence the worrier look on sheriffs' faces when Mother Jone: came to town. In West Virginia, once, shspoke to a group of miners. At the end of th speech they implored her: "Organize us. Moth er." Which she did, while a union flunkey stood by and complained that she didn't know th ritual, and that a charter hadn't been paid fo: and received from the national office.

Hard-boiled, and also sentimental, Mother Jones believed in using the most spectacular and the most militant means to put an action across. Once she imported a group of cripple? miners to New York. A ther time, in the coal their actions. strike of 1902, she organized a brigade of miners' wives, armed with mops and brooms. At other time, a group of women were arrestefor strike activity. At her advice they brough their children to jail, sang all night, slept dur ing the day; in a few days they were released -no one in town had been able to sleep.

Couldn't Be Stopped

She worked in a cotton mill to get materia against child labor which she abhorred to fury She posed as a peddler to get information for the U.M.W.U., which led to the strike of 190 in Colorado. With general causes, like women suffrage, she had no sympathy. Women, sh said, had to get into the class struggle ar

She was in Pittsburgh during the labor riot of 1877; in Chicago during the Haymarket a fair of 1886: in Birmingham during the Amer ican Railway Union strike of 1894, Colora deported her in 1903, and again in 1913. A miitary court sentenced her to twenty years for inciting to murder, during the 1912 mistrike; a senate committee set the verdinside. In 1914 she p-· · · to President Wil son the facts of the Ludlow massacre in which Rockefelier troops cold-bloodedly murdercy the wives and children of striking miners. I 1015, she was in New York working for th garment workers' and street car strikes. 1919 she lent her abilities to the great Stestrike. In 1923, at the age of 93, she was still

Threatened time and again by thugs anpolice. Mother Jones never once quailed. Th little old woman in the black bennet who cort outswear a trooper couhe's opp c' "be die as she chose, and buried defiance at those wh would prevent her, "Lad", she told a miner; boy who had witnessed a thug threatening her years she was officially employed by the an old woman." And with good reason. Fc. United Mine Workers though she desnise that old woman represented the spirit a-John Mitchell, president of the U.M.W.U., courage of the working class.

working-in the West Virginia coal fields.

Father Coughlin--Agent Of Fascism In America

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Father Cougidin makes spurious appeals to the youth who erican rivals out of their footace a blank future, and to the unemployed who are disillusioned with their prospects under democratic capitalism. He for the International Settletims to enlist them in the ranks of his fascist hordes, to turn them loose against the labor movement as well as against the of the Japanese, whose whole cialist Workers Party held its gates throughout the Convenlews and Negroes of this country. In this way Coughlin robber war is aimed to win for hopes to set the stage for the fascist seizure of power.

Father Coughlin sugar-coats his real intentions with honeyed words about "peace" and "social justice." He even occasionally administers to Hitler and Mussolini a gentle slap on the wrist. But he is careful in the next breath to praise

While he is expending his efforts-and vast sums of money, the sources of which can only be guessed-on laying the propaganda basis of fascism, he is also organizing the drill- right back. The American Not only was every branch lin fascists have recently been ing of storm troops and creating the general staff and secret service for the fascist seizure of power.

Father Coughlin is the enemy of the worker, the poor armer, the youth, the unemployed and all oppressed peoples le seeks to set these natural friends at each other's throats so as to facilitate the task he has set for himself-or which his zentors, Hitler and Mussolini and our own Sixty Families ie Girdlers and DuPonts,-have set for him-the strangling of 'l' opposition to poverty, starvation wages, misery and

Father Coughlin lies when he says he is opposed to fasism. And he lies when he pretends that by his fake antiapitalism he can improve the lot of the unemployed, the outh, the workers, the poor farmers, the small businessman low to Fight Fascism

Fascism and the evils of decaying capitalism can be fought prepared for the approaching unemployed work, education successfully in only one way-by a militant working class day when American imperial- and propaganda, literature, de- erally for the adoption of the led by a revolutionary party. The fight for the dignity and its superior armed force, to the ports, while pointing out the With No Reduction in Pay-The countity of all races and all peoples, the fight for the improve- rival throat of the Japanese. shortcomings of the Party in Workers' Answer to Unemploymen of the conditions of the unemployed, the youth, the wor er and the other forgotten men, a fight carried on by fiel own militant and united activity-these are the methods Roosevelt has a "wink of the last convention in mass organand the only methods by which fascism can be defeated.

ar er Cough in, hiding behind his sanctimonious mask. ie a less ypoerisy and deceit. Whoever believes him and advocates his policies is furthering the cause not of peace and dealing death once more in By far the major portion of te but a race hatre i, decadence, decay and fascism. derstanding along and to sell Convention was devoted to a e Socialist Workers Party, dedicated to the fight against the idea to the war-hating peo-thorough analysis of the Party's "the great Standard Oil is certainly afraid and the German-American Bund, is an old woman." And with good reason. For dedicated to the fight against the Bund's twin, the come over to this side of the coreful consideration of processors of the working class.

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