

# In the Labor Unions

By B. J. WIDICK

Those unionists who did not get stirred up about the Apex court decision which fined a C.I.O. union over one million dollars certainly got a real jolt this week.

Republic Steel's suit against the C.I.O. for alleged damage of \$7,500,000 awoke labor to the danger existing to its welfare in the present legal and court system.

## Goodyear Gall

Even more arrogant is the action this week of Goodyear Tire & Rubber company's lawyers at the National Labor Relations Board hearings on charges made by Local 2, United Rubber Workers of America.

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## Interlocking Directors

Leading capitalists on the Republic Steel Co. board of directors also are on Goodyear's Board. Tom Girdler is an influential member of Goodyear's Board. When the N.L.R.B. called the hearings on Republic steel it caught the company unprepared.

Akron's leading anti-union firm, Thomas, Buckingham, Doolittle and Company, were hired to defeat the union. They know more about Akron labor history than the lawyers of the N.L.R.B.

## A CORRECTION

We regret the erroneous impression created in the Socialist Appeal of May 23, in an article by our contributor, Diego Montanez on the situation in Puerto Rico. Towards the end of an interview with Lorenzo Pineiro, Secretary-General of the Executive Committee of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party in the United States, the article left the impression that Mr. Pineiro had made the adverse comment on the Stalinists and Marcantonio which is printed between quotation marks.

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# Pickets Tie-Up 5 Briggs Plants

Auto Workers Display 1937 Militancy as U.A.W. Presses Its Demands on Company

(Continued from Page 1) ized the strike and is giving it open support.

That the strength and solidarity of the walkout took the company by surprise is now more than evident. Immediately they began to back down and offered to negotiate a new contract but only to arbitrate the long list of grievances.

Strike Well-Timed The fact that these union men fired from their jobs had been previously dismissed in 1936 during the organization drive showed how deliberately the company had planned the provocation.

It is not yet clear whether the Chrysler exploiters have planned this as a major showdown with the U.A.W. While production was beginning to taper off as it usually does at this end of the season, there were still several weeks of steady production ahead.

But whether Chrysler is preparing a showdown or merely pulling a grand bluff, the union men will do well to keep their picket lines powerful and remain vigilant and militant!

Boss Misjudged Situation It is sure as death and taxes however, that Briggs was counting on Martin's following to resist the strike or walk through the picket lines.

The union stood ready to negotiate even with Dewey present. But Briggs refused. It's pretty strong medicine for the company to take to get back in negotiations (not arbitration) after the union has so soundly called their bluff.

## CONVICT TEN FOR FIGHTING N.Y. EVICTION

(Continued from Page 1) remain in the bureau until the bureau made proper provisions for this unemployed family.

Bureau Calls Cops The Bureau officials quickly had the police summoned and the committee was arrested promptly—for preventing the janitor from sweeping the floor.

The court trial lasted two and one half hours. The janitor in question stammered and contradicted himself half a dozen times when he tried to make out a case for the arrest on the ridiculous charge.

This trial and arrest is a direct outcome of the relief policy of the La Guardia administration to slash the city budget at the expense of the unemployed.

The unemployed are, however, beginning to fight back against this criminal policy and to demand in no uncertain terms their right to a decent livelihood.

## Forty Million Are Without Any Kind of Medical Attention

Under the supervision of the United States Public Health Service, a W.P.A. project survey of medical conditions found that over forty million people in this country are without medical attention of any kind.

So terrible is this fact, so clearly does it call for a radical solution, that the wealthy monopolists who rule the American Medical Association dare not admit the fact to be true. And so, at their St. Louis convention last week, they blandly denied the fact.

Meanwhile trained and able doctors eat their hearts out pushing pens on W.P.A. projects or in enforced idleness on home relief, or driving cabs or peddling from door to door, or anything else except practicing medicine. And tens of thousands of heart-broken boys and girls, having brilliantly concluded their pre-medical studies, are unable to get into a medical school, because the rulers of the American Medical Association declare the profession over-crowded, cut down the number of medical students and forbid the opening of new medical schools, in the face of a growing population.

