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## WE CALL UPON THE CIO TO RALLY ITS FORCES:

# DEFEAT THE ANTI-LABOR TAX BILL!

## Dan Tobin's Stooges in Minneapolis Come Up A Birthday Feast! With a Fat Handful of Jim-Crow Sewer Slime

For contact with the utmost in privy filth and sewer slime one has only to read one of the official AFL organs of Bill Green and Dan Tobin. We refer to the Minnesota Teamster, weekly paper of the AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters in Minneapolis. This AFL teamsters' paper for Friday, August 29, contains the following choice bit of mud in the column called "The Editor's Spyglass."

"The New York Trotskyites are trying to get enough names on a petition to run a guy named Cannon for Mayor. They are offering Negroes free drinks for every 20 names brought in. Even at that they haven't got the 7,500 signers they need. Maybe their whiskey is as bad as their candidate.

For the present we are only interested in the open insult to Negroes that this quotation contains. It has been said again and again by Negro-haters that colored people will sell their votes for a drink of whiskey; if you want to get a Negro's vote all you need do is pass around some whiskey or gin. Negroes are venal and corrupt, say these advocates of Jim-Crow.

This AFL sheet put out by Bill Green's and Dan Tobin's organization in Minneapolis picks up this stinking slander to use as an attack against the CIO teamsters' union in Minneapolis, with whom they have been in conflict since Local 544 left the AFL for the CIO. The editor of the Minnesota Teamster, one Martin Quigley, evidently believes, along with other AFL advocates of Jim-Crow and all-white unions, that the best way to kill an opponent is to accuse him of association with Negroes. This proves, you see, that your opponent is depraved: he associates with Negroes who everyone knows are very low people and only interested in whiskey. Furthermore, by this method you can also prove that your enemy should have no standing among decent Americans; he has to go to Negroes, the scum of the country, for support. To Quigley and his fellow "patriots" this is breaking down the "color line," which no good AFL bureaucrat will tolerate for one second. If this keeps up, Negroes will want to be joining AFL unions and run for union office. Then where would the AFL be?

As we read this little piece of good Americanism from the pen of Mr. Quigley we were reminded that Bill Green is a member of a committee set up by President Roosevelt to "investigate" the cause and cure of discrimination against Negroes in the "defense" industries. We were also reminded that Dan Tobin is a close political friend and adviser of Roosevelt. That was as far as we got along that line. We got to thinking about the AFL itself.

We got to thinking about Frey who rode through an AFL picket line on a Navy truck protected by some marines. We thought about Dan Tobin who called in the FBI against militant workers in Minneapolis. We thought about Deacon Green himself who boasts constantly that he is at the service of the bosses and that the employers prefer to deal with the AFL rather than the CIO.

That wasn't all. We were reminded of the fact that a man named Browne, an AFL vice-president, is under indictment for gangsterism, graft and extortion. Also that a panderer, Willie Bioff, a buddy of Bill Green, is also waiting trial for gangsterism. There are more of them; in fact a great host of AFL gangsters, sluggers, panderers, rapists, bribe-takers, strike-breakers, traitors and betrayers of the labor movement. When one remembers all these things, it is easier to understand Editor Quigley and the Minnesota Teamster.



## Philadelphia Negroes Resist Rent Gouging Landlord

### North Philadelphia Tenants Band Together in United Action Against Rent Raise—Demand Repairs in Houses—Bring Suit Against Constable

PHILADELPHIA - At least one Philadelphia landlord has just made a big mistake. He forgot that the people who rent his houses are also human beings-human beings who will struggle hard against any kind of cut in their standard of living.

This particular landlord, a Mr. Henry Laver, of Chestnut Street, thought he could boost the rent in 27 houses he owns on the 1800 block of North Lambert Street without much trouble. His tenants disagreed. They felt that \$14 a month was plenty to pay for dilapidated old houses in the heart of the North Philadelphia Negro ghetto. And just as soon as they disagreed, Mr. Laver should have known better-for they showed him once before that no one, not even a Philadelphia landlord, can beat the people when they decide to fight together.

It was back in 1936 when the first Lambert Street rent strike occurred. The tenants, knowing that they were paying too much when they handed over \$18 every month, sent a delegation to City Hall to ferret out a few facts. They found out that not one of those houses was assessed at over \$700 and that the fair rent at that price should be \$7.00 a month. They finally settled on a rent of,

### **Demands Decent** Housing for **Buffalo Negroes**

BUFFALO - Speaking before the Buffalo City Council, Timothy Smith, representing the Fifth Ward Housing Project Committee, challenged the Jim-Crow real estate interests of Buffalo. "As American citizens," said Smith, "the Negroes have the right to decide where they shall live and where they shall not live. . . . We union workers living in the Fifth Ward urge the continuation of the Federal Housing Project, no matter where located, for the benefit of ALL defense workers."

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\$14, provided certain repairs were haps it's merely that he reads his made. For four months after that, Mr. Laver got no rent. Each month. instead, \$14 was deposited in a bank by each house. At the end of that period, not only was he glad to accept the decreased rent, but he papered and painted the houses as well.

#### Mr. Laver "Forgets"

Five years have elapsed since then, five years in which, it would seem, Mr. Laver's memory has become shorter and shorter. Or per-

newspaper, not wisely, but too well, and reading about housing shortages, higher rents and higher prices, decided to do his bit, too, for "national defense."

Whatever the reason, some time back around May, Mr. Laver began going around to his tenants, each one at a different time, informing them that the rent was going up. For some it was \$15, for some \$18, for some \$20, and for others \$22!

. He evidently thought that in this

militant leaders until all the others had paid, he could force them to deal with him individually, and not as a group. The one thing he failed to take into account was that the members of the tenant league had not forgotten the strike of '36, and had not forgotten that as long as they stuck together, they could not lose.

#### Tenants Remember

that in all those five years, there

way, and by not approaching the had been no repairs made in any of the houses. The paper and paint applied in '36 are still there, peeling and cracking off the walls; the cellars still lack cement floorings, and the dirt floors still flood in every rain. The wall boards are still loose; the roofs still leak; there is still no sort of heating system in any of the

And so, when the Lee family turned out to be the first victims of They had not forgotten, either, of the vicious system, they did not have to fight alone. Mrs. Lee had re-

fused to pay any more than the standard \$14. The landlord would not accept this and in due course, with all the proper trimmings of violence. cops and general nastiness, the family was evicted. The Tenants' League immediately brought charges against the constable in charge for having violated the premises five days before he had a legal right to do so.

The trial went as most such trials do. The magistrate's mind was made up when he entered the room. He

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## "Happy Anniversary--And Many of Them"

By SUSAN GREEN

During the first two years of the Second World War, in which America has-technically, at any rate-not taken a shooting part, the government has placed orders for deadly war weapons topping the inconceivable sum of \$51,000,000,000.

LABOR HAS BEEN AND WILL BE PRODUCING ALL THAT STUFF FOR DESTRUCTIVE PURPOSES.

The cost of one super-battleship can provide model apartment structures for 87,500 people.

Think what glorious peacetime construction could be accomplished by the expenditure of \$51,000,000,000. Think to what extent the human race is being set back by imperialist wars. Let your mind also dwell on the wholesale destruction, during the past two years, of factories, railroads, dams, bridges and houses-all built by the workers of the world.

Such thoughts are fitting and proper on this second anniversary of the Second World War.

Of course, all of that \$51,000.000.000 does not go into the bombers and battleships. WAR PROFITS COME OUT OF THAT TOO. For instance, the leading aircraft companies pocketed more than seven times as much profit in the first half of 1941 as in the first half of 1939, before the war began. THAT'S A LITTLE BIT OF SOMETHING.

