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5,000 PROTEST AGAINST W.P.A. CUTS

W.P.A. To Cut Rolls Another 100,000 in June

Will Bring Total Number of "Guinea Pigs" Sacrificed Since November to 850,000—No Jobs in Industry for Dismissed Workers

Another 100,000 W.P.A. workers are to be dropped, sent to beg for home relief if they can get it, with no hope of private employment! That is the cold-blooded decision of the Roosevelt W.P.A. Administration.

These 100,000 are to be dropped in June, bringing the total dropped since November to the staggering figure of 850,000. with it will go Roosevelt's pop-

and bread they will have, in

unionization will not starve for

Tortured with Hot

Official Silence

According to the testimony of

the investigator, Rodgers on

May 8 refused to take a \$5.50

weekly cut, asking for full pay-

ment. His foreman struck him

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discussing the crime.

Irons, Shot, for

In the words of Congress- ularity. The masses cannot eat man Dudley A. White, the his cannons. They want bread, first cuts were "an experiment spite of the War Deal. The to see whether relief expendi- workers who showed the world tures could not be cut down the great sit-down wave of somewhat as economic recov- Roosevelt or anybody else. ery progressed." When you experiment with cutting up guinea pigs it doesn't matter LYNCH NEGRO much if the pigs die, you can get millions more cheap. But, presumably, the millions of unemployed and their families are not guinea pigs to experiment with, leave and die.

ment with, leave and die. Worse Than Guinea Pigs Yet in a laboratory experiment, once the desired result is achieved, the experiment is concluded, and no more guinea pigs are slaughtered. But in the case of the unemployed, the slaughter goes on even after it has been ascertained that "economic recovery" has not taken care of those dropped.

issue of the Socialist Appeal, Advancement of Colored Peo-Social Workers established in a torture lynching of Joe Rodgnational survey two basic ers, a Negro lumber worker,

1. "At its peak, W.P.A. failed was shot, brutally cut, tortured to absorb large groups of needy by hot irons, and his body employable persons certified as thrown into the Pearl River by eligible for such employment." the foreman of the mill at

2. New Deal claims that the which he was employed. sharp W.P.A. cuts since November were justified by increased possibilities for private | wage deduction of \$5.50 in payemployment were punctured by ment for renting a companythe survey figures. "From No- owned cabin which he did not vember 1938 to January 1939, occupy W.P.A. wages declined sharply -by nearly 10 per cent in two months-while general (direct) relief rose even more sharply-

by 19 per cent." During that period 310,000 were laid off W.P.A. but in the same time the general relief rolls increased by more than 241,000 cases. The same phenomenon has continued since. In other words, those cut off W.P.A. jobs are not absorbed by private jobs, but go to home relief or starve.

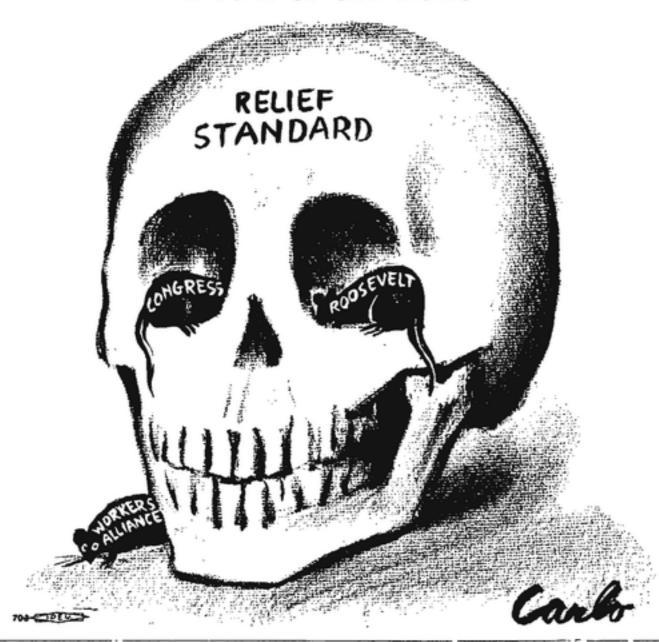
Yet in the face of these facts -well known to the Administration of course - the Roosevelt War Deal officials brazenly continue chopping down the W.P.A. employment rolls.

