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## F.D.R. USES CANADA FOR WAR DRIVE

Roosevelt's speech at Kingston, Ont., on August 18, which was an extension of the Monroe Doctrine to Canada, was a warning to the world that economically Canada belongs to the United States, was another step in the war preparations of American imperialism in its drive toward Asia. Although Canada still politically belongs to England, long ago it became one of America's back yards. Roosevelt pointed out that all nations in the western Hemisphere would join in resisting aggression from without. In other words American Imperialism is already IN, and dominates Latin America and Canada and will fight to keep other imperialism OUT.

### A BLOW AT MORGAN INTERESTS

Speaking of the natural resources the President warned the people that certain American interest were endeavoring to obtain control of them. He said, "If you were to search the records with which my government is familiar, you would discover that literally every development of electric power, save the Ontario Hydro, is allied to, if not controlled by, a single American group, with of course the usual surrounding penumbra of allies, affiliates, subsidiaries and satellites." (Continued on page 3)

## United Front for Negrete

The United Front for Negretes' Defense, since the rearrest is again getting well under way in a number of cities. Thursday night the 18th, the Chicago Defense Committee held a large demonstration at Newberry Square. They are planning other meetings. In Columbus the RWL, the YPSL and the YWL have established a United Front. In New York the League for a Revolutionary Party and the RWL have issued a call for a united front conference. In Cleveland, Phila. and Washington and other cities the work is again getting under way.



**Defend The Soviet Union**  
AGAINST IMPERIALIST INVASION AND THEIR AGENTS WITHIN : THE STALINISTS ETC.

## Imperialists Prepare War on Soviets

The temporary lull along the Siberian-Manchukuoan border in no way signifies the end of the two year border war between Japanese imperialism and the Soviet Union. Underneath the present conflict is the basic struggle of imperialism, with Japan as the present spearhead in the far east, against the extension of the October Revolution. In spite of Stalinism, the imperialists consider the mere existence of the Soviet Union as the basic threat to their plunder plans. Furthermore all eyes of the imperialists are set on the vast Asiatic markets and one of the prize plums would be Siberia.

Unfortunately under the leadership of Stalinism the energies of the working class have become a tail to the interests of one group of imperialists against another group. Instead of depending on the world working class to defend the Soviet Union, by material aid and by working for revolution in their own country, Stalinism is making deals everywhere with the imperialists in order to defend its own bureaucratic rule in the Soviet Union.

These bourgeois maneuvers of Stalinism have prevented the Soviet Union previously from putting up any real resistance to Japanese incursions in Siberia. The fact

that Stalinism has for the first time "resisted" the Japanese advance along the border only testifies to the weakened position of Japanese imperialism, and to "understandings" of Stalinism with some of her imperialist "allies."

### DEFEND THE SOVIET UNION

Despite the role of Stalinism, however, it is the duty of all workers to defend the Soviet Union. By defense of the Soviet Union, however, is not meant defense of Stalinism. Marxists defend the property relations of October against imperialism and at the same time try to restore the Soviets, Workers Democracy, Workers Militia, a real Workers Army, etc., inside the Soviet Union, against the Stalinist liquidation of these elements of workers rule.

### STALINISM CAN ONLY BETRAY US

Stalinism cannot defend the Soviet Union. The alliances with the imperialists will heighten the present contradictions in Russia the minute the war breaks out. Stalinism will give more and more concessions to world imperialism, breaking down further the property relations in the Soviet Union, the foreign monopoly of trade, the political structure, etc. Stalinism can not defend the Soviet Union. It merely paves the way for counter-revolution in Russia. Despite Stalinism, however, any

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## Negrete Re-arrested by Secret Police

Rosalio Negrete, veteran American revolutionist, has once more been seized and is at present being held by the secret police in their headquarters in Valencia. At the end of July Negrete was torn from the clutches of the murderous secret police by the firm protest of working class organizations in the U. S. and other countries. He was rearrested early in August while in custody of the American Consulate, which handed him back to the Loyalist hangmen.

Coming on the heels of the Loyalist version of the "Moscow Trials," which are being prepared in Spain today, Negrete's present arrest places him in greater danger than ever before.

