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Lasser Crawls

David Lasser, Stalinist Char-

lie McCarthy at the head of

Workers Suffer

destroy their energy. That is

what this vicious plan means

in practice. The wiping out of

wage differentials is but an-

other whiplash in the Roosevelt-

inspired scourge against the

The Only Road

unemployed.

stake.

By Paul G. Stevens =

New Anti-Conscription Slogan: "Cigarettes for Our Boys!"

Not so long ago we mentioned in these columns the odd fact that French Stalinists and British Stalinists were openly at variance with regard to the proposal to introduce conscription in Great Britain. The Paris Humanite (official organ of the C.P.F.), in line with the Daladier government, had urged support for the proposal. William Gallacher, lone C. P. representative in the House of Commons, had openly repudiated his French colleagues, when Government spokesmen cited them in parliament.

In this country, Mr. V. J. Jerome wrote a lengthy piece of Jesuitical tripe for the Daily Worker, "explaining" why the C.P.F. was for conscription in France and why the C.P.G.B. was opposed to it in England and why both were right.

Gallacher wrote in the British Stalinist sheet: "I am absolutely opposed to conscription and to those who are behind it. . . . It is the cruelist thing imaginable for fathers and mothers who sacrificed for years to give their boys education and apprentice training to find them being handed over to the 'Brass Hats!"

But all that was a month or two months ago. The professions of opposition are not worth the paper they were written on any more. The "dispute" between Gallacher and the Humanite has turned out to be nothing more than the type of highlinks that the lackeys of the Stalintern are required to engage in while each carries out, according to the particular local need, the "general line" of the Kremlin.

For the G.P.G.B.'s fight against conscription has ended, now that conscription is a fact, with the slogan: "Send the Boys Cigarettes," in the very best tradition of the old ladies' patriotic societies. Here is how the British Daily Worker puts it on May 27, 1939:

"Next Saturday the Youth who are liable for military training will register at the Labor Exchanges. A few days later many of them will commence training.

'Keep in touch with our lads' must be the slogan of the working class. Why should not every wade union and youth organization have its committee which will keep in touch with the boys, send them cigarettes, books and papers, and give them all the news from the workshops, and from the organizations of which they are members. . . .

That's what the pseudo-fight against conscription has come to. It only remains for the "Brass Hats" to decree just what newspapers, Kremlin. And Kremlin Joe should worry. . .

"Democratic" Government Terror Rages in Syria

A large number of native Syrian militants es-hence the Stalinists devote eral Theatre. have been languishing in government prisons themselves to lobbying, trying for three months. They are charged with "conspiracy against the French army."

What is their "crime?" On March 8, on the occasion of the anniversary of the declaration of Syrian independence, they made speeches reaffirming their faith in the treaty of 1936. According to this treaty, French imperialism edy in the Stalinist parliamen- his hands and knees. Today was preparing to grant Syria its independence within two years. Of course, it has met with the fate of most treaties under imperialism. It has become a scrap of paper.

Like their fellow French colonials in Tunis, seductive powers on wavering completely his own espousal of these Syrian militants are kept in the prisons Republicans in order to save the Casey Bill that called for without the benefit of a trial. Most of them the Federal Theatre Project. the maintenance of W.P.A. at have contracted frightful diseases as a result of their long imprisonment. Some of them, like Munir Rayes, who suffers from facial paralysis, are in danger of their lives. The French anti-imperialist fighters are working for their liberation.

Carrying the "White Man's Burden" in South Africa: 1939 Style

His brow wrinkled by the cares of the "white man's burden," the current Minister of Labor in the Union of South Africa, explains in the Johannesburg Star:

"Information at the disposal of the Department of Labor shows that the movement towards organization (of native workers) is growing and that a number of so-called 'trade unions' are in existence. . . . In the absence of State recognition, control or protection, the native worker to live the state recognition. native worker is liable to fall into the hands of an undesirable type of organizer."

