THE CHRYSLER SETTLEMENT

# And What They Got In 54-Day "Lockout"

Chrysler Corporation and the would take aggressive strike- imum subsistence budgets. United Automobile Workers breaking steps. flict a formidable power.

auto barons believed-they hoped ods. a time when production is high, terms the workers will desert their or- WHAT THE UNION ganizations and even march ACTUALLY GOT

few months of steady pay. crimes of the union. Chrysler tlement. dealers were squeezed into a denunciation of the UAW. The fasvenom against the workers over this increase. the radio. A huge meeting was called to organize fascist gangs. through the picket line in an attempt to provoke a race riot. Ev- lockout. en doddering Governor Dickinson was dragged off his knees long enough to threaten National Guard assistance to strikebreak-

COMPANY PLANS BREAK

ON UNION ROCK And yet-all of Chrysler's five weeks of privation, denied unemployment insurance by a leaders claim rectify previous Chrysler workers it was neces- ican countries. I have never had nied relief except in the most miserly allotments, the ranks of the "no-strike" clause. Under its dered this policy for the dubious the Latin-American Communists It doesn't use the third-degree or the Latin-American Communists breakable. Every rumor of scab movements brought thousands of workers to the picket line before ance procedure. This is a decided The real demands were lost in the Dodge main plant. Only a few days before the agreement was signed, 10,000 workers formed the largest strike line ever seen union with "irresponsibility" and ers were completely baffled when,

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(CIO) ending the 54-day "lock- The frontal attack of the auto out" represents a major develop- barons was smashed decisively by ment for the American labor the Chrysler workers. Unanswermovement. The calamity-howlers, able proof was given in this batwho have been predicting the tle that the lesson of unionism who have been predicting the the that the lesson of unionism death of the CIO and its proud- has been burned so deeply into of the relief officer that long is complicated by an August 1 'est acquisition, the auto workers former "hill-billies" and "farmunion, received a major disap- ers" that only a veritable civil pointment. Confronted with a war can bring a return to the feel their utter belplessness and quiring local offices to eliminate major attack by one of the "Big open shop days. The automobile endure with unblievable patience. all families with any employable Three" of the auto industry, the workers union is a tower of UAW-CIO emerged from the con- strength after the Chrysler strike The Chrysler Corporation en- will henceforth lightly play with recertified for WPA but very few the onset of the depression." tertained some extravagant illu- the notion that he can break the recertified for WPA, but very few the onset of the depression." sions regarding the union. The union by "old-fashioned" meth-

-that the union had been weak- The defeat of Chrysler plans is ened and disintegrated by years a great positive achievement. The of internal struggle and unem- agreement resulting from the know." Funds for general relief layoff served to make more so a ployment. Hence, they conclud- struggle, on the other hand, caned, if we lock the workers out at not be viewed in such unqualified to only 40% of minimum budget

through picket lines to get in a What did the union get? How months." close did the union approach The corporation was prepared these demands after 54 days of to lose millions in profits at the the lockout? When considering peak of the season if the back- the settlement it must be borne bone of the union could be brok- in mind that a union very rarely ground of no general public asen. The infamous Mohawk Valley gets everything it asks for in a formula was trotted out of the strike. But the extent of the comdusty files. Every faucet of prop- promise is usually determined by aganda was turned on full force. the strength of the union at the Full page paid advertisements time of the settlement. The ranks appeared daily in the local press. of the UAW were intact in the stances. In these conditions lies Business and professional men Chrysler "lockout", the picket the significance of the Chrysler were circularized by mail with a lines were the largest ever seen strike from a broader standpoint. wad of lies about the alleged in Detroit on the eve of the set-

whereby a committee of two demand-sicne the convention. mained solid as a rock. Despite dards. The company rejected this public press but only in a horsedemand and returned the proce- trading manner. To force a ten dure described above which union per cent wage increase for the the inner life of the Latin-Amer-

days after the union has complied surance. Which the workers didwith all the steps of the griev- n't get. advantage from a propaganda the loud publicity of the union for in Detroit. Fifty thousand auto violation of the agreement when after a few days, the negotiating

NO GAINS ON

SENIORITY ISSUE

The union did not get the six OF THE BOSSES care of S. Stanley, 116 University Place, N.Y.C.