500,000 Face Dismissal Even in their present state of dismantling, the W.P.A. rolls include 500,000 more work ers than are provided for in Roosevelt's relief budget message of April 27, proposing an average of only two million W.P.A. jobs for the coming year beginning July 1. These half million workers face dis-

Administration during the six recent census years it has been in office?" Voters in the lower income groups, who of course provide practices." In 1935, in a conthe decisive majority of the population, listed as the major istration its relief and W.P.A. bers of collective farms to till out a part of their illegally ac- October 21, 1929, before Judge ing annual wage is a "solution"

New Deal. Now it is the Roose- produce from these plots; and. One result has been a seri- the Supreme Court of the State. ers are dopes. Sacrificing the overwhelming sympathy for velt War Deal. And to feed the similarly, the right of individu- ous deterioration in the work While out on bail, they were entire relief and W.P.A. sys- cow, pigs, chickens, etc. tem is being abandoned. But It now turns out, according

Down to the Bone



Coughlin Hides a Boss Solution Behind Plea for Living Wages

Refusing Pay Cut (By Staff Writer) NEW YORK, June 2 .- The For, as reported in the last National Association for the cian says he favors a living annual wage. Words and croco-

> the unemployed are cheap. What every worker wants to of Canton, Mississippi. Rodgers know is: how can I get that this vital question is the bosses' answer—the same proposals they have tried to cram down Rodgers' crime was that he bor organized and refused to had refused to accept a weekly work under conditions of virtual slavery. To get an annual living wage, says Coughlin, you must destroy your trade unions and remove the threat of strikes. As simple as that. No one has been arrested for Kick out the "reds" (Coughlin the crime, and the local papers means good union men), insult have maintained a complete and attack the Jews, send the silence. Town officials have adforeigners back where they vised residents to refrain from come from, call off strikes-and rely on the goodness and ben-

> > evolence of the bosses. Unions Must Go If only we didn't have the unions, wails Coughlin, if only industry were "assured of an

wage? Coughlin's answer to ploye an annual wage of \$2,500. Coughlin, they would get in reworkers' throats ever since labor organized and refused to

> Unionists Ask Freedom for Leader of Gastonia Strike

pardon by Fred E. Beal, labor leader now serving a sentence of from 17 to 20 years in North Carolina, will be held at Raleigh, N. C., on Thurday, June 8, before the Board of Paroles, it was announced Monday by the Non-Partisan Committee for the Defense of Fred E.

Beal was convicted for the shooting of Chief of Police O. F. Aderholt in the celebrated Gastonia textile strike of 1929, of which he was the leader. Under the North Carolina law, the governor of the state

Unionists Ask Freedom Beal's petition is backed by pleas for favorable action addressed to Governor Hoey of North Carolina by members of Congress, labor leaders, in-President William |

Father Coughlin, anti-labor | end once and for all of the thing-that the unions must go. radio priest, is now taking the waste of time loss and the men- He's not so positive that even stump for a "living annual ace to morale in strikes," then then the bosses would come wage." Every crooked politi- the bosses "would probably be through. He says they "prob- Salem C.I.O. glad to pay an annual wage." ably" would be "glad to pay" Coughlin assures us that in the a living annual wage. But supthe American Association of ple today revealed the hot-iron dile tears for the worker and automobile industry (in which pose the bosses double-cross he seems particularly interest- the workers? They have in the ed) this could be done, and the past! They will in the future. bosses would pay every em- If the workers foolishly obeyed Coughlin is certain about one turn for sacrificing their unions the "possibility" that the bosses would change their skins and be "glad" to pay them a living wage. Every intelligent worker knows such a "possibility" is nothing but a fraud.

> Coughlin hides the facts. The unions have been strong in the automobile industry only since 1936. If the unions, especially the C.I.O., are the only thing that keeps the bosses from pay ing every worker \$2,500 a year, why did the bosses fail to pay that sum before the industry was organized? In 1935, before the C.I.O. had gained strength, a Detroit auto worker was lucky if he earned \$1,000 a year. A large percentage of the work-A hearing on a petition for ers earned far less. Why weren't the bosses "glad" to pay \$2,500 a year at that time? Father Coughlin doesn't explain this, because it punctures his phoney story.