Then there are "contact" or "commission" men who get their rakeoff on every order placed. At five per cent, which is their rate, these vultures will get into their claws \$2,550,000,000 out of the orders placed so far. AND THE WAR IS ONLY TWO

Yes, two years of war have again made very apparent WHO GETS HIS and WHO PAYS HIS!

Those who pay have for two years been worrying about the cost of living. They have, for example, seen meats go up 30 to 64 per cent above the prices when the war broke out. This month meats cost 6 per cent to 10 per cent mere than last month.

The people who pay for the imperialist war are those who have had to stop their milk deliveries during the last year. The milk companies report that deliveries have dropped by 12 per cent. They are the people who read with growing anxiety that the price of milk is going to rise much more rapidly than during the last war.

The 6,000,000 workers whose incomes heretofore have been considered too low to be taxed, will pay for the imperialist war. Next year, 6,000,000 more workers whose incomes are THIS THIS YEAR considered too low to be taxed, will be compelled to sacrifice their life's needs for the boss war.

The low income groups who would never be able to acquire a stick of furniture, a radio or a rug EXCEPT ON THE IN-STALLMENT PLAN, are the people who will be paying for the bosses' war. They are no longer permitted to buy on the installment plan. All their meager savings must be available for taxes and forced loans to the war-making government.

The drafted soldiers are the people who pay. Today they are merely subjected to the pleasures of guardhouse "discipline" and-if their skin is black-to an occasional shooting by their own superiors. Today they READ that the average casualties per day on the main war front are 31,250 Germans and 41,657 Russians. But next year tens of thousands of American mothers will daily be notified that their sons are missing or have been killed in action

Most definitely the second anniversary of the Second World War brings the certainty that the third year of the war will find on the farflung battlefields not only bombers, tanks and guns made in America, but AMERICAN FLESH AND BLOOD -and that American youth will be fertilizing the soil of foreign lands FOR MANY YEARS TO COME!

President Roosevelt, in good health and full of jokes, made this clear to the Washington correspondents after his return from the conference of the pointless points. Turner Catledge of the New York Times reported to his paper that a British view

"which he (Roosevelt) seemed to endorse" is that "a decisive German defeat would require an invasion of the continent by Great Britain AND HER ALLIES."

Chesly Manly, the New York Herald Tribune reporter, wrote to his paper that the grand strategy of the new Anglo-American-Russian alliance aimed at 'the defeat and disarmament of Germany and Italy," that an invasion of the continent would be necsary to accomplish this, and that AN AMERICAN EXPEDI-TIONARY FORCE WOULD BE REQUIRED."

The warmongers in Congress were ready to form a lynching party and go get these two correspondents for revealing "military secrets" or something. Their anger was due, of course, to their fear that the soldiers would not relish the plans the President made for their future.

Turner Catledge wrote further: "Apparently he (Roosevelt) could see nothing but A LONG WAR."

From the hot deserts of Africa, to the northern seas of Russia, to the remote islands of the Pacific, the second anniversary of the Second World War is celebrated by thundering guns. zooming bombers, burning buildings and dead bodies of workers. In effect, the affable Roosevelt says to this war-weary world:

"HAPPY ANNIVERSARY—AND MANY OF THEM!" To the American workers whose burdens increase daily, he gives an anniversary present: PARTICIPATION IN THE

To the American bosses who have been getting their war profits and war contract commissions for two years and will be getting THEIRS for the duration, the jocular ROOSEVELT gives a KNOWING WINK!

"HAPPY ANTIVERSARY-AND MANY OF THEM!" But this second anniversary of the Second World War can be the last anniversary of the last war human beings will ever

IT IS UP TO THE WORKERS OF THE WORLD!

## **Picket Line** Is the Best Answer to These Plans

Many thousands of young men have been taken from the factories, mines and mills and forced into the army to be "trained" as soldiers in the imperialist war.

And the workers back home. those too old to die on the military front, are being made to foot the bill of this Second World Imperialist War.

Congress is going to give the employed workers in the factories the opportunity to "share and share alike" with the big bosses and financiers in paying the expenses of the conflict between the two gangs of international brigands.

This is the meaning of the new tax bill that the Senate Finance Committee has had the brazenness to adopt. This bill, which is more drastic than the House bill, will be presented to the Senate for adoption.

The Senate committee set exemptions at \$1,500 for married. persons and \$750 for unmarried people. These senators, acting solely in the interests of the big bosses, function as hired bandits holding up the working class and taking part of their meager earnings to pay for a war from which only the big bosses will profit. These scounareis on Capitol Hill conspire to take from labor every financial gain, every small wage increase that has been won on the picket line. These stooges of big business and Wall Street are out to plunder the working class in order to save a few million dollars for their imperialist masters.

Unmarried workers making about \$15 a week and married workers making \$28 a week will be forced to hand over even part of that miserable wage to a wolfish ruling class to pay for its imperialist war.

They have taken money from labor and labor organizations for their war bonds; they have gathered in the pots and pans of the workers; they have raised the price of food, clothing and shelter; they have demanded that wages be fixed. But this is not enough: they now plan to take even a part of what is left the lowest paid section of the population in the form of income taxes.

It isn't that the government needs this money so much; the sum it will get from the lower paid workers will be relatively small, only about \$49,000,000. The amount of money that will go to the government is not what these senators are concerned

They and their imperialist chieftains want to keep labor in poverty. They know that a higher standard of living gives labor greater confidence; every wage raise develops strength and determination and welds the workers together in union solidarity. This is what the bosses are against. They don't want labor to get "out

The crooks, stooges and windjammers on Capitol Hill play the game of the big industrialists and financiers with utter abandon and obedience. The bosses are forced to give wage increases to labor. Along comes Congress to take away the puny boost in wages and hand it back to the bosses in the form of fat government war contracts. That's where this \$49,-000,000 will go: BACK INTO THE POCKETS OF THE BIG BOSSES AND BANKERS.

Congress prepares to vote this in-

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## With the Labor Unions—— Akron Meeting

## On the Picket Line

#### A WAR DEPARTMENT LABOR DAY MESSAGE

brings forth the usual flood of "Labor Day Messages" from all sorts of organizations, individuals and the government. The Under-Secretary for War, Mr. Patterson, writes the AFL and CIO and expresses the War Department's "profound gratification over the manner in which they (labor) are rising to the needs of the present emergency." Then Mr. Patterson goes on to remark that "labor has most at stake in the preservation of democracy."

We take it that when Mr. Patterson is speaking of "democracy" he is thinking of "our system of free enterprise"-capitalism. That, of course, is exactly what Mr. Patterson is talking about. Therefore LABOR AC-TION would like to remind him, and labor also, that there is another group that has something at stake "in the preservation of democracy." We are talking of precisely what Mr. Patterson is talking about: that is, what the workers get out of "our system of free enterprise," and what the bosses get.

We read, for instance, that in 1939 one-fiftieth (1-50) of American familles got one-ninth (1-9) of the national income. The income from the ownership or control of property amounted to over 21 billion dollars. Fewer than one million persons or families got nearly 5 billion dollars of this amount. That is, these people got 5 billion dollars in income not through productive labor but only because they OWN the mines, mills, factories, land and banks. They do no useful work. They only sit

Labor Day this year, as heretofore, and wait for their hired corporation officials to drive the workers to the production of wealth, which these parasites and coupon clippers then

> In 1939 "our system of free enterprise" gave 43 persons net incomes of over one million dollars. After allowing for salaries to themselves and other expenses, this group had left as income from the ownership or control of property a total of over 73 million dollars. Their average income from property was over one million dollars each. What does Patterson mean when he says that "labor has most at stake in the preservation of democracy"?

> Furthermore, we read about 26 corporation executives who were paid over \$100,000 each as salary in 1940. Do these gentlemen have no desire for the "preservation ofdemocracy," that is. American national capitalism? Mr. Grace, of Bethlehem Steel, got \$478,144 in 1940. Mr. Vaughn of Curtiss-Wright got \$148,671. Mr. Weir of National Steel got \$245,000. Mr. Girdler of Republic Steel got \$176,000. Mr. Fairless of U. S. Steel got \$139,610 and Mr. Wilson of General Motors, \$278,324.