They are murdering millions of people every year by depriving them of medical care. They are murdering whole generations of doctors who would give this medical care.

Such is the mad world we live in—the world of private profit.

## U.S. CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM LAW SPEEDED

(Continued from Page 1) versive and intimidating material to our armed forces.

Supported by his Army colleagues, Nunn reveals to what extent the Roosevelt administration is trying to hermetically seal the armed forces in a vacuum of unthinking subservience.

Testifying that there is no machinery to cope with civilians who distribute "subversive" printed matter to the armed forces, Lt. Nunn stated, "We feel that the American people are maintaining an Army and Navy at considerable expense, and that as part of the national defense power of the Congress it is desirable that we be given the machinery to deal with the situation and protect the people's investment."

The protection of the "people's investment," according to the Roosevelt administration, is to imprison every person who induces soldiers and sailors to think. Roosevelt's preparation for plunging the United States into another war for "democracy" is accompanied by a wholesale effort to carve the brains out of every soldier's skull.

The strait-jacketing of the armed forces is merely another incident in the larger pattern of clamping down a military dictatorship on the population during the coming war.

## Food Workers Vote Strike Preparations at Huge Rally

(Continued from Page 1) union smash the association by signing with the cafeteria owners individually.

Progress was reported in the drive to organize the Automats, employing 4,000 workers. Quinn, Secretary of the Central Trades and Labor Council, Feinstein, of the United Hebrew Trades, and Flore, International President, addressed the cafeteria workers pledging the support of the labor movement in the drive.

The strike was premature, and though it helped the Affiliated Restaurateurs, it hurt the union. The organized cafeteria workers want the Automats organized, and want a majority of the Automat workers in the union before a new strike is called.

The tasks of the cafeteria workers can be summed up in three points: Defend the union; Improve union conditions; Smash the Affiliated Restaurateurs Association; Organize the Automats.

The June issue of the CHALLENGE OF YOUTH, organ of the Young Peoples Socialist League (4th International), is off the press. It is expected to be the last issue published as a monthly since the present drive for a \$500 reserve fund will establish the paper as a twice-monthly with the next issue.

The current issue contains articles on the plight of the current crop of graduates who are leaving school in search of work, reports on the progress of the "Jobs-for-Youth" campaign, the first of a series of articles revealing conditions in the U.S. army, an expose of the outrages to which girl employees are subjected in the radio industry, a summary of the Young Communist League convention, feature stories, and columns on books and movies.

With a press run of 6,000 the current issue marks a new high in circulation. One thousand copies are being mailed to a select list of subscribers to the Socialist Appeal with a covering letter asking their support in the subscription and fund drive to establish the Twice-a-Month CHALLENGE.

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# Toronto 4th Int'l Leads Jobless

End Thirty-four Day Struggle against Miserable Relief Conditions in City

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## AMERICAN FUND TO BENEFIT BY BASEBALL GAME

Farrell Taunts Maulers with Talents of Masked Marvel

By BILL CLAM While the Studs Lonigan Athletic Club and the Marxist Maulers were in feverish training for their grudge baseball match to be held Saturday evening, June 10, at Heckscher Foundation, 104th Street and Fifth Avenue, Captains James T. Farrell and James P. Cannon took time out to urge all friends and sympathizers of the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees, beneficiary of the game, to turn out en masse for the occasion.

The laborers, attendants in comfort stations, porters and information men get paid by the hour, in theory. From about two weeks before until the opening day, some of these men worked twelve to sixteen hours a day, but when they go their checks they learned that no one got paid for more than ten hours, except those—carpenters, electricians, plumbers etc.—who belonged to a union.

The money to be raised at the baseball and swimming party at Heckscher Foundation will be immediately transmitted for the rescue of German, Austrian and Czech fighters against fascism.