And so the government kindly condescends to offer the native worker "some form" of recognition. But he is not, god forbid, to be recognized as an "employe" under the existing laws for "it would entitle the native to full trade union status and representation on industrial councils side by side with European employers and employes." And that must never be. For, in that case, the black workers might make common cause with the white workers and thus absolve the minister and fellow-imperialists of his "white man's bur den" all too quickly.

On the Line . . . with Bill Morgan

If you have ever been in the state of Iowa you will never forget the endlessly long and smooth roads which reach out across the great plains where America's corn grows. Hour after hour you hum along over the prairie with never a curve or a bump in the cement ribbon and the distant horizon seldom changes. The homey little farm houses, under tall green trees, the fluffy white clouds in the clear blue sky just overhead and the bright sunshine, all combine to create a neverto-be-forgotten picture. So even if the story I am about to relate had never happened, I would still remember Iowa.

Far off in the distance, against the sky, we noticed a rather strange sight. It appeared to be a man with a huge stick in his hand and this man was acting up something terrific. Jumping up and down and flourishing the stick like a combination pile-driver and jack-ina-box.

A Profound Lesson

Our curiosity grew as we came closer and soon we saw that the man was furiously striking the earth with a huge stick. We decided to investigate.

When we reached the field where this strange sight was going on we parked the car and walked out across the ploughed ground. There stood the man, sweat glistening on his sunbarned brow, beating a dead skunk with a baseball bat!

Immediately we retreated to a good safe distance where the atmosphere was sweet and pure. Then someone spoke up and asked the man, "What are you doing that for-can't you see the skunk is dead?"

The man paused in his labour and looked up with a determined scowl on his face and replied, "Yeah, I know he's dead but I'm not a going to stop pounding this here animal until he stops stinking!" Now, the way I look at it there is a pro-

found lesson to be worked out of that fellow's answer. There is a lot of dead things still walking around smelling up the neighborhood and they ought to be buried because the stink is something awful.

Take the capitalist system for instance. It's been dead a long time but it still needs some serious pounding before it's ready for the

And if you don't think capitalism has outlived its excuse for being, consider a couple of facts. If the stink doesn't get you the facts

First of all there is unemployment. Back in 1929 when Wall Street laid an egg, there were, according to the Department of Labor. about one million workers without jobs-without the means to eat and buy shoes. That was before the depression really got under way. Without a few months there were ten million in the same boat. Ten times as many as during good times. Now, there are some people who claim that the unemployed are still bums who don't want to work but I don't argue with such people. If you think there are ten million bums in the country you got to admit right now that there is something wrong with capitalism and it ain't a mere head cold.

That was ten years ago. And today, 1989, there are these ten millions of workers still trying to get located on a payroll while in the meantime another five million have grown up without nobody hardly noticing it. That is a serious symptom. And what has capitalism done about it?

Well, you remember the F.E.R.A. and the C.W.A. and the P.W.A. and the C.C.C. to say nothing of the W.P.A. and the N.Y.A. and the

A.A.A. You can't say the government didn't try. Boy oh boy how it tried. Now the unemployed at least know the alphabet. But where are the jobs? They are fewer and thinner every day.

And keep in mind that all during this ten years the men without work could not be expected to provide their families with all the little things necessary for building a home in the American style. No, they had to stop paying the rent and you know what happens then. And, of course, they couldn't always feed the family-and kids who have been brought up the first ten years of their lives on a meal now and then are not likely to grow up to look like the kids on the cover of Boy's Life Magazine. Not exactly.

And when father was unemployed little Jimmy and little Helen had to lend a hand in the financial crisis of the Smith family. Jimmy left the seventh grade and took to hanging around the agencies where once in a while he got a day's work in a crummy Eat ommendations endorsing the joint. As for Helen, she quit taking plano lessons and stopped going to meetings of her school club because it costs money to pay dues and wear new dresses. She just hung around the house and helped her mother with the washing. You know how it is. Mrs. Smith knows too. She saw what was happening and she even tried to get work in the laundry until she saw the line-up outside the employment office one Monday.

