Men and Scenes at the National Anti-War Convention of the S.W.P.



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Spontaneous and, in several cases, officially called strikes of A.F.L. craftsmen on W.P.A. construction projects began this week in protest against the destruction of the union scales: ation measure passed by Con-

In the New York area the strikes were so widespread that Thomas Murray, president of the Building and Construction Council of Greater New York. has called a meeting of his organization and says that official strike sanction is likely.

Murray estimated that 90 per cent of the 32,283 skilled workers on W.P.A. in New York City have stopped work.

Resent A.F.L. Policy

and this is very importantagainst the A.F.L. top leaderprevailing wage clause in the relief appropriation measure.

notified that they will have to forthcoming within the next for the unemployed. The bur- goon millions of Americans into work 130 hours a month to get ten days the physical condition esucrats are now "investigat- the coming slaughter. the same pay they have been of the workers will be a danger ing" the Youth. getting, on a monthly basis. Under the old rates paid on There are indications, how-

tained from \$1 to \$2 an hour, meda County are not going to only defense. The youth who ca's colossally rich Sixty Fami- this argument Coughlin blames and worked much less than 130 starve peacefully. Recent want to fight against boss war lies stand like a sinister shad- the terrible want which exists

skilled craftsmen will get 60 its company union, Stalinist here with these pie-card artcents an hour less! And work leadership. many hours more!

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Jobless Go Without Relief, Officials Get New Cars

Rebelling Against Scabby Tactics of W.A.A., WELL FINANCED Oakland Jobless Form Fighting Union

By BILL MORGAN

(Special to the Socialist Appeal) OAKLAND, Cal., July 1-Twelve thousand workers, The State Relief Administration has announced a "surplus" of \$450,000 for the current year which will be spent for new au- | card writing agency. tomobiles for the use of relief officials. At the same time,

dismissal notices. such time as funds are forth- county. coming" but since debts of re-

for by Mr. Janssen. Plan Action

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and other top leaders have a merce and the Associated thing higher. eal explanation to make for Farmers — those who want to their bad mistake in allowing fight for jobs and homes or without a serious fight. quiet?"

constant slashing of W.P.A. write in the \$16,000 contest rolls and sharp reductions in which has just ended reveal relief funds plus the ever deep- very clearly the demagogic ening reaction in California has character of Father Coughlin's many of them aged and blind, been accepted by the Stalinists propaganda. Although many are being forced to go ten days who see in the misery of the quotations from Father Coughwithout the miserable dole on workers a golden opportunity lin's speeches and writings can which they depend for food be- to cram their phoney line down be given to show that he favors cause "there are no funds", ac- the throat of an unsuspecting the building of a mighty capicording to Mr. George Janssen, working class. Using the once talist navy and army in the Chairman of the Alameda powerful Workers Alliance as a United States, the subjects for under the new relief appropri- County Board of Supervisors. political football the Stalinists the contest were as follows: have wrecked all semblance of "How to Keep America Out of militant organization and War," (adult section) "Foreign maintain the Alliance as a post- Entanglements Lead to War,

Face Workers' Wrath 4,100 W.P.A. workers received ing the wrath of an aroused and (Tenth Grade), "Offensive War indignant working class com- Will Hurt America (Ninth Claiming that the county has posed of Negro and white work- Grade), "I Don't Want War" no money for relief, Mr. Jans- ers ,of Mexican and Italian (Eighth Grade), sen urged that credit be ex- workers, of men, women and Don't Want War" tended to relief clients "until youth of all sections of the Grade), "Daddies

Within the Alliance there is Sixth Grades). lief clients are not recognized turmoil at every meeting. At Through these slogans Coughby the State Relief Administra- every local meeting there are lin hopes to capitalize on the duction in wage rates is direct- tion, local grocery and meat expulsions and "trials". Many widespread and completely jusstores have refused and con- workers are voting with their tified anti-war sentiment of the velt administration but also tinue to refuse the credit asked feet and the Alliance grows American people. But previous smaller week by week. And on statements by Coughlin in fa-Alameda County has 7,834 local of the Alliance recently fact that he was one of the key allowed Congress to delete the aged, 479 blind and 2,500 needy drew up and unanimously men in putting Roosevelt's War cott succeeds," he claims, children on its relief rolls. Oth- adopted a militant anti-war Deal into power shows that he er classifications raise the total program which demands jobs will be among the first when to 12,000 according to official for youth at trade union wages war breaks to pound the drums nomic annihilation . . . meanthousands of workers have been reports. If there are no funds and that all war funds be used of patriotism which will dra- while the boycott continues its