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Meanwhile, both teams are rapidly polishing off their ragged edges, in preparation for the biggest event of the season. To date, six bats and ten balls have been broken and lost by the Loniganites. Answering Captain Cannon's remark that the Marxist Maulers would trounce the Lonigan shavetails, Captain Farrell stated that his Schmelka Gainsborough could handle the situation all by himself. Farrell expects that



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## LITERATURE AGENT SUGGESTS:

"The enclosed sub is the result of a 'deal.' M— is a local barber in X—. I've given him some samples of the Appeal and he said he liked it, and would subscribe if he could afford to—but being a family man he is having a tough time getting by. Accordingly, happening to have an extra dollar in my jeans, I offered to swap him a subscription for barber work as I would need it. He accepted!"—Geo. Whiteside of Kansas.

A fine idea, George and why not try it on the grocer, tailor and butcher? Appeal subscriptions by barter!

For the past three weeks I've been giving some Appeal copies away at the gates of a local plant. I use a rubber stamp with my name and address, but think that a slip of paper the size of a subscription blank and having one edge gummed could be attached to each paper distributed free.

We have mailed out to each branch an exact statement of its debt up to date. Prompt action is the only thing that can help us. If we collect what is due on bundle order debts the financial crisis can be safely weathered.

The following branches have been notified that their bundle orders are being discontinued: Philadelphia, San Francisco and Portland. Philadelphia has now missed three issues of the Appeal, but nobody has yet written us explaining what they intend to do about it. Disgraceful, Philadelphia!

The following branches are facing suspension of their bundle orders unless they take prompt action to cut down their debts: Oakland, Calif.; Washington, D. C.; Chicago; Detroit; Flint; St. Louis; Cleveland; Toledo, Akron; Reading; Seattle, Wash. Laxness in payment cannot be permitted any longer and only action will prevent us from cutting off these branches.

Table listing subscription totals by city: NEW YORK CITY 7, Ohio 5, Los Angeles 4, Massachusetts 4, Illinois 3, Evansville, Ind. 2, California 2, Foreign 2, Indiana 1, Kansas 1, New Jersey 1, Florida 1, Total 33.

Leo Hassul of Los Angeles has increased his bundle order by 20, making a total of 170 each issue. Leo is apparently a worthy successor of John Murphy, the best lit-agent L.A. ever had. Incidentally, Los Angeles has reduced a back debt of over \$110.00 to below \$50.00. And they promise to keep going until it's down to zero!

Carl Hichin of Winnipeg, Canada is a new Appeal agent with a bundle of 5 per issue. Our agency in Palestine has added 9 copies to its order and now takes 16 per issue. REMINDER: What are you doing on the renewal campaign?

# WORKERS' FORUM

To the Editor: Ruth Jeffries' column on Our Fair in the May 16 Socialist Appeal refers to cashiers too tired to do anything but sleep "by Sunday." But the cashier: work on Sunday—everyone employed by the Fair works Sunday and Saturday too, except the high-salaried gang in Perylon Hall whose work consists principally in escorting, flattery and entertaining the assorted thieves, liars, parasites and fools who alone are worthy of such honor.

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If you publish this, please sign it with my initials. Jobs are still hard to get. B. M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS WELCOME HOME PARTY for Sol Lankin—Saturday, May 27, at the Downtown Labor Center, 51 East 7th Street. CAMP SEVEN OAKS, Eatontown, N.J., opening for the summer Decoration Day week-end. Swimming, tennis, plumbing. Make reservations. Call Eatontown 515 or write. APARTMENT OR LARGE room wanted. Cooking facilities. Write F. Morrow, c/o Socialist Appeal. COMRADE SEEKS ROOM. Manhattan preferred. Communicate details to Socialist Appeal. NOTICE A very important meeting of all party and Y.P.S.L. members of local New York will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 8:00 p.m., at Beethoven Hall on East 5th St. All members are instructed to attend. Admission by card only.