Now you might argue that Mr. Smith had a duty to his family and that he should have realized what would happen if he didn't do something about the situation. But Mr. Smith knew what they did to men who robbed banks and stole money. Sure, he often thought of trying it-who wouldn't?-but he knew he didn't stand a chance with Mr. Whitney and Judge Manton. No, Mr. Smith was a carpenter and he tried to stick to his trade. But it was no go.

A Substitute for W.P.A.

There are fifteen million Mr. Smiths. Fif- to \$3000 a year. Although the teen million guys who are unemployed. And constitution committee recomnow the capitalist government has thrown in mended non-concurrence on the the sponge and is doing away with the W.P.A. motion and the convention apand the relief. It's got another idea.

It's called the I.M.P. And this is practically John Bartel, the secretarythe real stuff. It will either kill you or cure treasurer and chief stooge of you, the I.M.P. And the best feature of the the Stalinists, arose to speak idea is the fact that no matter what happens for the increase, shedding tears ment in Canada is undergoing jective economic situation undergoing a similar process. the unemployed will be busy as bees while it in his own behalf. The motion a rapid disintegration, espe- which finds the Canadian far- One wing is moving in the dilasts. The initials stand for Industrial Mobili- for the increase was then car- cially in the West where in mer in a life and death strug- rection of revolutionary Marx-

This plan was cooked up by some bright boys on the public payroll in the capacity of are urgently needed for addi-Generals and Admirals. They got thinking tions to the organization staff. | remains. about a nice war which will give them a chance to snatch a slice of some other country and at the same time stick all the unemployed in the army where the chances of coming back are not so good.

So now the capitalist government is working overtime getting all set for the solution of the unemployment problem. War. Why sented the fact that the time of been compelled to avoid mass now shifted their support to to these developments. During didn't somebody think of it sooner? Remem- the convention was taken up work, has turned over its un- Herridge's "New Democracy" July, with only slender reber the last war? ("War to end all war.") with so many windy speeches employed organizations to the That came out pretty well when you consider the profits made by the 60 Families and the number of unemployed who got killed. Besides didn't we save poor little Belgium? Now we got something-the unemployed can join pressed against the Stalinists. of its respectability and the the Stalinists from disaster in new branches, in Wiseton and

If that is the best the capitalist government from the convention with a ity. can do it is time to keep pounding it until it clearer understanding of the It is this role in the mass stops stinking. We got to increase the pound-necessity for organizing in their movement that has, more than up almost wholly on the lan-mers, and the branch was ing until there is nothing left of it and then locals and county councils for anything else, brought about guage movements. At one time formed immediately following we can go ahead and bury it. Then we can a real fight against the Stalin- the mass revolt in the C. P. 90% of its membership was a mass meeting in the public build a Socialist America.

In the World of Labor Starvation Bill Becomes Law by books, and how many cigarettes the boys are to be sent. The lickspittles are always ready to comply—subject to approval from the Kremlin, And Kremlin Joe should worry. . . .

(Continued from Page 1) to soften the hard hearts of the so-called Tory Democrats hailing from the Deep South.

Charms Don't Work As a supreme touch of comtary operetta, Tallullah aBnk- with the latest statement from head's charms were drafted. the White House, he is doing The Broadway actress swept the belly-crawl in the mud. into oCngress and focused her Presto change, and he forgets The Stalinists had their brief 3,000,000, and inveighs solely moment of glory, all due to against the restrictive amend-Bankhead remember, when the ments. He tops off his betrayal newspapers announced that the of the unemployed by vague Senate had okayed the contin- promises of a fight in January uance of the Theatre Project. for a deficiency appropriation. But such low comedy couldn't Now that Roosevelt has signed replace real mass action on the the one-third cut, it wouldn't, part of W.P.A. workers, and you see, be fair to keep on callous representatives of the fighting for the Casey Bill. "peepul" in the House of Rep-

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)

EVANSVILLE, Ind. - The nual convention of the Indiana Industrial Union Council at Evansville spent two solid The Republicans and Demo- al of W.P.A. officials. days, June 23 and 24, listening crats, following the signal from to a cast headed by John Brophy expand on the merits of with a barrage of restrictions New Dealism. At no time were any of the delegates given the opportunity for democratic disprogram or policy.