### TERROR AGAINST REVOLUTIONISTS

The new arrest of Negrete by the Loyalist government is only one of a thousand incidents of brutality, oppression, murder and frame-up of Working Class Revolutionists.

As pointed out in a letter from Prieto, former War Minister, to Del Vayo, one of the important Spanish Ambassadors, the Loyalist are systematically trying to rid themselves of all left-wing elements, so they can proceed more rapidly to liquidate whatever remains of the working class gains made in July 1937 — the factories taken over, independent mil-

## Workers Vote Answer to Old and New Deal

The struggle for points of advantage in the primaries and fall elections for preparations for the 1940 Presidential elections takes place with a background of a deepening crisis with more millions of unemployed, and with gigantic war preparations, as well as increase measures to hold in check the rising tide of the class struggle.

The fact that the main election conflict is within the Democratic party, instead of between the two old parties, with the New Deal taking the offensive against its

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ities established, and the embryonic dual power of soviets in many areas.

In this campaign members of the POUM, left-anarchists, and many others are being killed secretly by the Loyalist Party — directed by their Communist Party for the most part — others are being killed at the front by the Loyalists, still others are being sent insufficiently armed to their death (deliberately as pointed out by Prieto) at the hands of the fascists etc.

### SOCIAL FERMENT CONTINUES.

Despite the present Loyalist military victories, the social ferment in Republican Spain can not be souelched. The crisis in the Negretin government, and the substitution of two right wing bourgeois ministers for the somewhat more "left" Catalan and Basque representatives, shows the need of Negrin — willing puppet of the British and French imperialists — to take further repressive measures against the Spanish masses.

In the same dispatches that speak of the crisis in the Negrin Cabinet there is further news of the suppression of still another important newspaper "La Vanguardia" — the policies of the bourgeois Loyalist government — it is obvious to all but the blind, never the way for Fascism. These policies are leading every day to more and more infringement of democratic rights and to repressive acts against the most advanced elements in the working class movement.

### FIGHT FOR WORKERS STATE

The struggle to free Negrete and to free all class war prisoners in Spain is more than a Labor Defense case. It is an integral part of the struggle of the Spanish working class against Fascism and for the Worker State. Working class pressure in Spain and outside to release the thousands of revolutionists in jail, is part of a struggle against capitalism.

Unless new and much greater working class pressure nationally and internationally can be mobilized to fight for Negrete's life, he stands a greater danger of being murdered. More class pressure might have thwarted the present arrest.

The United Front defense work started six weeks ago must now be revived and extended. The RWL call on all workers organizations, political, trade unions, and fraternal, to join with us in common action to free Negrete and the other class war prisoners in Loyalist Spain.

## Imperialists Prepare War on Soviets

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war in which the Soviet Union participates is a revolutionary war on the side of the Soviet Union. As such Workers must come to its aid. In the imperialist nations which participate in the war, the war has only imperialist aims and workers must work for the defeat of their own country and army.

### INDEPENDENT CLASS ACTION

Only independent class action outside and inside Russia can really defend the Soviet Union, and extend the October Revolution. For this a new Marxian Party, politically and organizationally independent must be built on a world scale, and in Russia as well.

Our defense of the Soviet Union must be termed conditional defense. Unconditional defense means support of Stalinism, an agent of imperialism. The policy of revolutionary defeatism — of working for the military defeat of the Soviet Union, advocated by the ultra-lefts — means aid to the imperialists against the Soviet Union. Conditional defense of the Soviet Union means a struggle against ALL imperialists and their agents in the Soviet Union, Stalinism, etc.

### TACTICS OF AID

Our perspective is to organize workers militia inside the S. U. wherever we can to defend, strengthen and extend the October Revolution; and where we are in the Red Army we work for Workers Democracy inside it, Soviets, and a genuine Red Army — not a bureaucratic machine used by Stalinism in the interest of imperialism.

### MATERIAL AID

Marxists give their material aid only to the Marxian force inside the Soviet Union and internationally. But where workers organizations, not under control of the Marxists are willing to give material aid to the Soviet Union, we state the policy of conditional defense, **endeavor** through representatives to see that this aid goes to the left forces fighting on an independent line, and where unable to carry this out, as a general rule, we allow the sending of this material aid to the Soviets.

