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VICTORY DEMONSTRATION IN UNION SQUARE!

Party Swings Into Action on National Anti-War Campaign

Reports from Branches Show Real Progress in Activity, But Fund Collections Lag Behind the Rest of the Campaign

By HAL DRAPER
Secretary Campaign Committee
Calais goes over the top—twice!

One comrade sends in the full quota for the campaign for this town in the rock-ribbed Republican state of Maine, giving it a percentage of 200 on the quota for September 15, which is half of the full quota.

As Maine goes, so goes the nation—or doesn't it? That list of names will tell us in the next week or two. Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, St. Louis, San Francisco—each with a quota of \$100 or more and 00.00 turned in—had better get busy or the "provinces" will run away with all the prizes.

We need that Anti-War Fund NOW! We need it to expand our press; to put out a steady stream of cheap popular pamphlets; to send out organizers all over the country who will carry our anti-war message to every state in the Union—our goal is 30 new full-time organ-

izers in the next period; we need it to carry out the tasks of this campaign as well as those campaigns that will follow. The building of the anti-war party can't wait!

While the fund-gathering part of the campaign is starting slowly, the branches continue to send in reports of progress in the campaign for the People's Referendum on War. It is clear by now that, more than at any previous time, the Party has been swung into action in a common drive of agitation and action AS A NATIONAL UNIT. A good start has been made in transforming the Party into a CAMPAIGN PARTY which can concentrate its forces from East to West in a single effort.

Now the branches have the

LYNN

The Lynn branch secretary starts with a good opening sentence. "Enclosed please find money order for \$23 which is the first instalment of our

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WPA Wage Cuts Take Effect in September

Slashes Are Blow at General Wage Standards of Workers

By NEIL WHITE
Substantial wage cuts for all WPA workers in 36 states were announced August 16 by Col. F. C. Harrington, national WPA administrator.

The wage cuts were promulgated against all WPA workers in the East, the mid-West and the West. The 36 states affected comprise the vast majority of the population of the country.

The cuts are to go into effect on September 1. In cities of 100,000 or more in the area affected, the largest category of WPA workers, "unskilled labor," is to be cut about \$7.80 a month. In New York, for example, the WPA wage for this category will be cut from the former figure of \$59.80 down to \$52 a month.

Smaller cuts go into effect at the same time against other categories of WPA workers.

Roosevelt Ordered Cuts
These vicious cuts constitute the Roosevelt administration's interpretation of the provision in the Roosevelt-Woodrum Relief Law signed by President Roosevelt on June 30, which provided that geographical wage differentials shall be adjusted to differences in the cost of living. Previously Northern and Eastern wage scales were higher because the labor unions have won higher wage scales there than in the South.

These wage cuts, aimed against the overwhelming majority of WPA workers, were sugar-coated by being coupled with an announcement that in the other twelve states, the South and Southwest, wage-raises were to go into effect. In cities of 100,000 or over in this area unskilled workers are to be raised from the present scale of \$40.30 to \$46.80, an increase of \$6.50.

But since very few cities of such size exist in this area, the major number of WPA workers in the Southern area, even with the increase, are to receive only \$31.20 a month in cities under 5,000, and \$36.40 in cities of 5,000 to 25,000.

The main purpose behind the wage-cuts was revealed by the

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Clinch the Victory Over Fascist Bands!

Fascist preparations for a parade from Columbus Circle to Union Square on Saturday, August 19, reached their high point on Thursday, August 17, when Fritz Kuhn's official organ of the Nazi Bund printed military orders to the Nazi Brown Shirts to come out in full force.

This fascist provocation got the answer it deserved! Hundreds of thousands of anti-fascists declared THEIR determination to hold a counter-demonstration against the fascists in Union Square on Saturday, August 19.

The fascists are bold only when no one resists them. When they saw what was coming, the fascists began to back down. First Coughlin himself, then his Christian Front and now, on Coughlin's orders his shock-troops, the Christian Mobilizers, have withdrawn from the parade. The fascists have crawled back to their holes—temporarily.

The anti-fascists of New York have scored their first victory!

Fascism can be stopped!

Anti-fascists of New York: clinch this victory over the fascist gunmen, anti-Semites, Jim Crowers and union busters!

Defend your unions! Defend your liberties!

ALL OUT TO UNION SQUARE SATURDAY, AUG. 19, 4:30 P.M.!