Friday was taken speeches, the only business transacted being the report of the Rules and Credentials Committees. The evening session was devoted to a partial report of the constitution committee, whose most notable achievement was in voting down a resolution submitted and endorsed by the large S.W.O.C. locals of Gary, Kokomo, Muncie, Anderson and Indianapolis. The resolution called for a broader basis of elections for the State Committee, specifically provid- mined, militant fight now-a

endum vote. Back Roosevelt War Workers Alliance and commending President Roosevelt W.P.A. wreckers is the fact board, the iron grip in which think the family had a gas for his South American policy. Other resolutions called for the immediate release of the unions to picket all agencies of the continuance of W.P.A. the Singer Sewing Machine Company, whose South Bend ril. The balance of the report was then referred to the incomting out the presentation of a minority report favoring the Ludlow Amendment.

A motion submitted by Don Zinn, Stalinist delegate from the State, County and Municipal Workers Union, called for an increase in the Secretary-Treasurer's salary from \$2400 proved the committee's action, ried by a small majority and many sections only the frame- gle with Eastern finance capi- ism, another unfortunately tocomes at a time when funds work of the paid bureaucrats tal on wheat prices which will wards fascism. "Anything but

. Resent Stalinist Control character can be expected by the membership. Only refrom the Stalinist controlled ex- cently have they become aware ecutive board. A number of del- of the real implications of this egates, especially those from reformist development. In the porting King's Liberal regime section of the Fourth Internathe S.W.O.C. locals, clearly re- latter period, the C. P. has while so little time was allotted church and charity outfits, and for the business sessions.

Many delegates went home "sincerity" of its plea for un- the West.

Expells Two for Militant Action (Special to the Socialist Appeal)

on "trial" and expelled two militants of long standing in the unemployed movement, Aileen Saterly and H. C. Bollman, who were employed on

Oakland Alliance

a W.P.A. book-binding project. from the Roosevelt baloney also of the additional "crime"

Hand-Picked Board mittee elected by the defend- which he represented. ant's own local, the board that tried Saterly and Bollman was Party-led delegations from not only hand-picked by the New York, Baltimore and Mil-Stalinist-packed County Coun- waukee were insistent however, cil, over the head of the local, and the clause was adopted by but was picked by a rump a large majority. When asked meeting of the County Council, at whom this provision was di-Needless to say, members of rected; whether or not it was Saterly's local, acquainted aimed at the Socialist Workers with her three years' record Party members of the organi-But what will happen to the of unceasing struggle in be- zation, McDowell replied that W.P.A. workers in the mean- half of the unemployed as a it was aimed at the Oehlerites time? They, not Lasser and member of the W.A.A., were and the Coughlinites. the labor skates, face the most carefully excluded from the brutal campaign against their trial board. jobs and relief standards since

Phoney Charges

the time of the starvation Hoo-The particular charge vervilles. They cannot afford against Saterly were centered to delude themselves with the comforting statements of Roosevelt. Their jobs are at policy with regard to job ers Union, Briggs of Wisconsin Unemployed and Project Work-The provisions put through practice of the W.A.A. in Oak- demonstration in front of the er. There is a National Comby Congress were only possible land, in its efforts to avoid em-241 delegates to the second an- in the relief-wrecking atmo- barrassing the W.P.A. admin- announced as one of the high sphere which Roosevelt created istration, to remove any job points on the program of the except New Jersey agreed to by proposing the one-third cut. steward not having the approv- conference. Rourke proposed go into the organization. The

Saterly took her position of the President, have opened up job steward on her book-binding project seriously enough to tion. Also that the committee just voted to exclude workers aimed at the unemployed and fight for settlement of grievtheir organizations. The plan ances of workers on her projfor 18 month rotation, which ect. Naturally, this did not cussion of the resolutions, the goes into effect in September, meet the approval of the alize the unemployed. It's part ists obediently removed her as of the official policy of shoving steward, using the ridiculous the unemployed around until pretext that she had missed a they're walking on their heels. couple of steward meetings Demoralize them so they can't while ill. fight back, sap their spirits and

The fact that a large majority of the workers on her project signed a petition stating that they wanted her to continue as job steward made no difference to the bureaucracy.