Where Stalinism (or other bourgeois agencies in the S. U. comes into open armed conflict with the workers (as it inevitably will), we will see to it that the aid goes only to the working class force defending the Soviet Union against these counter-revolutionists. In this case we sabotage shipments to Stalinism.

In the imperialist nations any war materials which the imperialists claim is going to the Soviet Union must be shipped to its destination only, on the basis of the Workers themselves taking over the production and transportation of these shipments, and attempting if possible to get them to the Marxist forces inside the S. U.

### NEGRETE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Send all contributions to the Secretary, Treasurer.

PHIL SOLD,  
2159 W. Division St., Chicago

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## Defend Negrete

### Scottish Workers Demand Negrete's Freedom

SOLIDARITY, Anarcho-syndicalist paper, edited by Wm. McDougall in its August issue appeals to all workers to protest and demand the freedom of ROSALIO NEGRETE.

They are conducting a campaign for all anti-fascist class war prisoners in Loyalist Spain.

### Trotskyites Sabotage Negrete Defense

While Negrete was still in the Madrid jail and the RWL was endeavoring to obtain a united front of organizations to carry on a class defense for Negrete and other prisoners the Trotskyite leaders of the SWP did everything to prevent this.

They refused to reply to our

appeal for United front. They refused to take part in the united front where we called it, and like in Cleveland where their local accepted, they were instructed by their National Office to leave the United front for Negrete. They refused to even pass a resolution of protest in St Louis where they held a meeting for the victims of fascist terror. They were able to cover up their treacherous action by going along with the Stamm group who demanded that the RWL shall NOT TAKE THE CASE TO THE CLASS AND SHALL INSTEAD DEAL ONLY THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THROUGH LIBERALS WHO WILL CONTACT IT.

### SAVE FACE FOR U. S.

Stamm's capitulation on the labor defense issue to the Trotskyites did an excellent service for the American imperialists and Spanish Loyalists saving them the "embarrassment" of working class pressure and exposure. The Loyalists and American imperialism do not want these cases taken to the class. They want "diplomatic" talks — which have resulted in the American Consulate turning Negrete back to the GPU hangmen.

The working class must answer this. The rank and file members of the SWP must protest and join with us for a class defense of class war prisoners. Send contributions to the Negrete Defense Committee, 2159 West Division. Phil Sold, Secretary.

## U.S. Consul Allows Stalinist Police to take Negrete

The action of the American Consulate in Valencia in turning Negrete back to the Secret Police after he had been released in Madrid by the Spanish Government to the United States custody where they left him under guard reveals the role played by the New Deal State Department when the life of an anti-fascist revolutionist is at stake.

To allow the Secret Police, which is honeycombed with the Stalinist GPU to re-arrest Negrete is to place an anti-fascist worker in the hands of capitalist hangman. This act on the part of the United States Consulate is a violation of its own laws. They had no legal right to merely hand over Negrete except through the usual extradition red tape which takes months.

As pointed out before in the FIGHTING WORKER only class pressure can bring results. The promises of the Roosevelt New Deal in relation to class war prisoners, like all other promises, are worthless unless there is sufficient class pressure to obtain results. Those who rely upon the capitalist governments and its State Department are betraying the class war prisoners. We ask all workers to join with us in taking this issue to greater class pressure to free Rosalio Negrete.

## Unemployment or Workers Control of Production?

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### LIVING STANDARDS CUT

Nine years of crisis has beaten down the living standards of the American worker and farmer and is reducing the working class to the status of European labor. Under the poverty, sordidness and overcrowding of home life, the family is unable to hold together. Youth by the tens of thousands are on the road. Crime waves, in which the youth figure in a tremendous proportion, reflect the hopelessness and disillusionment. Driven by the lash of starvation to relief and WPA, the unemployed workers are subjected to the demoralizing and spirit-breaking effects of this miserable dole. Upon the negro the crisis has come down with special severity, driving him out of job, home, and practically out of society.

### NO "FINAL" CRISIS

While capitalism on a world scale has entered its downward curve, that does not mean that this is the "final" crisis of capitalism. There will be ups and downs in this general downward trend; different countries and different industries within a country will experience brief spurts ahead. But the upturns will be short and weak, the depressions increasingly more protracted and severe. Not growth, but decay, degeneration, and crisis is the main character of world capitalism today.