> > not \$2,500 a year but-starvation wages, and not a penny more, if unions don't force them to pay more. Without the trade unions, workers have been forced to slave twelve. fourteen, sixteen hours a day

union, market, the boss is "free" to get workers to bid against each other for ever lower salaries. In the nonunion labor market, which Coughlin advocates, a worker making \$35 a week is asked to after take a wage cut to \$30 or less. | forced Batista to propose it in-If he refuses or is hesitant, he is fired, and somebody else is already ordered. hired in his stead at \$25 or \$20 a week. That is what always happens when the worker has no union to protect his wage and his job.

accomplishment of the admin- of peasants who were mem- cases they are even renting victed at Charlotte, N. C., on the workers can secure a liv- pogroms last October, the small plots of land as their quired holdings to others and Barnhill. They were released for the bosses and for nobody

Minneapolis-St. Paul **Demonstrators Press** Demands on Governor

Persecution of French Labor Militants Continues

Fernand Vintriguer, managing director of "Le Libertaire", organ of the Anarchist Union of France, has been sentenced to one year in jail, and Pierre Le Meillour, a contributing writer, to fifteen months in jail, by the Daladier government.

Their "crime" was the writing and publication of an article, in the issue of December 22, 1938, on the lessons of the November 30 general strike.

The Daladier government has also suppressed the 'SIA", organ of International Anti-fascist Solidarity in France, which took no part in internal politics, but which was active in rousing aid for the Spanish anti-fascist refugees.

Suzanne Charpy, Trotskyist youth leader, has lost her last appeal, and must go to jail, sentenced for anti-war

In many cases, it is difficult to learn the circumstances of arrests, for among the infamous Daladier decree laws, it is a crime to make public the news of the arrest of persons seized for anti-military work.

Votes Relief Investigation

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) LYNN, Mass.-The North Shore Industrial Union council, delegate body of the C.I.O., on May 19 voted to investigate the relief situation in Lynn, Salem and other cities and towns along the North Shore.

The action was taken after numerous complaints had been fact that we are here . . . indireceived from relief clients, concerning forced labor practices and chiseling on relief allotments.

In Salem, relief recipients are required to work a whole day along with city employes on street or other work, but only receive part of the day's wage paid regular city emnumber of hours.

Tie-Up W.P.A. Projects For Day--Marchers Ask More Jobs, No Firing

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

MINNEAPOLIS, June 3-Pressing their demands for reinstatement of all discharged W.P.A. workers-for more W.P.A. jobs at union wages, and against competitive bidding for W.P.A. trucking, an army of 5,000 W.P.A. and relief workers descended yesterday on the State Capitol. A committee of sixteen, representing the demonstrators, presented the demands to Governor Harold Stassen.

Early Friday morning, Local 544's Federal Workers Section dispatched truckloads of W.P.A. workers to the various

demonstrators through the

loops of both Minneapolis and

St. Paul to the State Capitol.

The Holiday was called in the

name of a united front Joint

Action Committee representing

the Federal Workers Section

and the Independent Truck

Owners Section of Local 544;

the Workers Alliance of Min-

Stalinists Dragged Along

unemployed for the demonstra-

tion forced the Workers Alli-

ance leaders to go along, and

they dragged their feet all the

way. On the Joint Action Com-

mittee they refused to accept

such slogans as "All War

Funds to the Unemployed,"

pointing out that the Workers

Alliance nationally was sup-

porting the Roosevelt war ma-

chine. On at least one project

Friday a Workers Alliance

steward was caught in the act

of insisting that the project re-

main open during the day, over

the objections of both the work-

ers and the supervisor who

wished to close it down. Only

about 25 workers paraded un-

W.A.A. who objected to the

pro-Roosevelt line of the Stal-

inists, came over to ride in the

trucks of the Federal Workers

Serve Demands on W.P.A.

At 10:30 a.m. the motorized

parade, several miles long, got

under way. With horns honking

and with thunderous boos, the

parade roared past the district

Only the enthusiasm of the

St. Paul.

projects to close them down WAA CONGRESS for the day. Virtually every project in Minneapolis was shut down. Hundreds of SHUNS NEEDS trucks driven by members of the Independent Truck Own-OF U.S. JOBLESS ers' Section of General Drivers' Local 544 carried the ers' Local 544 carried the

'Right to Work' Congress Aims at Whitewashing Roosevelt

By STAN LAUREN

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) WASHINGTON, June 4. — More than 1,200 delegates from neapolis and St. Paul, and the every part of the country were Workers Benefit Association of brought here this week to attend the "National Right to Work Congress"-staged by the Stalinist-controlled Workers Alliance, in an effort to whitewash the Roosevelt Administration's slashing of the W.P.A.