The workers who created the wealth that made these huge salaries possible got between \$1,500 and \$2,500 for a year's work. And yet Mr. Patterson has the brass to write to the leaders of the AFL and CIO and tell them to say to AFL and 'CIO workers that "labor has most at stake in the preservation of democracy." (Capitalism.)

#### GREEN CRAWLS ON HIS BELLY—AS USUAL

Brother Green of the AFL and Brother Murray of the CIO also issued Labor Day manifestoes. As is his custom, Green crawled on his belly before the bosses and the government. Green is "gratified to report" that the AFL workers "have refrained from strikes SABOTAG-ING the defense program." To Green strikes in the war industries represent sabotage. Green knows of "no single thing that the government has asked the AFL to do for the sake of the defense program which we have hesitated or failed to do . . . the members of the AFL . . . are determined to prove now and for all time that free men never can be conquered by slaves." The members of the AFL may "never be conquered by slaves" but they better watch or they'll be conquered by Green, Hutchinson, FBI Tobin and strikebreaker Frey for the benefit of the bosses and their man Roosevelt.

Green pretends mighty concern over the workers of Europe. They are "slaves" and "in tragic plight." The AFL has learned a lesson from this, says Green. And what is this lesson? Nothing more than that workers should "love their country. Didn't the workers of Germany and France love their countries? Did this save them from Hitler and Petain?

Green says that there has been an attempt of selfish individuals and interests to "smear labor and snipe at its basic rights." And how was this attempt thwarted, according to Bill

Green? By the goodness of Congress, for "every anti-labor bill had been rejected in Congress by overwhelming majorities." The pressure of the organized workers, particularly those in the CIO, had nothing to do with the votes of Congress: such reactionaries as Silk Stocking Baldwin, of New York, voted against the May-Connally amendments out of love of labor and "democracy." Murray of the CIO has more sense

than ex-Deacon Green. He mentions the victories over Ford and Bethlehem. (Green, perhaps, isn't so stupid as to mention the "victories" of Frey and Tobin.) In the last six months, the CIO has won wage increases of over \$800,000,000. Murray doesn't have as much faith in the goodness of Congress as does Green. He reports to the workers that "there will be new proposals and new hysterias." Murray also recognizes that "in a period of war production, the real wages of American workers will be beset on all sides. They will be threatened by rising costs of living, by wage taxation and by all kinds of schemes for forced savings."

At least Murray understands that the workers have something more to do than just "love their country." This wouldn't occur very vividly to Bill Green. John L. Lewis remarked at the last CIO convention that he had explored Bill Green's mind "and I'll give you my word, there's nothing there."

#### AND WHAT IS THE "SPIRIT OF CAPITALISM"?

The Federal Council of Churches also issued a Labor Day message. They want the American people to work together democratically for a better order of society. They want this better society based on the twin pillars of religion and the productive labor of hand and brain. (Norman Thomas will agree with the hand and brain part.) These comfortable and well-fed sky pilots say that the fundamental religious concern with industry has to do with its spirit and

purpose . . . "if we are to develop an economic order which will express the spirit of Christ, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister, the primary test of production and distribution must not be a private advantage but the common good." Then the theologians go on to talk about the necessity for industrial civilization extending more democratic control to producers and consumers, or face a totalitarian

## Commemorates Leon Trotsky

By David Coolidge AKRON-Friends and members of the Workers Party gathered in memory of Leon Trotsky at a meeting held at the headquarters of the Akron branch on August 26.

Henry Mitchell, who delivered the commemorative address, traced Trotsky's career. "Trotsky was not great because he was a man who could arbitrarily impose his beliefs upon society," the speaker said; "he was great because he more than anyone else could best analyze and express what was socially necessary in contemporary society."

Since Trotsky's ideas revealed the only way out of the present world crisis, the speaker pointed out, the idea of this great revolutionist will continue to intervene-and in everincreasing force-in the great class struggles to come.

Among the greatest contribution of Trotsky to the theory and practice of socialism, the speaker listed: The development of the theory of the permanent revolution; his participation in the seizure of power in Russia; the creation of the Red Army; the theoretical analysis of the evolution of Stalinism and leadership of the fight against it; the founding of the Fourth Internationalist movement; his theoretical writingscrowned by "The History of the Russian Revolution"; and Trotsky's great conviction and moral integrity.

The speaker also explained the character of the differences between the Workers' Party and Comrade Trotsky during the last months of his life. The talk was concluded by a reading of the closing paragraphs of Trotsky's "Literature and Revolu-'tion," in which Trotsky describes, in one of the most elevated passages in all his writings, the socialist society to which he devoted nearly fifty years of the most intense activity.

## Defeat Tax Bill--

creased burden on the working class at a time when the national income of labor is steadily falling in relation to the national income of the owners of property. In 1931, 75 per cent of the national income went to labor and 25 per cent to the owners of property. In 1929, two-thirds went labor and one third to property. But in 1940, labor's share of the national income had DROPPED to 63 per cent and the share of the owners of property had RISEN to 37 per

There is more yet. The first half of this year 469 corporations increased their net income 22 per cent over the net for the first half of 1940. The increase for 80 railroads was 379 per

Ten large corporations increased their net over the first half of 1940 by \$42,284,000. This is a little less than what the poorest paid workers will pay under the new tax bill.

The government could get more money from a slight increase in excess profits taxes than from all the \$750 and \$1,500 a year workers. The 469 corporations mentioned above increased their net earnings the first half of 1941 by \$269,408,000 over the same period of 1940. This is five times more than the income the government will get from the new taxes on

This proves that the object of the bosses and the government in levying these new misery taxes on labor is not really for the purpose of raising money. The relatively small sum that the government will get is but a drop in the bucket. It will mean virtually nothing to the government financially, but will be a tremendous loss to the low paid workers and their families.

All the dribble of the bosses and their deputies in Congress about everyone doing his and her patriotic duty should be deliberately rejected

action won for them once and that

But in order to win, THEY NEED

SUPPORT, and that has not been

forthcoming. Out of a total of four

Negro papers in Philadelphia, only

one, the Philadelphia Independent.

has seen fit to publish a report of

The tenants are holding open-air

meetings on the block every Monday

and Friday evenings. These must be

supported. And above all, every man,

woman and child living on Lam-

bert Street must keep it in mind that

there is only one way to beat the sys-

tem, only one way to gain a decent

living standard for themselves. That

way is by united action. That is the

way they succeeded five years ago.

IT IS THE WAY THEY WILL SUC-

it can and will do it again.

their strike.

CEED TODAY.

## Philadelphia--

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was determined, however, to make it a "fair trial": he said as much to the constable's attorney when the latter requested that the case be dismissed. 'In the minds of these people here -they don't have the kind of a mind we have(!)—they'll feel an injustice has been done." So the trial had to be finished before the magistrate would say that the constable was innocent.

But part at least of what he said was right. "These people" do feel, and with every right, that an "injustice has been done," an injustice which they intend to rectify. They are still holding out for their \$14 a month rent and for some more repairs. They are determined to gain their demands and that without any more evictions. They know that mass

ology and such like, but we do know

something about capitalism. We

would like to inform these gentlemen

of the cloth that the "spirit and pur-

pose" of capitalism is to get more

and more profit and bigger and big-

ger dividends and interest every

passing year. Industrial civilization

(capitalism) is interested in religion

and the pronouncements of the Fed-

eral Council of Churches only to

the extent that it can aid in this

"purpose." In fact, this is one rea-

son why the Christian capitalists

maintain such organizations as the

Federal Council of Churches. Such

organizations help make capitalism

palatable to workers and make them

believe they are getting something.