The present depression is really a continuation, after a brief upturn, of the downward trend of the 1929-33 crisis.

The depression, sweeping out from the U. S., is striking at the world market with hammer blows, and once again destroying

the painstaking efforts of the other bourgeoisies to rebuild their rotten national structures. The collapse of the world market reacts back and deepens still further the crisis in American economy, underlying and pointing the way more and more insistently to the only bosses' "solution" — WAR.

The superior economic strength of American imperialism enables her to withstand the decay to a greater extent than economically weaker nations such as Germany, Italy and Japan, which have had to resort to fascism, dictatorship and colonial invasions to suppress and hold in check the workers and peasants. Similarly, in South America, the pressure of decay has carried with it a series of dictatorships.

### CLASS STRUGGLE SHARPENING

The bourgeoisie seeks to unload the burden of the crisis upon the shoulders of the workers and farmers and lower middle classes, and upon the oppressed colonial masses. The permanent army of the unemployed has grown to 12 millions. The boss class takes advantage of the crisis to launch an offensive to cut wages, increase speed-up, and force down still further the living conditions of the working class. It uses the unemployed and WPA to cut the employed workers and to keep as much as possible of the diminishing profits for itself.

The bitterness of the crisis, the misery and hunger of the system is awakening the workers to their own class needs and interests. Their awakening to full class consciousness, long delayed in coming, will explode with all the greater force when it does.

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## LAND OF THE FREE

### DEPRESSION NOTES

It must be cheaper to chew than to eat — Wrigley Jr. made a net profit of \$3,382,604.00 in 6 months from the sales of chewing gum... Du-Pont wanted it kept quiet but the story leaked out...

Du Pont company paid 40 faithful stooges a total of \$2,332,400.00 in bonuses. Woolworth's president got a "gift" of \$200,414.00, and International Telephone gave its president \$66,820.00 but the vice-president only rated \$34,620.00. Wonder what the workers who produced all the profit got for their labor?...

Public Health Statistics show that people on relief and low paid workers suffer 3 times more from chronic illness than those with high incomes...

### EQUALITY: DEMOCRATIC

The primaries held in Arkansas, South Carolina, & Tennessee, were held without the participation of the enrolled Negro Democrats. The executive committees of the Democratic Party plainly state that the party rules forbid Negroes the right to vote, and if they are registered it is illegal and must be discounted... Governor Browning (Tennessee) sent 1, 200 National Guard troops armed with machine guns, rifles, etc. to "supervise" the elections.

### PEACE

U. S. A. leads the world in sales and exportation of war materials, yet has more unemployment than all the rest of the capitalist countries put together... Last week Japan spent another 12 millions in gold in the U. S. A. for war supplies bringing the total since March 1937 up to \$352,800,000.00... Recent testimony revealed that the Police Chief and Mayor in Masillon, Ohio were threatened with impeachment last year by the local "bigshots" unless they cleaned the union out of little steel. They proceeded to do this under the supervision of Major Curley, retired army officer, who had the police, National Guards, and special officers surround the union hall, where a dance was in progress. They cleaned them out with gas bombs, rifles, submachine guns, and later raked the union headquarters, leaving 2 dead, 7 wounded, and 219 arrested. Special officers testified they went down to have an evening of "fun and excitement"...

## Louis Basky Dead

L. Basky, active in the labor movement for over thirty years died in New York last week. He was active in the European movement and the Hungarian Revolution; was a foundation member of the Communist party, later organized a group of the left opposition long before Cannon, Shachtman and Abren led in the formation of the Communist League, joining forces with them at its foundation. He was a foundation member of the Revolutionary Workers League of United States.

Since the beginning of the year he was inactive and no longer a member of the League. Comrade Basky's untiring effort in the class struggle for over thirty years, his youthful optimism, and his struggle for Marxism marks him as an example for young workers.

## F.D.R. USES CANADA FOR WAR DRIVE

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es." This means the J. P. Morgan group. The New Deal continues its policy of smashing the Morgan group where it conflicts with the group of imperialists Roosevelt serves, mainly the Rockefeller bloc. Of course where the Morgan bloc fights only outside imperialists the government gives the Morgan group a free hand.