The first session opened yesterday in the spacious Department of Labor auditorium, with an address by David Lasser, Stalinist flunkey and W.A.A. president, who stated that "the cates that our national Congress has somehow failed in its responsibilities." But not one word came from this traitor's lips that might show the delegates a way to fight for the "right to work" for the mil-

This morning, the second day der the banner of the Minneof the "Congress," the deleapolis Workers Alliance, and ployes for working the same gates were assigned to spend many women members of the (Continued on Page 3)

CUBA INCIDENT DRAMATIZES PLIGHT OF JEWISH REFUGEES

After World-wide Criticism Batista 'Relents' —Opens Temporary Concentration Camp

a temporary arrangement until fascist hell, struck the imaginthat the 917 Jewish refugees of the refugees. aboard the liner St. Louis could secure from the Batista regime of Cuba.

And even this niggardly and cruel arrangement came only world-wide attention stead of the deportation he had

men. pent up in Havana harbor for agonizing days of negotiations

stark plight of the refugees.

A concentration camp on the | that they were to be deprived Isle of Pines, and that only as of succor and returned to the ors circled the Minneapolis they can be re-embarked for ation of millions who had never another destination, was all hitherto warmed to the plight Each truck and car had color-

Thousands, perhaps tens of Funds to the Unemployed thousands, have committed su- Give Stassen a 403 in 1940-For icide, in the fascist countries, rather than go on, and the facts mass suicides have seeped through to the outer world, but when Max Loewe, one of the refugees, slashed his Stockyards, Stassen, We Want wrists and plunged overboard Jobs-Thirty Dollars for Thirty The shipload of suffering in Havana harbor, it moved Hours-No W.P.A. Concentrawomen and children, the world as thousands of prevition Camps for Single Men ious deaths had not.

and pleas, dramatized as no that "cooler heads among the We Fight-More N.Y.A. Jobs, Coughlin's "solution" on how single event since the German refugees had appointed a com- etc. mittee to maintain vigilance against suicide

Facts and figures about refu- drove home the full meaning large contingent from the St. on bail, pending an appeal to else. Coughlin thinks the work- gees have failed to awaken any of the refugees' desperation. Paul Workers Benefit Associa-And not once in all those tion, and the motorized demonright to strike, giving up the them. But the terrible single days, did any of the democratic stration, strung out for miles voracious war machine, the al peasants to own and use a of the collective farms proper. persuaded by their associates trade unions, means accep- picture of these hundreds, at countries or the Russia of Stal- along University Avenue, then

W.P.A. office on West Broadway, where a committee entered to press their demands. From there the demonstrat-

courthouse, in which the city Welfare Board was meeting. ful banners and signs: All War a Special Session of the State Legislature — We Want Rat-Proof Houses for our Children -Abolish the Stassen Anti-Labor Act-Keep the Bull in the 600 Truckmen Want Work-The grim horror in the report Maintain Relief Standards or

> At the St. Paul city limits. attempts" the parade was joined by a

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STALIN DECREE ON AGRICULTURE INDICATES SOVIET CONDITIONS

Increase in Number of "Landlord Peasants" Exposes Wide Crack in Soviet Economy

lup poll has just completed a than all the rhetoric about the land. "Many collectivized peascross-section of people: "What first stage of communism at Times dispatch, "in some re-

"abuses in collective farm doing little or no work on the churchmen, writers and educession to the peasantry, there was legally confirmed the right But that was the Roosevelt own, and to use or sell the thus becoming landlords."

A drastic and sudden new to the statements of the new decree on agriculture, signed decree, that this right has been by Stalin and Molotoff and is- exercised by many of the peassued by the Kremlin on May ants to such an extent that they acts in petitions for clemency missal shortly before or after 28, provides ten times more have virtually withdrawn from on recommendation of July, if Roosevelt has his way, significant comment upon con- the collective farms and spend State Board of Paroles. Sardonically enough, the Gal- ditions within the Soviet Union all of their time on their own survey in which it asked a triumph of socialism and the ants," comments the New York do you think is the greatest ac- Party congresses or all the gions as many as 30 per centcomplishment of the Roosevelt faked statistics from the most have worked up their own private agricultural business to cluding new decree attacks such an extent that they are Green of the A.F.L., noted

> collective farms." Certain of the peasants have | Beal and six other leaders of gone much further: "In some the Gastonia strike were con-

"Pravda also reported that on to visit Soviet Russia. Eventu- tance by the worker of the last out of Germany, but dis- in come forward to offer them circled the State Capitol, wend-(Continued on Page 4) (Continued on Page 2)

His "Solution" The bosses are "glad" to pay at coolie wages. In a "free," that is non-

(Continued on Page 3) covering within sight of haven a haven.