Opposed W.A.A. Policy!

The only road is a deteradvance if the workers are not W.A.A. clear about Roosevelt's role.

that he signed the bill. That is the Stalinists hold the county, stove or maybe an electric the most important fact for the state, and national apparatus stove? W.P.A. worker who wants to makes any sort of fair hearing Scottsboro boys, for local fight effectively for his job and of his case virtually impos- family without coal?"-Mrs.

plant has been struck since April. The balance of the report Canadian C. P. Suspends ing Executive Board, thus cut-

Faces Wide Revolt in Ranks-Fourth Internationalists Make Steady Progress

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) | see very clearly and from day

The Popular Front policies Little action of a progressive were, on the whole, accepted in the trade unions has sabo-

ists at future conventions. ranks. The members can now made up of Ukrainians and school there.

heavily mortgaged.

The Stalinists have lined up solidly in this struggle with the

Language Groups Split

S.P. Unemployed Group Raises OAKLAND, Calif. — Local "fuehrers" of the Alameda County Workers Alliance put

(Continued from Page 1) Dollinger Objects

Delegate Dollinger explained that such a clause would ex-A carefully picked Stalinist clude the Unemployed and trial board found Saterly and Project Workers Union of New

McDowell and the Socialist

Sidetrack Demonstration

and an assistant W.P.A. administrator.

Militant delegates from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ohio took the floor the Workers Alliance, changes Bollman guilty not only of the York from affiliation. The was voted to have the demonhis stand with every bulletin usual disruption charges, but U.P.W.U. constitution says that stration on Monday morning. no worker shall be barred However after considerable factory. Yesterday he was on of urging Alliance adoption of from membership on account caucusing a motion was made militant measures against of race, creed, color or politi- and carried on Sunday after-W.P.A. lay-offs and relief cal belief or affiliation. Breit- noon to reconsider the decision man from the Unemployed and to picket the White House. It Relief Workers Union of New was evident that the leader-Although the W.A.A. consti- Jersey told the conference that ship of the convention was optution specifically provides such a provision was a direct posed to such militant action that charges against any mem- violation of the principles and as picketing the White House, ber be first heard by a com- constitution of the organization even though Mr. Roosevelt was at Hyde Park.

Justin of Pennsylvania then made a motion that the picketing take place on Sunday evening after adjournment of the convention. This motion was carried and about one half of the delegates began picketing in front of an empty White House on a deserted street after dark on Sunday evening.

N. J. Withholds

The name of the new organization is the Workers Security The other low point in a ra- Federation of the United ther dull, uninspiring and bu- States with headquarters in reaucratically controlled con- Baltimore. Leith of the Baltivention was the attempt of more People's Unemployed around her efforts to change Rourke, president of N. Y. Un- League is Secretary-Treasurer the Alliance's company union employed and Project Work- and Rourke of the New York stewards. It has long been a and others, to sidetrack the ers Union is National Organiz-White House which had been mittee of two from each state.

All of the states represented, that instead of a demonstration New Jersey delegates took the Monday morning, that a com- position they could not committee call on the president's mit their organization to memsecretary and present a peti- bership in a group that had call on various congressmen on the basis of political belief.

is a deliberate move to demor-w.P.A. heads and the Stalin- Life and Liberty Under New Deal When a Jobless Family Asks for Some Coal