It must be remembered that the Morgan group works close with big British interests. The president's speech was a blow at the British and Morgan.

### TOWARD THE ASIA MARKET

The war aid to Canada really meant that the United States needs Canada's cooperation in its military operations to conquer Asiatic markets." The vast amount of our resources, the vigor of our commerce, and the strength of our men have made us a vital factor in world peace whether we choose or not," said the President. This meant U. S. productive forces and investment capital demands markets in the world and its powerful military strength will be able to obtain it.

From the Panama to Alaska to the Philippine Islands American imperialism has a spearhead aiming at Asia. This means a fight against Great Britain, Japan and others. To strengthen this spearhead, to extend it, America needs a proper understanding with Canada to make Alaska a military base toward Asia.

## Nat. Tea Workers Must Smash Discrimination

Chicago — With the National Labor Relations Board elections approaching some time in October, the National Tea Company is viciously discriminating against the warehouse men rehired according to the ruling of the board more than a month ago. The ruling re-instated many of those who struck for better conditions one year ago and awarded them \$51,000. The elections are to decide whether the CIO union, under whose auspices the strike was organized last year, or the AFL leadership which played the role of strike-breaker, shall be the bargaining agency in the warehouse.

### UNION IS PRIMARY

While the Board elections are an important point in the full organization of the plant into one militant union, the National Tea men must not place their whole reliance on this election. The election will have meaning only if there is an aggressive, militant union behind it. The CIO union must intensify its organization drive to make up for the time it has lost.

### FOR MILITANT, DEMOCRATIC UNION

If the AFL officialdom are victorious in the election it can be expected they will make a deal with the company for wage cuts and more discrimination against last year's strikers. Those workers who are being told by the AFL leaders that the CIO men taking their jobs away, as a means of getting them to vote for the AFL, will suffer the same wage cuts as the CIO men.

## THE WORKERS FIGHT AGAINST UNEMPLOYMENT

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### SCRAPS TO WORKERS

The boss class tries to shut its eyes to the misery and hunger that its system brings to the masses of the people. It is interested only in keeping the workers quiet, it throws them a miserable bone in the form of relief and WPA to stave off a revolt. But the government finds billions to pour into finance, industry and commerce, to help the bosses.

The boss class sees the solution to all its ills in the coming war — a war of aggression to gain more markets, colonies and fields for investment. It has no funds for the desperate unemployed — but it spends billions to build up the military machine, subsidize the merchant marine, organize — openly, boastfully organize, in the name of peace — for WAR.

### STRAW BOSSES OF CAPITALISM

In preparation for the coming war the bourgeoisie has worked out detailed plans to mobilize labor and industry behind — the M day mobilization plans. The reformists have been of great aid in chaining the working class to capitalism.

The CIO and AFL leaderships, instead of organizing the workers for class struggle policies, for a head on clash against the war plans of American imperialism, openly support these preparations. They support the "peace" program of Roosevelt, a program that is organizing the Phillipines and the Western Hemisphere for the future attempt to organize the whole world for American imperialism. With its Labor Party the Lewis machine will be beating the drums for American imperialism in the next world war.

Yeomen's service in lining up the working class behind the bosses war plans is being done by the Stalinists, Socialists and Lovestoneites, and their "left tail" the Trotskyites. The Stalinists have used their domination of the Workers Alliance to crush every semblance of working class militancy, to dampen the class struggle, to bring the unemployed into line behind Roosevelt, the president for the boss class.

The ground is fertile for the class struggle to develop with increasing rapidity. But unless the workers' organizations begin to move, unless a revolutionary

Marxian party is built to organize the masses and point the way, the field will be left clear for the growth of reformism which paves the way for a fascist movement that will blot out the labor movement for a long period to come.