The capitalists know better even if

We are a little skeptical about the

effectiveness of the preachers. They

We don't pretend to any proficien- have been at it now for several cency in the mystery and oracles of the- . turies but they don't seem to get far. One reason for this is the fact that the preachers, especially those of the big churches and such outfits as the Federal Council of Churches, are part of the baggage of the capitalists. They don't have an independent existence. The capitalists build their churches and pay their salaries. The capitalists are members of the churches and such organizations as the FCC. These capitalists can kick the preachers out of the churches and break up the Federal Council of Churches whenever they feel that

> are not being served. We should like to remind the preachers also that their group supported the First World War and that they didn't learn anythting. They are also giving full aid to the Second World Imperialist War.

the "spirit and purpose of capitalism"

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that even a stupid and boss controlled Congress would understand. LET THE BOSSES PAY FOR THEIR OWN WAR.

The workers have given too much already. They are forced to do the fighting. They are forced to pay higher prices for the necessities of life out of their too low wages. Let the imperialist highwaymen pay the expense of the war out of their swollen fortunes, out of their interest, dividends and profits.

The CIO proposes a protest to Congress by letters and telegrams. This not enough. LET THE CIO THROW A MASS PICKET LINE AROUND THE CAPITOL AT WASHINGTON.

Roosevelt supports this monstrous tax bill. PUT A MASS PICKET LINE AROUND THE WHITE HOUSE. Pack the Senate galleries with CIO workers when this bill is up for vote. During the last war the railroad workers packed the galleries and held the watch on the Senate until it passed the Adamson eight-hour

This latest move to plunder labor demands immediate and militant action. The CIO has the forces for a militant demonstration in Washington. Such a demonstration can defeat this outrageous tax bill. The CIO should serve notice on

Congress and the bosses that if this bill is passed organized labor will be forced to strike for higher wages.

Give the same medicine to Congress that labor gives to tough bosses: THE LESSON OF THE MILITANT PICKET LINE.

### Buffalo--

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sponsored by Councilman Whalen, by Arber of the Real Estate Association and by the Rev. Coughlin (he who replied "some of my best friends are Negroes"), Smith stated that he spoke for the overwhelming majority of the Fifth Ward and for the thousands of Negro workers in Bethlehem, Republic and other steel plants.

Almost all of the members of the Housing Project Committee are stewards in the SWOC. The committee was organized by these stewards when they read of plans by real estate leaders of the Sixth Ward to demonstrate for their Jim-Crow policy in front of the City Hall.

Of the 14 members of the Council, only six had said they would be at the meeting. There was therefore some doubt about whether a quorum could be mustered. However, the councilmen took heart and decided to come when the Sixth Ward leaders called their demonstration. Thirteen councilmen attended the meeting and voted resolutions condemning the federal housing authorities for planning a Negro housing development in the Sixth Ward-a "white" area. While the Negroes themselves preferred that the project be built in the Fifth Ward, they were nevertheless aroused by the Jim-Crow opposition of the city politicians. The federal housing authority had decided upon the Sixth Ward as being nearer the plants where the Negroes

About 50 Negroes responded to a call by the housing committee for a counter - demonstration. Thousands would have come, but were prevented by the early hour-9:30 a.m. With two more days of preparation the Fifth Ward would have turned out in such impressive force as to really give the councilmen something to worry about.

# Pre-Convention Discussion Articles

In preparation for the coming national convention of the Workers Party, the Political Committee of the WP has opened the columns of LABOR AC-TION to discussion articles contributed by party members on the political problems confronting the party. Because of the limited amount of space available, all contributions must be as short as possible in order that we may be able to publish a maximum number of articles. In no case may they be over 1,200 words; in all cases contributors should try to keep their articles below the word maximum allowed.

## Is It a New Social Order?

In order to understand the phenomena of the state, politics and culture of a society, we must study its ECONOMIC FOUNDATION. This is the heart of the Marxist method. How can any theory on the Russian state be taken seriously by Marxists if it is not based on an analysis of the Russian economy? This discussion will be wasted unless we consider such questions as, What is the REAL RELATION of the workers to the process of production? What is the real relation of the bureaucracy to the process of production? What is the BASIC PROCESS in Russian economy? What are the chief CON-TRADICTIONS in Russian economy? Not what the Stalinist constitution says, but the real, actual, social relations in Russia are the key to the understanding of Russia today.

No real analysis of the Russian economy has yet been forthcoming from those comrades who hold that there is a new social order; neither capitalism nor a workers' state, in Russia. The question has either been ignored or evaded. Instead of answering this basic question, comrades think up all sorts of side issues, trick questions, such as "What would you do if Kerensky starts an uprising against Stalin to restore bourgeois democracy in Russia?" Assuming for the sake of argu-

ment that there is now a new social order in Russia, and that a section of the bureaucracy launches an uprising to restore capitalism, is there any man, woman or child who believes that this new bourgeoisie will restore DEMOCRATIC capitalism? Especially the democratic rights of the workers? Again, if Kerensky comes to power in Russia, not through an internal uprising but through foreign war, as a puppet of Churchill, is there anyone in our movement who believes that Churchill will establish bourgeois DEMOC-RACY in Russia? The bourgeoisie knows, alas, far better than the workers, that the only way they can rule in these troublesome times is by the fiercest suppression of workers' rights and organizations. This is espacially true of the "poorer" coun-Basic Questions

We Demand: A Capital Levy on Wealth

To Pay for ALL War Appropriations!

Instead of trick questions, let's ask basic ones: What is the basic process of capitalism? In any capitalist country, the workers have no control over the means of production; they have nothing but their labor-power. The means of production are controlled by capitalists, who control them in such a way as to obtain the maximum possible profit. They consume a tiny portion of their profit in the form of consumers goods; the bulk of their profit is converted into new factories, mines, etc. It is reinvested in indus-

#### means, therefore, PRODUCTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREAS-ING THE TOTAL MEANS OF PRO-DUCTION. At the same time, with more and

try. PRODUCTION FOR PROFIT

more advanced machinery, a constantly SHRINKING share of the total output is used to feed, clothe and house the people; this, essentially, comprises the consumers' goods. The constantly GROWING share of total production consists of MEANS OF PRODUCTION (and in the epoch of total war, also means of destruction - armaments). Simultaneously with the accumulation of capital goes the centralization of control into fewer and fewer hands.

All this means a CONSTANTLY GROWING SOCIAL INEQUALITY, A CONSTANTLY GROWING MIS-ERY FOR THE WORKERS, who more and more face the alternative: overthrow capitalism, or perish. All this takes place because the means of production are controlled not by the workers, but by a minority interested only in profit, i.e., in extracting surplus value from the direct producers who have been deprived of any control over the means of production.

#### Does State Ownership Make Any Difference?

Where the means of production is state property, BUT THE STATE IS NOT CONTROLLED BY THE WORKERS, the workers still "own" nothing but their labor-power. The minority controlling the state is interested only in getting the biggest salaries and bonuses. Under private capitalism, production is carried on for the PROFIT of a ruling minority, and the PROFITS are REINVESTED in industry. FROM THIS FLOWS the increasing production of capital goods, and the increasing misery of the workers. What difference does it make to the workers or to society, whether the profits which are reinvested in industry are legally the title of private individuals, or of this state? What real difference does it make whether John Dough, by his personal decision, allocates a million dollars to obtain new factories, or whether the commissariat of heavy industry, collectively, allocates a million rubles to do the same?