questions specified in the abovequoted telegram bearing the sigquoted telegram bearing the sigelements, have little opportunity question the corporation was at- rest represents, as I have said, a bit higher. to establish the six months tempting to get the workers to the product of a fabrication. Happy! at the Bronx Branch's seniority required by the agree- ask. The same strategy was used Coyoacan, D.F. Game. Party and Surreale ment as it stands now. This in the General motors strike ear- December 7, 1939 Headquarters: 1324 will not enhance the popularity ly last summer. The workers Wilkins Ave. (Freeman St. of the union among thousands of were out on strike for several Station-29 minutes from Un- young workers who attribute- weeks. They got only a few minor falsely-their failure to get stea- concessions in the agreement-

Ave., at 59th St. Meet you under the mistletoe at the great-seniority" provision. It did not basic improvements required by est affair yet. Dancing, refresh- get the vacation with pay. This the workers. ments, entertainment. Admis- gain had been won by smaller The corporations are laying the

half per cent yearly bonus. wages. And that's all.

SCENES OF PARTY LIFE in LEADERS FRIGHTENED

tion of the I.K.D. on war is on ministration. Murray rushed into basic demands. Detroit to conclude any kind of The corporations are preparing WE NEED MONEY to pay the settlement quickly so long as on- a tremendous debacle for the auprinter! Send in your advance ly a few concessions could be to workers. The union leadership orders for the German pam- gained to justify it in the work- by its weak, vacillating and capphlet by H. David: The New ers' eyes. The workers were rea- itulationist policy is facillitating World War and the Interna- dy to fight. The CIO leadership the game of the auto Barons. tional Labor Movement. This was prepared to capitulate. The Only a rank and file progres-

gained from the struggle. with or without furniture, for vote in their local unions with the bosses on the major issues of

What the Union Asked FDR Forgets the 'Forgotten Man' | sistance for employable cases. | hard to estimate the extent of our relief situation. When about "seem to have had to apply for The men who came under the suffering, but there are many au- 2,000 were laid off WPA, relief

Family society and settlement workers report that the WPA layoff has added to a relief situation "already shocking." "There is suffering. There is lack of food. 2,500; since January there has waits are inevitable. The people ruling of the state relief office re-

those laid off under the eighteen- and has created "the most deof the shortage of funds, only for relief. "What is happening to ployable member was coincident ty." are so limited that grants amount situation already acute. "It is have aggravated an already seri- is actual suffering." requirements. Unless more funds are found "there will be serious TROTSKY RAPS

No Relief At All HOUSTON, Texas—WPA layoffs occurred against a back-

enough to say that they lacked leadership of their own. Spontaneous resistance would have certainly arisen under other circum-

The workers did not feel that the demands pressed by the union leadership over the confer-The corporation granted a gen- ence table warranted a continuaeral three cents an hour wage in- tion of the struggle. The workcist spielers, Coughlin and Ger- crease. The union had demanded ers wanted the thirty hour week ald L. K. Smith, were amply pro- a 10 per cent wage increase. On- at forty hours pay as they so vided with funds to pour their ly a few classifications received overwhelmingly indicated at the UAW convention last April. Con-The corporation granted sole ditions of permanent unemploy-A back-to-work movement, with that the ment for a large section of auto Foster. This Committee will ac-Homer Martin and his scab AFL UAW. The union asked for the workers and only intermittent Homer Martin and his scab AFL outfit in the leadership, was launched several times. Misguided Negro workers were led Negro workers were l in the NLRB election before the ers struggles. The UAW leadership has not lifted a finger-be-The corporation conceded an sides a few articles in the United improved grievance procedure Auto Worker-to fight for this

from the management and two The auto workers wanted a from the union are to render de- substantial increase in wages. tion. My answer was: cisions on grievances within 30 This demand was buried for aldays from the time they are sub- most the entire duration of the mitted. The union asked for a "lockout" and finally raised voice in setting production stan- towards the last few days in the sary to organize a militant and I don't have a single docu-The new agreement abolishes strike. The UAW leaders surrenterms a strike may be called five advantage of unemployment in-

point of view. In the past the a union shop and a voice in conthe company made a strike ines- committee publicly announced that they had withdrawn both these demands.