Name-Calling Futile

a union scale, craftsmen ob- ever, that the workers of Ala- name-calling is the Stalinists' never been revealed—Ameri- food surpluses" (page 5). With events in the Elmhurst and are called agents of Trotsky ow in the background-Father in the midst of plenty in Amer-A comparison of the pay re- West Oakland sections have and, as one member of the Coughlin overlooks no possibil- ica not on the capitalist system, ceived before the reduction on given rise to the formation of Youth Local remarked when ity to milk the poor. On page 19 the system of turning over the an hourly basis with union a new, fighting unemployed this charge was made at a of the July 3 issue of Social wealth of the nation to a miserscale of wages and the money and project workers union de- meeting, "If Trotsky and the Justice he projects a lurid pic- able handful of stockholdersto be earned under the new spite the frantic efforts of the Fourth International agree ture of America in 1945. schedule shows that most scabby Workers Alliance and with us why should we remain

> The workers who want to conduct a struggle for their right to live, to eat, to have decent homes and to get jobs at decent wages and who dare to expose the reactionary line of the Stalinists in the Alliance are called agents of the Chamber of Commerce and the Associated Farmers by the finks in the Alliance who hope to confuse and confound the workers of Oakland. But the name-call- is a picture of America under first to dangle from his noose. ing campaign is not producing Communism, and if his readers The next on the list will be the desired results because would "save" America from now the workers are asking this Red peril they must im- union. up in arms over this. William themselves, "Just who are the mediately send in their contri-

COUGHLINITES GROW, ARE

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(Twelfth Grade) "The Cost of

War" (Eleventh Grade), "Of-Now these Stalinists are fac- fensive Wars Settle Nothing" "Mothers (Seventh Shouldn't Have to Go to War" (Fifth and

top of everything, the Youth vor of the war machine, the

Milks the Poor The use of intimidation and Coughlin's huge income have to plow under or destroy their

> "Six bishops, three Catholic and three Protestant, were executed yesterday morning in the basement of Tombs prison. Thousands of priests, ministers and nuns are in concentration camps . . . orders have been issued at Comintern headquarters that persons displaying pictures of George Washington or otherwise paying homage to this bourgeois individual will be shot without trial."

This, says Father Coughlin,

Anti-Jewish Campaign diminished. "If the Jewish boy- union local in the country.

Anti-War Convention Ends With Spirited Action Program

Organization Discussion and Election of Na- PRESS REPORT AT PARTY | which a special speaker will tional Committee Brings Sessions to Close

Items Discussed As reported in the last issue of the Appeal, the first items spectives of United States Imperialism and the prospects of olution on Negro work).

"Germans will be forced to go to war to prevent their ecodisastrous effect in the United States. Watch millions of bales of cotton rot in Southern ware-While the main sources of houses. American farmers have the Sixty Families-but on the Jews. Despite the fact that he alleges he is not anti-Semitic and that he attacks only nonreligious Jews, Coughlin does not make even this distinction

in his Jew-baiting. On the same page which carries his Jew-baiting, Coughlin lashes viciously against the labor movement, attacking the C.I.O. and its right to strike. In Coughlin's plan to establish fascism in America—by

any name, even "Social Justice"—the Jews will be only the whoever belongs to a trade

Coughlin's movement is grow-Green, president of the A.F.L., agents of the Chamber of Com- butions of \$1, \$2, \$3, \$5, or any- ing, and growing dangerously. stopped NOW. And the only Father Coughlin's campaign way to stop it is by organizing the reduction to go into effect those who are trying to keep us against the Jews continues un- labor defense guards in every

(Continued from Page 1) | tion discussed the situation of under discussion with the war the unemployed, the party problem. Realizing that the press, the program of action tempo of work must be in- (printed on page 1) and the creased, critical of the party's tasks of the coming period. failure to grow as fast as it Several items were unfortunshould have grown, the conven- ately not taken up by the condecided to convert the vention because of the amount party into a campaign party of time given to the other points which pushing boldly and vig- on the agenda, notably the proorously ahead on the various gram of action. These were reproblems of the labor move- ferred to the new National ment will build the party into Committee for the elaboration a movement of truly mass pro- of specific programs on each