How can we tell whether the basic process of increasing production of capital goods together with increasing misery for the workers, i.e., the basic law of capitalist accumulation, is operating in Russia today? By examining the FACTS of Russian economy. What do the facts show? The CONSIDERABLE INDUSTRIALIZA-TION AND INCREASE OF PRO-DUCTION, UNDER STALIN, IS ACCOMPANIED BY A TREMEN-DOUS DECLINE IN THE STAND-ARD OF LIVING OF THE MASSES. (See Trotsky's "The Revolution Betrayed" and Manya Gordon's "Workers Before and After Lenin." These sources show a steady increase of workers' wages after the period of military communism. Since the introduction of the five-year plans, however, despite the growth in industrialization and the productivity of labor, REAL wages have declined to below the 1913 level.) Thus we see that there was a DECREASE in inequality in society under the workers' state. But in present-day Russia, the fundamental economic process is the same as under capitalism.

And how about the POLITICAL phenomena of Russia? Do they differ from capitalism? Internally, the same kind of bloody suppression of the working class that we see under capitalism in its final stage of decay, fascism. Externally, in foreign policy and in the war, Russia's role differs in no essential from that of any imperialist country which, because of its backwardness, is a junior partner of adominant imperialism. This was true of Stalin's wars in Poland, Finland, the Baltics, etc. And it is just as true now. In this connection we note with interest a report in the New York Times of August 8 describing diplomatic negotiations in London between Maisky and Spaak, that "This action will open to the Soviet Union possible concession in the Belgian Congo, where the Russians are known to be eager to gain an African market other than Brit-

An examination of the basic features of Russia today proves, beyond any reasonable doubt, that Russia is a capitalist imperialist state, which came to power by the destruction of the Soviet workers' state. This destruction was part of the long world reaction which followed the defeat of the 1917-1920 world labor upsurge and the consequent isolation and bureaucratization of the workers' state. To prepare the new awakening of labor we must inscribe on our banner: No defense of imperialism, Russian or any other!

August 20, 1941.

## The Readers of Labor Action Take the Floor

the preachers don't.

QUESTIONS ARTICLE IN CHALLENGE

Dear Editor:

Several papers are given out at the Ford Instrument Co. where I work. One of them is The Challenge of Youth. Isn't this paper connected with the Workers Party and Labor Action? The reason I ask is because an article appeared in one of the copies of The Challenge in which the leadership of our union was criticized for not taking care of the grievances that are present in the shop. One of the leaders of the unsion says that all grievances that were given to the grievance committee were properly settled. What do you think of this?

Ford Instrument Employee.

Yes, The Challenge is connected with the Workers Party and LABOR ACTION. It is the official publication of the youth section of the Workers Party. It is especially devoted to the problems of youth and contains many articles relating to

The article in The Challenge to which you refer should not in any sense be taken as a criticism of the

shop stewards or of the members of list. the grievance committee. Individuals or committees carry on their work in accordance with the policies set down by the higher bodies in the local. A change in attitude must come from the administration of the local; that is, its leading officials.

Now about grievances. It may be true that all or most of the grievances brought before the grievance committee were favorably settled. If this is so, the grievance committee should be complimented. But here, we are informed, is the real question: How many grievances exist among the men in the shop and how many of these are brought to the attention of the union? If you answer this question truthfully you must say that while the grievance committee receives one case here or there, a multitude of grievances actually exist.

What kind of grievances? Demands for periodic increases which frequently are late, even according to the present contract; requests by learners for types of work which will increase their skills; demands for raises by men classified as second-class and doing first-class work or by learners doing mechanics' work. A host of such grievances now exist. You probably could add to the

Why aren't these grievances brought to the attention of the grievance committee? Not because the grievance committee or the men are at fault. The real reason, we are told, is that each individual justifiably feels that if only one or two or even a dozen men take up their grievances through the union, they will be subjected to discrimination in one form or another by the company. The result is that most men evidently handle their grievances on an individual basis through their

A union with a real live leadership would take the initiative in handling grievances and would do so with such regularity that it would be almost impossible for the company to practice discrimination in any form; and where it did try to do so, every man would be confident that the union would fight it tooth and nail. The union leaders, we believe, should go from department to department on their own initiative to see what grievances there are; shop stewards should be instructed to be on the alert in discovering what the demands of the men in the shop are; union meetings every month should

hear reports on grievances, and every man should be encouraged to speak his mind.

In a fighting union of this type you can be sure that the vast majority of men would be present at union meetings. The problem of attendance would solve itself.

We certainly would appreciate any letters of comment on this problem or on any other discussed in The Challenge or LABOR ACTION-Ed.

#### CONCENTRATION CAMPS NEXT?

Dear Editor:

Those anti-fascists who believe that they are fighting fascism by supporting the U.S. government in its war policies should ponder the following paragraphs from the August issue of Missouri Selective Service News, a publication of the Missouri state draft headquarters. (A reporter was told that this editorial was writte by Capt. William Orr Sawyers of the legal department of state draft headquarters.)

According to the editorial, Americans must plan to have concentration camps for the confinement of

persons whose beliefs and practices, friendly nations, for reasons beyond threaten the American system of government.

"There is a great number of people," it reads, "whom we recognize as alien enemies and whom we are forced to confine behind barbed wire, because they would be deported except that other nations are now refusing to receive their nationals. Over 6,000 persons, nationals of other un-

our control are in our midst. We have our own native-born and naturalized anarchists in our midst. "Are we to stand by idly and al-

low such an unsocial element to threaten our American institutions? It looks as if the concentration camp is about to become an unwelcome necessity in our beloved democracy."

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Dear Friends:

I am interested in learning more about the Workers Party and
its fight against the bosses' war plans.

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THE WORLD AT WAR -

### Roosevelt Seeks to Prime Labor for "Shooting War" As War Enters Third Year

By MAX STERLING

On Labor Day, Roosevelt went the furthest yet in his drive toward shooting war. "We shall do everything in our power to crush the Nazi forces. . . ." The whole tenor of Roosevelt's 'address hinged around the verb "fight." Thus, as the war enters its third years, Roosevelt is saying to Churchill: "Be patient, the Yanks are coming soon." What else can be the meaning of this new stage in the Roosevelt campaign whose emphasis is no longer on material aid to Britain but rather on America's readiness to fight?

This latest avowal by the President follows logically from the commitments made when he and Churchill proclaimed the "Atlantic charter." This declaration of war aims (Churchill himself called it that) established above all that the war against the Axis would be pursued to the bitter end.

The second cardinal point of the Anglo - American war aims stated quite frankly that the new world order to be established after the defeat of Hitler would be dictated and policed by England and America. The third cardinal point was a promise that under the aegis of the aforesaid, world capitalism would be made to work by allowing all countries, victors and vanguished alike, trade facilities and access to the raw materials and markets of the world. By implication this last point admitted that the absence of these conditions provoked the present world war. Since Churchill and Roosevelt were also frank enough to say that in their new world order wars would again break out, we may assume that they know in advance that this empty promise of theirs will never be fulfilled.

#### Hitler's Points

Not to be outdone by Churchill and Roosevelt, who met for three whole days to outline their program, Hitler and Mussolini met shortly afterward on the Russian front for five days. Out of this meeting came also "the unalterable determination to continue the war to a victorious conclusion."

The Axis leaders also had their second and third points. Modestly confining himself to Europe, Hitler (Mussolini is only a stooge) envisaged the "destruction of the Bolshevist danger and plutocratic exploitation which will create the possibility of fruitful, peaceful and harmonious collaboration by all the peoples of the European continent in the political as well as in the economic and cultural spheres."

This is Hitler's reply to Churchill and Roosevelt as to who shall be the boss in Europe. However, Hitler went the latter one better. He promised that "the new European order that will emerge from this victory as far as possible will remove the causes that in the past have given rise to European wars." Hitler proises eternal "peace."