### FIGHT FOR NEEDS

Against the bosses' system of hunger, starvation and war the workers must fight for their own interests and needs. In the trade unions, in the Workers Alliance, in organizing the unorganized, class struggle policies and tactics must be advanced. Left wing forces must be built in each union. Adequate social insurance and cash relief, the 6-hour day 30 hour week with no reduction in pay, trade union pay on WPA, against the bosses' war plans — these are some of the immediate demands of the working class. But rotting capitalism, grasping for profits, clamps down harder and harder against these and the other immediate demands. In the process of fighting for them the workers will realize that even these demands can be achieved only in the struggle against capitalism itself.

### WORKERS CONTROL OF PRODUCTION

The sitdowns are the first faint rumbling of the coming storms. They are a challenge to the bourgeois private property rights. The new economic situation raises to first rank the demand to open the factories, let the workers committees inspect the books, no business secrets — workers control of production under nationalization of industry and a workers government.

### BUILD REVOLUTIONARY PARTY

Unemployment cannot be solved under capitalism; it will grow worse with the increasing decay of the system. To properly carry on their struggles against unemployment and its causes the workers need a revolutionary Marxian Party. Only such a party, can analyze and explain to the class the nature of capitalism, the causes of unemployment, wage cuts, and war; can organize and lead the masses in their struggles, and direct these struggles toward the overthrow of the capitalist system and the building of a new workers society in its place.

## Loyalist-Stalinist Frame-up of Anti-fascists

Members of the POUM and others will shortly appear for trial before the Special Tribunal for Espionage. AFTER their arrest was created. AFTER their arrest. The trial is being prepared by M. Gomez, a former monarchist-fascist, now with the Loyalists.

PROTEST. Demand their freedom. Demand the right for Labor Delegations, their own lawyers and an open trial.

The National Tea workers must unite in one union — in this instance in the CIO union — to fight for better conditions and to protect themselves against the machinations of the bureaucrats of both unions. Only their own militant action will bring them any gains — whether granted by the NLRB under pressure, or by the Company direct under the same pressure.

## New Members in Phila.

We are glad to announce the joining of the Revolutionary Workers League by M. Corson and J. Nemiroff, both of Philadelphia. Both comrades were formerly members of the Revolt group.

Corson is a former Fieldite and an active mass worker. Since these comrades joined, another Revolt member has also applied for membership to the RWL.

The Statement of Corson and Nemiroff (to be published in the September FOURTH INTERNATIONAL) accuses the Stamm group of being politically bankrupt, of carrying on an economist line in their organ 'Revolt', of class collaboration in the Negrete case, of an inability to take up important national and international events, and other points. It ends: "It is for these reasons that we have broken with the opportunist organization of Stamm and Co., and ask all comrades really willing to work for a Marxian Party and International, to follow our action."

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## Workers Election Program Against Capitalism

- For the six hour day, five day week with no reduction in pay!
- For work relief at trade union wages!
- For Workers Control of Relief Funds!
- For Adequate Cash Relief!
- For the unification of all trade unions on a class struggle policy, with industrial structure!
- For democratic rights; for the right to organize, strike and picket!
- For the coordination of free education and practical vocational training for all youth; for equal pay for equal work; for independent relief for all youth equal to the adult!
- For full economic, social and political equality for the Negro masses!
- For immediate complete independence for the Colonies and protectorates of the U. S.!
- For the Class War — Against Imperialist War!
- For independent working class action!
- For Workers Control of Production!
- For a Workers Council Government!

## Okun Weisenfeld Arrested

S. Okun and J. Weisenfeld of the R.W.L. were arrested Fri., August 14th. at our Fairfield and North Avenue street meeting, even though the League had a permit. They were charged

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right wing reveals a regroupment of forces in the shifting class relations.

The increase political friction merely reflects the class relation changes as an outcome of United States new position which is now part of the general decay of world capitalism.

As yet no politically independent labor force is challenging the capitalist parties. The Labor Party trend — especially strong in N. Y. where there is a Republican Labor Party alliance — is merely another capitalist movement dominated by the reformists and centrists.

### LA FOLLETTE PARTY UNSTABLE

The new Progressive Party of the LaFollettes, it is already apparent, will play no important national role in the coming elections. As a force it can not remain stable for any great length of time. In most respects its vague program is far to the right even of the New Deal. Its main appeal is to the middle class, farmers, professionals, etc. It is inevitable that this party will disintegrate, one section becoming pro-fascist, another pro-labor-party.