Bundits Ordered To Parade by Nazi Fuehrer

Fritz Kuhn, the Nazi-American Bund fuehrer's orders for the mobilization of his thousands of Storm-Troopers for the Coughlin "Christian Mobilizers" parade Saturday appear on page 6 of the August 17 issue of the official organ of the bund, "Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter."

It is addressed to the "Storm-Troops of the New York Division," and orders them to fall into formations on West 54th Street, between 8th and 9th avenues, at 6 p.m. Saturday. The march route is described as from Columbus Circle "to Union Square—Moscow Platz."

The order to march is signed: "New York commander: Wm. Wheeler-Hill, Parade Commander: Lawrence J. Gilpatrick."

Further instructions, the order concludes, can be secured by telephoning Butterfield 8-8347.

New York AFL Meet Raps Roosevelt Anti-Labor Stand

Delegates, Rejecting "Third Term" Motion, Lay Relief Cuts at President's Door

By STANLEY LAUREN

NEW YORK, Aug. 17—The 76th annual convention of the New York State Federation of Labor, representing over 1,100,000 members, dealt a mighty blow to President Roosevelt when, because of his recent anti-labor stand against the prevailing wage and his attack on the WPA strike, the convention delegates rejected all resolutions favoring a "third term."

The 1932 and 1936 conventions had endorsed Roosevelt for president.

Only two out of 831 delegates voted against the motion to shelve the third-term resolutions.

Meany Speaks Out

George Meany, president of the State Federation, speaking Wednesday to the delegates in opposition to passage of the third-term resolutions, declared that "I for one will not give a blank check indorsement to the New Deal policies because there is one policy of the New Deal that I absolutely and fundamentally disagree with, and that is the policy of the so-called security wage which is in reality a starvation wage."

"Let the record be clear. Let there be no misunderstanding. The security wage in the Woodrum bill is a New Deal policy dictated by the New Deal and put over by the New Deal."

Affects All Workers

"I say that in the attack by the New Deal on the building trades, let each and every other trade take warning. We are continuing the fight right up to this very moment. We are going to continue and let the other trades who are not affected root for us, pray for us, and help us because if we go down just so surely do they go down."

In speaking on the fight of the Building and Construction Trades for the prevailing wage-rate, Matthew Woll, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor denounced the presidential edict that "You can't strike against the government," saying:

"This is a new doctrine in America. Heretofore we believed that labor, whether engaged in government service or whether engaged in private employment, had the right individually or collectively to give up its employment if it deemed conditions such as to prompt it to use that as a means of protest. But now we are advised by Presidential proclamation that those engaged in public employment no longer have the right that is accorded to those in civil employment, and that they dare not and must not strike."

Woll spoke of the serious consequences of this declaration against the labor movement. He decried the government's

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SWP Completes Plans For Giant Anti-Fascist Rally in Union Square

German-American Fraternal Group Backs S.W.P. Call

The Workmen's Sick & Death Benefit Fund of the United States, oldest workers' fraternal organization in the country and founded by German-American trade unionists, signified its support of the August 19 anti-Coughlin demonstration in the following letter, dated August 15, in answer to the Socialist Workers Party's invitation for united front action against the fascist parade: "Socialist Workers Party 116 University Place New York, N. Y. Dear Friends: Your letter of August 11 was read before our National Executive Board. However, it was received too late to mobilize our membership for the rally on August 19th. We will try anyway to have as many members there as we can possibly reach yet. With best wishes for a successful counter-demonstration on August 19th, we are

Fraternally yours,
J. BEISSWINGER,
National Treasurer."

August 19 Mobilization Turned into Victory Celebration

NEW YORK, August 18—Preparations for the giant anti-fascist counter-demonstration Saturday at 4:30 P.M. in Union Square, in answer to the fascist parade from Columbus Circle, were going full steam ahead as the Socialist Appeal went to press.

Everything indicates a huge rally in Union Square and a powerful set-back to the fascists.

More than 300,000 leaflets had been distributed, thousands of placards had been placed in display windows of stores and

BULLETIN

One hundred thousand leaflets were distributed Friday night by Local New York of the Socialist Workers Party, calling New York's anti-fascist workers to join the victory celebration in Union Square Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

In Harlem tens of thousands of special leaflets appealing to Negroes to join the counter demonstration with their organizations had been circulated by late afternoon today.

In response to the call for united action of working class organizations to meet the fascist provocation, the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Fund, one of the oldest workers' fraternal organizations in the United States, pledged its support.

The Anti-Fascist Labor Guard of New York announced that it supported the counter-demonstration and would send down members especially trained to help protect workers' meetings from fascist attacks.