THE NEW STRATEGY

YPSL XMAS SOCIAL-916 9th dy jobs to union regulations. and for that matter the original

sion, 25 cents. Auspices, New and weaker local unions, in the groundwork by this strategy for Bohn Aluminum and Packard a mass revulsion against the unplants, through a two and one- ions. They throw the onus for the long weeks of privation on the Dancing, Community Sing, En- To summarize: the union gain- unions, and at the conclusion tertainment. Washington ed some substantial improve- when they refuse to grant decent fabs with the unemployed dele-Heights Youth Center, 4374 ments in bargaining procedure concessions, they ask the ques- gation, the president of the Coun-Broadway (187 St.) 8:30 p.m., and some slight concessions in tion: what do you get out of the cil finally called the session to union but a swift kick in the order and publicly requested the

teeth? It is a futile business at at- ners outside. Union Sq. stabbing, YPSL It is clear from a comparison tempt to counteract this propahike, etc. Free refreshments, of the terms of the settlement ganda by foaming at the mouth original games, dancing in pri- with the original demands that at company lies. The workers vate ballroom. Sat. Dec. 16, at Philip Murray, Frankensteen and want results. They are willing to 1181 East 49th St., Brooklyn. Thomas traded too much of the fight, but they want their fights workers' demands. The leadership to be fruitful. They are ready to of the union was frightened by be defeated, if necessary, if only the banners would be left outside UNSER WORT with the declara- the pressure of the War Deal ad- the struggle is organized on real only under compulsion and under

extensive 60-page pamphlet is ranks were not organized to push sive organization of auto workers childless couples who had been 14,000 single men and women and an excellent study of the problems and the tasks confronting ment on poor terms, far below organize the auto workers' strug-Write to: Box 137, Sta. D, those which might have been gles on the basis of bold dereal testimony to the effectivemands, can carry the struggles ness of mass action. Why, then, did the workers through militantly and defeat

ance of the agreement? It is not The rank and file must begin. the Council session, a mass meet-

live? You tell me."

layoffs in August numbered about thing is all right.' There is much distress and anxi- been a continuous reduction to- the midsummer announcements the workers confident that at the DENVER, Colo .- Some 98% of to bar WPA layoffs from relief

DIES QUERY

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"Leon Trotsky, Mexico City,

before it in the city of Austin,

vance if you so desire. Your name

Un-American Activities."

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political duty. . . ."

American Communists.

JOBLESS FORCE

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cuses among themselves, and con-

unemployed to leave their ban-

Art Preis Speaks

Federal Workers Union, then

took the floor in spite of the at-

tempts of the council chairman to

rap him down, and stated that

protest. The session finally got

under way after the picketers re-

moved the banners from the

council chambers under heavy po-

The restoration of full relief in

Cleveland, including relief for the

Another Crisis Coming

Following the adjournment of

lice escort.

Art Preis, representative of the

After holding all sorts of cau-

L. Trotsky

relief." However, because of dras- eighteen-month clause at first thenticated instances of extreme rolls immediately increased by tic intake policies imposed on took the layoff as a vacation "but privation. Poverty is not new to about 1,000, but not all can be public agencies by financial strin- had a rude awakening when they these people and they are 'getting attributed to WPA. What became gency, many of them are ruled found that reinstatement was by as they have in other crises, of the other WPA people is not ineligible. Those who have been neither prompt nor certain." appealing to churches, settlement known. accepted for relief sink into the Those who applied for relief got houses, schools, even to the poproblem and makes it easy for "No solution is in sight." KANSAS CITY, Mo. - WPA the public to believe that 'every-

of the relief offices that long is complicated by an August 1 strikes on practically every proj- right back to work." Their first ect in the city and county. The jolt came when they found that sponses to our press needs. strikers were orderly, "but seem- "it wasn't like that"; their second ed to lack leadership and to be when they found how long they confused as to their objectives." must wait before they could be tripled efforts of a determined 'sizeable increase in applicatightened and acceptance is re- are attributed the large number twice-weekly Appeal." luctant. Relief funds are running of applicants awaiting interview

> Toledo Stops Relief TOLEDO, Ohio-WPA policies tions would indicate that there

that today's victory was only over \$500 collected from out- ber 31, which gives all branches make similar efforts so that our temporary and to immediately state locals. The Minneapolis plenty of time to take advantage return from the semi-weekly will to prevent a recurrence of the Drivers Local 544 have each do- subscriptions. crisis in another month.

ist-dominated unemployed union, to give a sizeable sum. invites you to appear as witness the Cleveland unemployed.