History, however, has already passed judgment on Churchill's promises. There is nothing that they promise that wasn't better promised by Wilson. The present world war is the best reply to the promises of a bankrupt capitalism. Promises mean nothing. The important thing is the irreconcilability of the present protagonists and their all-out intention to pursue the

bloody business at hand. It is this war, avowedly imperialist, that Roosevelt is concerned about. He is out to defeat Hitler and he knows that this can never be done

without complete American participation. In his Labor Day address he said: "I give solemn warning to those who think that Hitler has been blocked and halted that they are making a very dangerous as-

It follows from this that only one thing can possibly block and halt Hitler-U.S. entry into the war. Material aid to Britain, Russia and China, is not enough

#### Japan's "Overtures"

Unlike its unprepared military arm, the naval arm of the United States has already rendered valuable assistance to Great Britain in the battle of the Atlantic. The American Navy is responsible for Japan's peace overtures to the "democracies." To be sure these overtures are intended to gain time for Japan. The economic measures taken against her are strangling her. Some alleviation is necessary now that the Nazi war in Russia threatens to go beyond the winter. The Russian forces in the Far East are still intact and the British Navy in the Pacific has not yet been called to the British Isles or the Mediterranean. The Japanese must therefore pay heed when Churchill announces that the British navy is pledged to support the American Pacific fleet against Japanese aggression in the Far East.

Diplomatically also the United States has worked to improve the strategic position of the "democracies." The American ambasador to Japan let her know that the United States fully approved the joint Anglo-Russian attempt to promote their military position at her expense. America is exerting every pressure to keep Turkey out of the Axis orbit. Russia has been given every encouragement by the United States.

If the Japanese are not yet attacking the Russians in Siberia the latter have America to thank for it. If, as is reported, Hitler and Mussolini have decided to stop the war against Russia when they reach the Urals, it will be America that will keep Stalin from negotiating a "Tilsit" peace with Hitler. From this point of view, the arrival of 47 Russian technicians in Nome, Alaska, is especially significant. The United States intends to become the eastern support of Russia, come what may in the west.

#### Shooting War Ahead

Despite all this, which might be described as America's effort to create the most favorable battleground for her entry into shooting war, the most important task for American imperialism still remains: that of actual entry into this shooting war. This then is the objective that Roosevelt is working for. The President's Labor Day address is a gun deliberately fired in this drive. And the third year of the war commences with this reality.

Roosevelt has called the war "the most brutal, most terrible of all wars." This is the only true thing he has said about the war. The war in Russia has demonstrated this terrible truth. In ten weeks, both the Russians and the Germans have suffered as many losses as in the first two years on the same front in the First World War.

It is in such a war, as imperialistic as the last, that Roosevelt unashamedly calls upon American youth to sacrifice itself. Under the circumstances, it is small wonder that the army brass hats are beset with the problem of morale.

### On the Picket Line - -

HILLMAN'S GOT A "PLAN"—FOR TOMORROW

(Continued from page 2)

Mr. Hillman, "labor's representative in the government," was also dripping with Labor Day fervor. He is concerned with tomorrow: "the ability to produce today guns and tanks and planes would tomorrow be used to provide better homes, better clothes and better food for every According to American family." Hillman, the proper way to get adequate food, clothing and shelter for the people is to get an imperialist war started. This war will require tanks, airplanes, guns, bullets and powder. You build an airplane factory in every city, huge new powder plants and tank factories. Then you turn the automobile factories away from the production of passenger cars and refrigerators. You stop the aluminum factories from making pots and pans. You stand peacetime industry on its head, dislocate it. You tell a typewriter manufactures to begin making bullets and shells. You take mechanics away from the construction of home and put them at work building barracks and military

You take millions of young men purpose of industry.

off of consumer production, send them to camps to learn the art of modern warfare. You take these same young men out of factories where the managers do know a little about tractors, steam engines, chemistry and electricity, to fumble around in military camps under officers who know next to nothing about modern military organization and

All this is for the purpose of teaching these young men how "to provide better homes, better clothes and better food for every American family." This is what the Second World Imperialist War means to the boss-Roooevelt lackey, Sidney Hillman.

When all is said and done, the workers won't get much from the Labor Day messages, sermons and speeches. This annual love feast of the bosses, the government, labor leaders, reformers and those whose hearts bleed for the "underprivileged" won't help labor much. One mass militant picket line will produce more wages than all the hokus pokus about love of country, service to human need and the spirit and

### For Independent Political Labor Action Against the Boss Class

## Akron--an Uneasy Boomtown

By BLAKE LEAR

Akron is booming.

You don't have to check over the figures of a once-more complacent Chamber of Commerce to prove it. The visible evidence assaults your eyes everywhere:

People are better dressed. You see Negroes, customarily condemned to be clothed in little more than their poverty, now wearing handsome outfits. Everywhere are crowds. On weekend nights the crowds have that electric tension and expectancy of New Year's Eve. Traffic has long since been hopelessly snarled beyond the limited mentality of Akron cops.

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. has just announced the greatest six months' business in the entire history of the company, another proof of the curious fact that the idealistic fight against Hitler also pays off in good, cold cash. Net profits of \$6,196,756 were up 49 per cent over the similar period in 1940. At the same time it was announced that because of the rise in the cost of living relief doles had been increased 10 per cent for some 900 people still on relief.

Department stores are jammed. A man takes his life in his hands when he buys a shirt or a pair of socks. Department stores are adding new floors to take care of the increased business. In suburban Akron, houses are springing up like mushrooms after a summer rain. Rents are going up so fast that even the city fathers, who are usually none too quick in such matters, have had to appoint a committee to "investigate" the rise in rents. The committee has already found that the general cost of living in Akron is twice that of other cities of comparable size.

For the first time in nearly fifteen years (it's hard to believe that!) youth are being taken into the factories-and by the thousands! Even old union militants, blacklisted for years, are getting back on production. Rubber factories are establishing armaments subsidiaries all over the countrymost of them but remotely related to rubber production

Gambling joints are going full blast and with the revival of business, policemen are looking more cheerful again.

But most expressive of all, you see everywhere Negroes driving automobiles, living proof that the "prosperity" has reached such a high level that some of the profits can be let dribble down to the most oppressed layer of the population.

#### BUT THERE IS NO WAR FEVER

But nobody is deceived about the nature of this boom. Nobody compares it to the boom of 1915-1918 which brought Akron to industrial maturity. Listen to the bus driver, talking over his shoulder to his pal deadheading home, as to whether he should buy a new car now. Listen to flabby P. W. Litchfield, chairman of the board of Goodyear, fumbling around about what's going to happen after the war. Listen to union committeemen attacking company proposals to move more rubber production out of Akron, leaving Akron to collapse after the war with acre upon acre of empty and silent armaments plants and a starving population. They are all concerned with one thing -what's going to happen after the war. Behind everything that nearly everyone says and does lurks that ever-present question ... what's going to happen after the war?

There is no war fever. Poll after poll taken by the Akron Beacon Journal on every aspect of the war question has demonstrated the fundamental opposition of the overwhelming mass of the population to involvement in the war. Classroom discipline at the municipal university, where the draft hit especially hard, went to pot toward the close of the last semester. Smoking rules disappeared, cynicism spread everywhere, students told professors to go climb a rope. A terrible state of affairs, all in all. Even the Junior Chamber of Commerce, which found out that even they might be waking up some fine day with daisy roots in their mouths, came out "implacably against U.S. intervention in any foreign war." Even if nearly everyone did not have contact with draftees in camp, enough information has appeared in the local press to acquaint everyone with the conditions in the army camps and to make them sympathetic with the drafttes. Nearly everyone has his authenticated stories of brutal officers, food riots, stoning of officers' quarters, the lowness of the pay, etc. No, there is no war fever in Akron.