The biggest danger of the hour is the growth of reformism in the U. S. Reformism paved the way for fascism in Germany and Austria, and is doing so today in Spain and in France.

And third party of capitalism, the Farmer-Labor Party, the Labor Party, etc., cannot solve the burning needs of the working class. They will instead help hold in check the proletarian revolution.

Only independent working class action — strikes, demonstrations, organization of the unorganized, etc., under the guidance of the Marxian Party will smash fascism and the war plans of American imperialism.

All class conscious workers should support the Workers Vote campaign conducted by the Revolutionary Workers League. The election program of the R. W. L. is published in another column of the paper.

with holding a meeting without permit and distributing literature. The next day the case was dismissed.

### OUR POSITION ON

INDEPENDENT WORKING CLASS ACTION AGAINST The (Capitalist) LABOR PARTY  
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### AUTO WORKERS MUST TAKE OVER UNION

Detroit — With the Stalinist-Frankensteen bloc trying to organize a special convention to oust Martin from the Presidency, the split in the United Automobile Workers of America is wide open. Vice Presidents Frankensteen, a reactionary former Coughlinite, Mortimer, a stalinist, and Ed Hall, whose strike-breaking record stinks to high heavens (he was Dillon's man in leading scabs through a militant IWW picket line a few years ago), have been expelled from the UAW by Martin; and Walter Wells, a mediocre person who rose to his position by an accidental control of 4 votes at the first convention, has been suspended.

Behind these men stands a good section of the Union. Martin's bureaucratic tactics, his fundamental agreement with these people in POLICY (Frankensteen was his good man Friday until recently), have all helped consolidate the Frankensteen-Stalinist force.

#### MCCORD WORKERS STRIKE

While both cliques are fighting, the bosses are beginning to take steps against the workers. Workers of the McCord Radiator Company are striking against the removal of equipment to other cities where labor is cheaper.

Shifting of work to other cities is now becoming commonplace in Detroit. The UAW cliques have never put up any fight against it; in fact neither the Martin nor Stalinist clique have ever really made an attempt to stop wage differentials. While workers in Detroit plants in the fibre section of the industry, for instance, were making 75c minimum pay per hour, the same work was being put out, under a similar contract with the UAW, 55 miles away in Toledo, for minimum of 40c an hour.

With the split in the union now the McCord strike is only an indication of what is to come when General Motors, Chrysler and Ford get into action against the Union in the very near future.

#### THE "NEUTRAL" CAMP

A small group of socialists — formerly under Stalinists — influenced mainly around the Reuther boys, and Briggs local, around Emil Mazey, are holding aloof from both cliques. But their record in the past has been one of support (although Mazey usually had a few left criticisms) to the Stalinist group. What is needed today is a rank and file movement for a class struggle policy (against the General Motors capitulations, sell-outs like the GM and Chrysler strikes, for militant action against wage cuts and decentralization), and for democracy in the union based on this policy.

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### FOR A WORKERS COUNCIL GOVERNMENT

# Organize The Unorganized



For Workers Control of Production

#### FOURTH INTERNATIONAL SEPTEMBER

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## The C.I.O. - A.F. of L. Fight

The new depression is wrecking havoc with the CIO. The various tendencies are at each others throat.

In Los Angeles five unions, the Garment Workers, some Steel Locals, Shoe Workers and Rubber Workers have withdrawn from the bureaucratic Bridges-Stalinist controlled CIO council and set up an independent council of their own.

In the Auto Union there is a large and serious split in the UAW. In the National Maritime Union on the East Coast it has resulted in a mass revolt against the leadership and the sweeping out of office of some of the CP stooges.

The struggle is between the Lewis group and the Dubinsky-

Martin group, the former favoring a new Federation of Labor, and the latter re-unification with the AFL. The vicious bureaucracy of the Stalinists in many unions is being used by Martin and Dubinsky, no mean bureaucrats on their own account by the way, as a fig leaf for the fight. There is no basic difference in policy. Both groups are class collaborationists.

One year after the militant action of the Steel and Auto workers, which gave the great impetus to CIO organization, there are many moves back to the AFL, not only by reactionary outfits like the Progressive Miners of America, but of such organizations as the Sailors Union of the Pacific, which led some very militant battles on the coast in recent years.