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) Saunders, mother of two children and wife of an unemployed The charges against Bollman and sick Negro shipyard workwere of a similar nature. Not er, herself a chronic sufferer their eyes off the inner office, ing that each county with 500 fight waged by real mass ac- only had he "disrupted" by de- from arthritis, could not un- without as much as exchanging members, and one additional tions against the relief cutters fending Saterly's right to her derstand why the relief inves- a word, just waiting, waiting, member for each ten thousand of all stripes, Democrats and position, but he had even pos- tigator, Miss Kusner, did not or major fraction thereof, elect Republicans. And the sharp sessed the temerity to express bring the coal voucher together o'clock the officer on duty anthat member by county refer- point of this fight is dulled in opposition to the policy of the with the food voucher as was customary. It is true the sum- be cleared, that the relief office Questioned by an Appeal cor- mer was here and no coal was was closing for the day. "How The resolutions committee in He proposed the relief program respondent, Bollman stated needed to heat the place. But about my coal voucher, offica partial report brought in rec- now going through, and the that, while he intended to ap- how did the investigator expect er?" asked Mrs. Saunders. final proof that he stands un- peal the obviously unconstitu- Mrs. Saunders to cook her "You told me to wait and now deniably in the camp of the tional decision of the trial meals without coal. Did she

> "How am I too cook for my Saunders kept on asking. The investigator did not trouble to reply. The coal voucher was not given this time, that was all there was to it.

> Next morning Mr. and Mrs. Saunders went to the relief office to find out about their coal she to do, where was she to

Finally the officer on duty came over to Mrs. Saunders

TORONTO, Canada. - The to day the work of Stalinism in Finns. The latter have com-Daily Clarion, Canadian C. P. the labor movement, where pletely severed their connecorgan, has recently gone C. P. fractions are instructed tions with the C. P. in a mass out of business. On July 1 it to discourage every manifesta- exodus during the past few will resume publication as a tion of independent militancy, years, mainly in a social-demport that the whole C. P. move- most acute because of the ob- ian Stalinist movement is now and their personal following guarantee them a bare subsis- Stalinism" is the general feeltence standard of living, and ing of these workers, so thorover their farms which are oughly disgusted have they be-

S.W.L. Progresses

Workers The Socialist moneyed interests. After sup- League of Canada, Canadian for another term, they have tional, has reacted splendidly movement, which resembles sources, it will send out five Roosevelt's late New Deal pro- organizers to all points in the gram very much watered Dominion. A special Party The resentment among the taged all militant activity in down. This sudden shift from Mobilization fund has been ordelegates was clearly ex- order to assure the bourgeoisie King to Herridge has not saved ganized for this purpose. Two Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, were organized in June. The former The Canadian C. P. was built is composed entirely of far-

and upon hearing her story told NEWARK - Mrs. Laura her to wait for her voucher. All afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Saunders sat in the corner of the relief office without taking

. . Hours passed. At four nounced roughly that the room all you tell me is 'Get out of here.' What are we to do?"

"Get out of here," shouted the officer. In confused desperation the man and wife continued to stand around.

A Little Joke

A police wagon drew up, Mr. and Mrs. Saunders were shoved into it. They were held on charges of "creating a disturbance." From four o'clock in the afternoon till ten in the evening the friends of the arrested voucher. But the clerk on duty tried to raise bail. Finally the did not allow Mrs. Saunders to W.P.A. and Relief Workers see her investigator. What was Union furnished the fifty dollar bail. At 11 o'clock the Saunders were released. But not before the desk sargeant in the main police headquarters played his little joke on the friends of Mrs. Saunders who came to bail her out. He told them there was no such person booked there, that they should go to the 2nd police precinct where Mr. Saunders was held. In the weekly. Reliable observers re- The western development is ocratic direction. The Ukrain- 2nd precinct they learned that Mrs. Saunders was held at the main headquarters as first reported, and that they were to go back there to bail her out. This delayed the release of Mrs. Saunders by another hour.

Still Waiting

The hearing in the Saunders case was scheduled for next morning but postponed till Friday, June 23, on the request of the lawyer, furnished by the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees.

At the Friday hearing the court was packed with other unemployed members of the W.P.A. and Relief Workers Union. For lack of evidence the case was dismissed.

The Saunders family is still waiting for their coal voucher.

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