Organization Work

In the discussion of the proconvention were the main po- members to make of the party litical resolution on the Per- a campaign party which will draw the masses into the orbit the party, the preparation of of its work was especially manthe party for the coming war, ifested. Eight hours of solid disthe growth of fascism, the fight cussion were devoted to the oragainst it, and the Workers De- ganization resolution-the first fense Guard, and the Negro time in its history the party has port and a talk on their probquestion (see page 3 for the res-|devoted so much time to what| is essentially the key to the worth while. Following the disposition of party's success. In the course the above points, the conven- of the discussion, the party's DOWN TO WORK! weaknesses came in for considerable criticism.

In the credentials report coming issue in tabulated form. it was pointed out that the party is a young party. The SHOE WORKERS average age of the delegates was 28 years. Yet the greater OUT ON STRIKE part of the delegates had years and years of experience in the rade unionists.

to the convention problems are a year ago. now on their way back to Cali- There is no union at the a workers' headquarters -- the fornia, Detroit, Minneapolis, plant. An independent union Debs Labor School — and have ctc., to put their vitality, spirit, with the reputation of being a succeeded in breaking up nuenthusiasm, and energy to the company union), the A.F.L. execution of the convention de- and the United Shoe Workers

of Marxism. In the day to day workers would have nothing to struggles of the masses they do with the other unions. carry with them the intelligence of revolutionary politics. An invincible army of proletarian revolution they march forward.

Long live the Socialist Workers Party! Long live the Fourth International! Forward to Socialist Victory!

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CONVENTION:

One of the most constructive paper. aspects of our Convention was the Press Report given by com- Appeal at union meetings and rade Abern and the discussion does house-to-house canvassing. that followed.

who was in any way connected to double our present bundle. with distribution and handling Systematic work shows great of our literature spoke on the improvement and we now sell various problems he faces, all our papers. When the 3-a-Many valuable experiences and week Appeal comes through hints as to the best methods of you can count on Oakland doselling the Appeal and New ing its share—and then some!" International were given. In the next few months it is izer.

the intention of our National Office-after carrying through taken up and decided by the gram of action the desire of the er distribution on a more dy- the list. Here's the new subs namic basis. Old, careless obtained this past week: methods must give way to the stream-lined methods of our Campaign Party!

We also want to thank those delegates who, as branch literature agents, came up to the Appeal business office for a relems. All in all, it was highly OAKLAND BRANCH GETS

"Enclosed find a payment of \$5.51 on our account. We expect to be completely paid up by creased its bundle order by 4

take up a collection for the

"The branch now sells the It will be only a matter of time Practically every delegate before we will be in a position -Bill Morgan, Oakland organ-

The subscription list slowed certain centralization and re- up slightly this past week beorganization steps-to devote a cause of Convention activity. rajor portion of its time to the But New York emerged out of problem of organizing a broad-lits temporary slump and heads

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Total Washington, D. C. has inwhich will be printed in the July 15 and on July 21 we are per issue and has an additional having a mass meeting at literature agent in Comrade N.

WORCESTER, Mass.-Eight rade union and political move- cutters and one hundred stitchment behind them. And most ers working for the National significant, the greater part of Shoe Manufacturing Co. which the delegates were experienced employs about 300 workers. have been out on strike for a These delegates who lent the week, demanding the return of youth and vigor of their ideas a 10% cut which they received

They carry the message of tried to contact the workers.

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tempt to deprive any worker or workers' organization of its constitutional rights," Milton explained. "The Coughlin gangsters have already broken into merous meetings of labor orof America (C.I.O.) have all ganizations in the city. Last week they tried to break up an revolutionary socialism. In the The C.I.O. union has made American Labor Party meeting battle for the emancipation of some head-way with about where Michael Quill, president mankind they wield the might twenty workers signing up. The of the Transport Workers Union, was the speaker; fortunately the transport workers were prepared.

"Organized labor in New York has a membership of more than a million. Together with other workers' organizations and the anti-fascists in the general population, it would be a cinch to organize 50.000 anti-fascist labor guards, No revolutionary agitator if the labor unions get behind the idea."

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