What are the reasons for these actions?

It must be stated, first that the CIO as such never really organized the Auto workers, the first

### Maytag Sellout by Stalinists

The 1,400 workers of the Struck Maytag Washing Machine plant in Newton, Iowa, have returned to work at the point of the bayonets of the Iowa National Guardsmen called out by Governor Kraschel for the purpose of opening the plant. As pointed out in last month's FIGHTING WORKER, even though the Guardsmen were called out by the good governor to "keep the plant closed for the workers," he was merely stalling for the opportunity to open it.

The Jasper County relief authorities immediately cut off all relief for strikers thus doing their part in the boss class against a living wage. Even so the vote to return to work was 161 against, 378 for, and hundreds showing their disapproval by not voting. The men struck against a 10% wage cut.

#### STALINISTS FOR ARBITRATION

William Selner, St. Louis Stalinist, advised the Maytag workers to return to work, saying: "We are confident that the law which gives us the right of collective bargaining will prove mightier than the armed forces."

John Conelly, the lawyer for the CIO Union, told the strikers, "When trouble arises again, offer to be bound by arbitration."

The heroic workers of the Maytag company have learned a lesson on the class nature of the state which will not soon be forgotten. The strengthening of the Union — above all a struggle against such "advice" as given by the Stalinist Selner, and the Union lawyer — and preparation for inevitable come-back fight against the company is the immediate task of the Maytag men.

big gains made by the CIO; it was for the most part a spontaneous movement, with Lewis and Martin just tagging along, waiting for the moment (which came eventually) when they could put a stop to the workers militancy.

Second, many capitalists, fearful of the workers' spontaneity and of Lewis' ability to control it, began to call in the AFL as the lesser of the two evils, to organize their plants into safe channels.

Now, with the present depression, lay-offs of hundreds of thousands, (after Lewis has succeeded in slowing up Workers Action somewhat), the similarity in leadership is revealed to the hilt. And in the confusion, with the behind the scenes aid of the employers, there is naturally a move back to the AFL.

The solution lies in organizing

### U.S. Fink Halls for Maritime Workers

The attempt by the U. S. government to organize the marine workers for its war moves is taking on sharper forms. Two years ago it started with the Copeland blacklist law. A few months ago it put forth a plan for training "apprentices" to replace the regular union men. Now it is putting up its own hiring halls in opposition to those of the maritime unions.

If the government can get away with this it will extend its hiring halls and eventually blacklist every militant maritime worker out of the industry. There is no doubt that that is its aim.

#### UNITE ALL TRANSPORT WORKERS

So far the maritime workers have fought back fairly consistently. Some united action has been organized on the East coast against the government halls with a measure of success. Needless to say the Stalinist controlled National Maritime Union has been sabotaging this work, even though hundreds of its members have helped along in the picket lines and fights. Supporting America's war planes can only mean supporting the blacklists, strike-breaking and so on; that is the Communist Party role.

The maritime workers are fighting for an important labor principle — against government regimentation and blacklist. Much broader sections of the labor movement, especially the transport workers inland, including the railroad workers who are themselves threatened with a 15% wage cut, must be mobilized in this fight.

### Hotel Workers Fight Bureaucratic Leaders

St. Louis — A rank and file petition signed by nearly 300 members of the union demanded the "resignation" of Kitty Ainsler, International Vice President and local Business Manager of the Hotel Workers Union.

The charges against Ainsler are: misappropriation of funds; incorporation of the Union's property (a large hall) with Ainsler holding 80% of the shares; bureaucratic appointment of all officers; suppression of discussion in the local meetings; and signing wage agreements with the bosses without the members' consent.

The Hotel Workers are newly organized and very militant. About a year ago they came out 5,000 strong in an aggressive 24 hour strike.

Needless to say in the present internal fight the International fakers are backing Kitty up. But these militant youngsters are going to be hard to down. We wish them luck.

the unorganized, building the trade unions, fighting in them against the bureaucrats for militant class struggle policies, for clean democratic functioning. Work within the trade unions, build progressive groups, extend them nationally, driving forward to a united labor movement based on class struggle policies, internal democracy, industrial structure.