#### Texas. City designated with a view to your personal conven- UNIONS FIGHT ience. . . . The Committee desires to have a complete record of the history of Stalinism and invites you to answer questions which can be submitted to you in ad-

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has been mentioned frequently by analyze the testimony, the evisuch witnesses as Browder and dence; they didn't argue about they were innocent or guilty. Central Labor Union, 18 N. 8th Independently of the political No, according to the stories tendency of the Chairman of this the jurors themselves tell, they "horrible example" of the Minne-Independently of the political No, according to the stories St., Minneapolis. The federal govpermissible to avoid appearing as sat around in an amiable apolis unemployed. Organized laa witness in a public investiga- mood, discussing which defend- bor can't afford to pass up this "I accept your invitation as a who told "the best story". For as more opportunities unless we It was a matter thus of my tes- before the trial got under way— those who cooked it up. timony about the "history of before the jurors arrived in

Stalinism" but in no case about Minneapolis. "Moscow trial," it is much clev- ED FACE EVICTIONS erer than Moscow. It permits the ment concerning the activities of defendants to defend themselves. or the oil question, and I could in solitary confinement or dictate to no way present anything on this the defendants what they must ies on the relief crisis in the back before the Committee. None of say. It just does one little thing have to make the paper. Toledoans -it picks its juries very carefulits representatives have visited me in Mexico. I have never had ly, under a procedure in federal and I don't have any connection courts which permits virtual with the unmasking of the real hand-picking. Like good Marxor pretended plans of the Latin- ists, the federal government undices of well-off farmers and ed, or the state, or the Federal If I should actually have to appear as a witness before the Dies small town business men just about parallel the prejudices of feed the unemployed. Committee of the House of Representatives it would be upon the the very wealthy. This is an imquestions specified in the aboveworkers, mostly young militant about? That was precisely the nature of Mr. Matthews. All the cent of those tried; in labor cases,

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The Nation's Capital

sence at the demonstration, fense Committee is pushing its "Dies Committee of the United which spells the end of its influ- fund-raising campaign in order States House of Representatives ence and misleadership among to be prepared for any contingency. Should sentencing take place, the defense attorneys will probably ask the court to permit appeal of one or two of the cases and hold execution of the sentence on others until the fate of the appeal is determined. In this way, the cost of appeal will be greatly lowered. The whole transcript in the third trial alone would cost about \$6,000.

The AFL-WPA Defense Committee welcomes contributions ant put up a "clever" defense, opportunity. We won't have many far as that jury was concerned, shove this whole "conspiracy" the defendants were guilty even frame-up down the throats of

#### When Washington stages a TOLEDO UNEMPLOY-(Continued from Page 1)

are thus deprived of even this luxury. The Blade buries all storto get the facts on the situation. Every session of the city council has developed into an attempt to see who can shift responsibilderstands that the class prejugovernment-anything except to

There is a dangerous tendency among Toledo's trade union leadagainst starvation. The union committees which have attended city council sessions have been ready to be satisfied with the city fathers' cries of no money.

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"Let it be recorded that our press has suffered a temporary Public agencies have had a considered for relief. To staff lim- membership, which will quickly itations in the public department lead back to the publication of a

-Jules Geller, Flint, Mich. We have sent a letter to each ST. LOUIS, Mo.-A "purge" of low. "There's a long cold winter and investigation. Probably a literature agent in the country about 40% have been accepted all relief families with one em- ahead and the fuel bins are emp- third of them are from WPA. explaining the necessity for ev-'An increasing number of evic- ery branch to increase the bundle branch is the first worthy reing of the unemployed was held | The Minnesota State Federa- gift combinations are advertised than this splendid response came on the City Hall steps, where tion of Labor has donated \$1,000 in this week's Appeal. This offer through. We are sure that every speakers warned the workers to the Defense Committee, plus will last from today until Decem- single branch of the country will

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