#### EFFECTS ON THE WORKING CLASS

Everybody is trying to get his cut, in preparation for the time when the bottom falls out after the war

The subjugation of Iran by Anglo-Stalinist imperialism is all

but completed now. The oil fields and refineries are already

under the direct control of the invaders. So are the strategical

railroads and highways. Hitler's agents and spies are on their

way as fast as they can run or be deported. All that is left to

Shah Riza Pahlevi, at this writing, is nominal police control of

the capital and the assurance that he will continue getting his

little rake-off on every barrel of oil pumped out of Iran's wells.

What is the essential difference between the assault on Den-

mark or Holland by Hitler and the assault on Iran by Churchill

and Stalin? The professional democrats and warmongers in the

United States wept tears of indignation at the former and

That is understandable, because they are people without hon-

orable principle, scruples, or a sense of shame. In both cases,

the invader claimed that the victim's territory was being con-

verted by the enemy into a war base against himself. In both

cases, the invader destroyed the sovereignty of the victim in

the name of preserving its sovereignty. In both cases, the in-

vader claimed that his action was purely defensive. In both

cases, the invader claimed that he was only helping keep the

victim from being drawn into the war. In both cases, the in-

vader declared that he was taking the initiative only in order

to prevent the enemy from taking the initiative. And in both

cases-lo and behold!-the invader was so surprised to find

economity wealth in the territory of his victim that he promptly

proceeded to loot it and to establish a military-police regime to

protect him while the looting was going on. In a word, in both

Yet there is a difference so far as our "democrats" are con-

A reader might object by saying: What else can you expect

But the same objection does not hold true of the Cannonites,

for example. From them something quite different should be ex-

pected. But what is to be expected and what you actually get

are two different things. The last issue of The Militant, the organ

of the Socialist Workers Party, with all the space at its disposal,

did not have one single word to say about the invasion of Iran,

although it went to press in plenty of time after the event to

make possible some comment-a paragraph, say, or at least a

sentence. But we found neither a paragraph nor even a single.

syllable. For the Cannonites, the invasion of Iran does not exist.

Cannonites (to be sure, only after we, and then Trotsky, had

prodded them into it) were ready to denounce Stalin's act as

When Stalin, in concert with Hitler, invaded Poland, the

cerned. What is it? Simply this: in the one case, it is "the

other fellow's" imperialism, and in the other case it is "our"

from the apologists for imperialist depredation? The objection

cases the imperialists acted as imperialists always have.

is well taken: Nothing else can or should be expected.

NOT A WORD FROM THE CANNONITES

shouted cheers of enthusiasm at the latter.

WHERE THE DIFFERENCE LIES

Today more than half of Akron's factory production goes into armaments, with most of this having little relation to civilian rubber production proper. "Rubber" companies are now making aircraft sub-assemblies (this type of production will soon overwhelmingly dominate industrial production in Akron), machine-gun cartridge clips, barrage balloons, Bofors gun mounts, gas masks, rubber boats, de-icers for airplanes, tank tracks, puncture-proof gas tanks, among other things.

The number of workers in civil rubber production will sharply decrease shortly. Among the reasons for this are the following: (1) the Far East crisis, which threatens to shut off the crude rubber supply, (2) the cut in automobile production, (3) OPM priorities, and (4) the inability of artificial-rubber factories now operating to take up the slack. There is even talk of removing civilian rubber production from Akron altogether. "Defense" production, particularly aircraft, is rapidly becoming the overwhelmingly predominant type of production in Akron. The rubber worker, as we have known him, is on the way out.

While the shift toward armaments production will eventually absorb the unemployment caused by the disappearance of jobs in rubber production, everyone is worried right now about the unemployment which will ensue when armaments production proves unable to absorb the slack immediately. It is a problem that has the rubber barons worried. As yet the unions have failed to adopt a policy to meet the coming crisis.

How has the boom affected the Akron working class?

The first to feel the effects of the boom were the construction workers, 12,000 of whom were employed on the government arsenal at Ravenna, a suburb of Akron. The plant, designed for shell-loading, will employ 5,000 men and 3,000 women when production starts. It is being built on a cost-plus basis by the Hunkin-Conkey Construction Co., and brothers Hunkin and Conkey couldn't have done better if they had found a radium mine. Men fall over themselves because of the inefficient organiation of the construction work and the consequent lack of something to do. Scenes of men picking cherries from the fruit trees left on the farmlands on which the arsenal was built, or three men slowly rassling a board around trying to convince nobody in particular that they are working, are common. The Hunkin-Conkey company doesn't worry, of course. They salve their not very uneasy consciences by erecting huge yellow and black signs all over the project reading: "TIME IS VALUA-BLE! DON'T WASTE IT!" Sweet cost-plus!

Nevertheless, the building gave a lot of men work who had been unemployed or on WPA for years. Large numbers of Negroes were employed as helpers and common laborers. Plumbers on the job made \$108 per week, on the basis of time and a half for overtime and double time on Sunday-a fact which caused the Akron Beacon Journal to wring its hands in anguish, quite conveniently forgetting the occasional character of building trades work, and the condition of the construction industry during the past years.

Many workers got their first taste of AFL labor unionism at the arsenal. Under the impetus of the arsenal work, the common laborers' union shot up in membership from 400 to 4,000. The members received the usual AFL shakedown, receiving for their dues absolutely nothing-except a complete absence of a shop steward system to take care of their grievances and the gratuitous breaking of a fine spontaneous strike that broke out over the low pay of the common laborers.

#### UAW ORGANIZATION SPEEDED

When aircraft production began to move, thousands of Akron youth received their first jobs in industry. Over 2,000 are employed by Goodyear Aircraft alone, the work at present being done in a huge Arabian Nights' structure, the Goodyear airdock ("The Largest Enclosed Space in the World Without Interior Supports"), a nifty bill of goods sold the government to house the Zeppelins Akron and Macon, now both lying at the bottom of the sea. But plants are now being erected by Goodyear which will employ 10,000 workers in themselves. And nobody doubts but that this is only the beginning of aircraft pro-

The usual 50-55 cent rate prevails, getting more depending upon how much "suction," as the boys put it, you have with the foreman. The eight-hour day is usual, with ten hours in individual departments not uncommon, depending

Can this be because the invasion of Poland was carried out in alliance with a fascist imperialism, whereas the invasion of Iran was carried out in alliance with a nice, popular, "democratic" imperialism? Can it be that the Cannonites "denounced"

asked above, which we have put to the Cannonites before. But perhaps persistence will yet succeed in piercing their awe-inspiring taciturnity. It is worth another try.

#### WHAT SHALL WE ADVISE?

The Cannonites and Iran

Silence Is Golden

The Cannonites are for the "unconditional defense of the Soviet Union" in any war with a capitalist-imperialist country. Poland, for example, was such a country. Let us assume that Iran, a semi-colonial country, is in any case a tool of a capital-

the "best soldiers" in the Red Army. He is also for revolutionists being the "best soldiers" in the American and presumably also in the British armies. We ask: what kind of soldiers should revolutionists be in the Iranian army?

Further: the "defensist" position is for the victory of the Red Army in the war; it is for political opposition in the army of Stalin's imperialist allies; it is for defeat, for military defeatism (with all that this implies) in the army of Stalin's enemy, for example, the army of Iran. Our question is: in what part of Iran and in what part of the Iranian army are the Cannonites for defeatism-in the north (which is invaded by Stalin), in the south (which is invaded by Stalin's ally, British imperialism), or in both? Also, which part of the Iranian army should be called upon to desert to the Stalinist army (which, according to one astrologer in the Militant, is now "Trotsky's Red Army"!),

Further: We think we know what the Cannonite position would be if and when the Iranian people were to rise in a revolutionary movement against imperialism. What we do not know is this: Would the "defensists" call upon the people of Iran NOW (or two weeks ago) to arm themselves and drive the British imperialists and/or the Stalinists out of Iran, and proclaim the full national independence of the country?