C. P. Silent

Leaders of the Communist Party had not yet responded to the August 11 letter to it from the Socialist Workers Party, asking for united front action on Saturday against the fascist threat.

On August 16 the letter was followed up by a telegram to the New York County Committee of the Communist Party, (Continued on Page 3)

ANTI-WAR FUND SCOREBOARD

\$10,000 FUND DRIVE

Branch	Quota—50% by Sept. 15	Paid	Percent Paid
Calais	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	200.00
Rochester	50.00	20.00	80.00
Lynn	100.00	23.00	46.00
St. Paul	200.00	46.00	46.00
Flint	20.00	3.00	33.33
Cleveland	200.00	30.00	30.00
Newark	350.00	48.50	27.71
Boston	400.00	54.00	27.00
Gardner-Fitchburg	15.00	2.00	26.66
Kansas	40.00	1.50	20.00
Minneapolis	1100.00	50.00	9.09
New York	2200.00	50.00	4.50
National Office	3400.00	20.00	20.00
Akron	100.00	00.00	00.00
Allentown	50.00	00.00	00.00
Baltimore	10.00	00.00	00.00
Cambridge	5.00	00.00	00.00
Chicago	530.00	00.00	00.00
Cleveland	200.00	00.00	00.00
Columbus	15.00	00.00	00.00
Conneaut	5.00	00.00	00.00
Danbury	10.00	00.00	00.00
Denver	20.00	00.00	00.00
Detroit	50.00	00.00	00.00
New Hampshire	5.00	00.00	00.00
East Chicago	20.00	00.00	00.00
Evansville	5.00	00.00	00.00
Fargo	10.00	00.00	00.00
Fresno	10.00	00.00	00.00
Hartford	5.00	00.00	00.00
Indianapolis	5.00	00.00	00.00
Lexington	10.00	00.00	00.00
Los Angeles	400.00	00.00	00.00
Louisville	10.00	00.00	00.00
Marston Mills	5.00	00.00	00.00
New Haven	40.00	00.00	00.00
Oakland	80.00	00.00	00.00
Omaha	10.00	00.00	00.00
Philadelphia	100.00	00.00	00.00
Pittsburgh	10.00	00.00	00.00
Pleasantwood	5.00	00.00	00.00
Portland	5.00	00.00	00.00
Quakertown	20.00	00.00	00.00
Reading	10.00	00.00	00.00
Ridgefield	5.00	00.00	00.00
Sacramento	20.00	00.00	00.00
St. Louis	100.00	00.00	00.00
San Diego	10.00	00.00	00.00
San Francisco	100.00	00.00	00.00
Seattle	20.00	00.00	00.00
South Bend	10.00	00.00	00.00
Texas	20.00	00.00	00.00
Toledo	40.00	00.00	00.00
Washington	40.00	00.00	00.00
Woonsocket	5.00	00.00	00.00
Worcester	20.00	00.00	00.00
Youngstown	50.00	00.00	00.00
Yellow Springs	5.00	00.00	00.00

The Way to Fight Coughlin Is the Way of Labor Action

AN EDITORIAL

David Dubinsky, President of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, is a GREAT labor leader.

He is a PROGRESSIVE labor leader.

At least, that is what we are told.

This great leader calls those workers who want to fight fascism EFFECTIVELY—"lunatics."

That is how he described the advocates of Union Defense Guards against Fascism in the statement—it was really an apology—which he issued after Coughlin's attack upon him and upon the I.L.G.W.U.

Some day, when he is right up against the fascist buzz-saw, President Dubinsky may wish he had organized the "lunatics" into a fighting guard to protect the labor movement from the lords of the concentration camp.

But not all the spokesmen for labor are like Dubinsky.

In our last issue, we reported the statement made to a meeting of Cleaners and Dyers

Union Local 239 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers by its General Manager, Alexander Hoffman.

He called upon the union membership to—"RETURN BLOW FOR BLOW THE ATTACKS OF FASCISTS AND COUGHLINITES."

That's the spirit!

If labor girds its loins and organizes its fight under that kind of battle cry, Fascism will NEVER win in the United States. It will be smashed before it gets its first base.

We endorse Brother Hoffman's call with both hands. All that's needed is to translate it into action.

Coughlin has already threatened labor with civil war. He will fight it "in Franco's way."

Let Labor learn from Spain not to be caught off guard by the American Franco.

Prepare in advance! Organize to fight the fascist wolves! Build Labor Defense Guards in every labor organization!