"hypothetical" five or ten years ago. Today, however, the are specific, concrete and real. Will the Cannonites answer them? Or are suspicious people right in believing that the only way they can defend their position on Russia in the war is by swathing themselves in impenetrable layers of golden silence?—S.

on how much the brain-boys with the slide rules decide.

Because of the fact that most of these aircraft workers are youth who have never earned wages before, who have no great obligations at home, and who have never belonged to the organized labor movement before, organization into 'he UAW proceeded slowly at first. That period is past, however. The local holds regular meetings and members continue to be signed up

As a result of a protest to the NLRB, the Goodyear corporation has just dissolved its company union, the ZEA (Zeppelin Employees Association). As a result of this, plus the low wages, the long hours, the rise in the cost of living (and, most recently, the neat, simultaneous dusting off given a company cop, and a red apple from the office force, by a UAW organizer who was molested while distributing leaflets) morale has soared. Men are wearing their union buttons all over the place.

A new liveliness and leaven will be introduced into the Akron labor movement by the introduction of the organized aircraft workers. The near future may see them as the largest single organized section of the Akron labor movement-and a force to be reckoned with by the bosses.

#### AND THE RUBBER WORKERS

The United Rubber Workers continues its steady, if unspectacular, progress in the organizational field. The membership is at the highest point in its history-68,000, an increase of 4,000 over last year. The international acts as bargaining agent for 80 per cent of the industry-100,000 workers. Attempts are being made to secure nation-wide contracts with Goodrich and Goodyear. The unorganized South remains one of the most difficult nuts to crack. The AFL has had a certain success in organizing in the South because of the CIO's progressive policy in regard to the Negro.

The men at the head of the URWA-such worthies as Sherman H. Dalrymple, Frank Grillo and Tommy Burns-are cooperating actively in government "national defense" boards. Their participation has not become a problem with the locals

Modest wage increases have been obtained from the major rubber companies during recent contract negotiations, though they have been nothing like what the rise in the cost of living and company profits warrant. (Goodrich, for instance, recently reported profits of 478 per cent over 1940!) Because of this and the boom generally, labor has shown almost a complete disinterest in even bourgeois political action, not to speak of independent labor action.

The major problems confronting the rubber workers are: (1) the coming loss of jobs, which will not be absorbed by the armaments work, (2) the rise in the cost of living, and (3) the organization of the South.

#### SOME FACTS AND FIGURES

If you don't mind statistics, here are a few more that help explain what has been happening in Akron, Ohio, during the past year. Akron is a Mid-West industrial town of about 250,000 people, and what has been occurring here must be pretty typical of what has been happening in similar cities throughout the

In 1940 Akron had the highest rate of increase of telephone installations in cities with more than 200,000 population-a good index of returning purchasing power. On August 9 of this year there were 73,469 telephones in service in the Akron district. A year ago there were only 62,563. This represents an increase of 17 per cent in one year.

Tax collections stand at 103 per cent-a practically revolutionary event in Akron.

Building permits for new construction at mid-year hit a twelve-year high. More dwellings are being built than since the boom of 1929.

The granting of million-dollar contracts occurs as regularly and as inevitably as pre-election gambling raids by the city administration. The new contracts hardly excite newspaper comment. Typical is the announcement just made that the General Tire & Rubber Co. will build and run with \$12,000,000 of the people's money a powder-bag loading plant in the low-wage, non-union town of Flora, Miss. Goodyear is opening its New Bedford fabric plant, closed since 1938, to make "bullet-proof" gas tanks, barrage balloons and pneumatic boats. A \$2,000,000 improvement project, to be wholly financed by the government is contemplated for the Akron

For the first seven months of 1940 there were 2,103 babies born. There is an increase of 353 for the same period this year. And what a great year for babies to be born!

Since 1939, 20,000 employees have been added to Akron payrolls. Akron manufacturers how employ 52,000 people.

What technological improvement had been doing to the Akron labor supply prior to the pick-up caused by defense work can be seen in the following figures. In 1928 there were 68,000 rubber workers employed in Akron; in March; 1941, there were only 41,000. It is also estimated that unemployment will not drop below 4,000 in Summit County (Akron) unless Negroes, older persons, the unskilled and women are employed. WPA officials estimate that new employment will total 17,000 by the end of the year.

By mid-year Negro employment had increased 17.3 per cent over 1940. Negro employment in the state, however, had increased 34 per cent during this same period—a good illustration of the Jim-Crow policies of Akron industry.

How people forego hospitalization when they do not have money is well shown in the following figures on hospital occupancy: For 1935-64.3 per cent; for 1940-94.2 per cent. At present the occupancy rate is over 100 per cent. Beds are being placed in the halls.

Farm help is migrating to the factories. Farmers have not planted because they could get no guarantee of harvest hands. Farmers themselves are putting their farm machinery up for auction and going to the city to work in the shops. Others intensify the exploitation of themselves, their wives, and their children.

Only 0.9 per cent of the habitable houses were available for rent at mid-year. This figure has undoubtedly declined since that time.

Well, there's Akron as of August, 1941-booming. Meanwhile the working class watches and waits-watches the cost of living rise higher and higher, waits for the new taxes, waits for the rationing, waits for the bottom to fall out.

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"criminal and shameful." But when Stalin, in concert with Churchill, invades Iran, the Cannonites not only do not denounce it as "criminal and shameful" or as anything else, but they do not characterize it at all. They pretend it just isn't there. They stuff their ears, eyes, noses (yes, noses as well, because the invasion stinks of oil) and mouth with austere silence.

in 1939 because of bourgeois-democratic pressure, but do not "denounce" in 1941 because there is no bourgeois-democratic pressure upon them to do so now? We haven't had much luck with questions, similar to those

ist-imperialist power. As a "defensist" Cannon is in favor of revolutionists being

and which part, if any, should desert to Wavell's army?

Such questions might have been set aside as "general" or

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SHACHTMAN CAMPAIGN PAGE

# NEGROES - - CAST YOUR VOTES AGAINST JIM-CROW!

City. LaGuardia wants a third term, the Tammanyites want to get back at the feeding trough, the Fusion Party starts its periodic yell for clean, honest, CHEAP government for the real estate operators, and the American Labor Party as usual hangs on to LaGuardia's shirt-tails.

Now an election is the one time that the boss parties have to pay attention to the Negroes, because the Negroes have a lot of votes in New York City. We want to make one thing clear first: The Workers Party is not that kind of party.



RIGHTS EVERY DAY IN THE YEAR. Remember the Harlem ' Mayor.

Bus Boycott? There you had a demonstration of the difference between SYM-PATHY and FIGHTING.

We don't just get sym-

pathetic about the Ne-

groes' problems at election

time. The Workers Party

is an organization of Ne-

gro and white workers who

FIGHT FOR NEGRO

The members of the Work-MAX SHACHTMAN ers Party were out on the picket line at bus stops every day in the week before

the agreement was finally reached. That goes for our white as well as for our Negro members. We were the only organization with white members to join in on the picket lines and help keep the fight going till it

We want to pitch in again wherever there's a battle for Negro rights going on. The Workers Party was 100 mocracy" in Europe, Jim-Crow the Negro soldiers, al-

There's a mayoralty campaign on in New York per cent behind the March on Washington for Negro low them to be beaten with impunity by white officers Rights. We still think it should not have been called off by its mis-leaders. In the Bronx a local section of the Negro Coordinating Committee which ran the bus boycott is being formed, and we're helping along to the utmost. Because a show of fight by the Negro people is a hundred times more effective than a promise by Roosevelt, just as a threat of strike by organized labor is a hundred times more effective than a "labor" stooge in Washinaton.

Yes, this mayoralty election gives us just another opportunity to campaign for the interests of the Negroes and of all laboring men. And the Negro people ought to take hold of this election and use it to regis-

ter a vote for-For WHAT?

For JOBS FOR NEGROES, against Jim-Crow in the Army and in the war industries, and AGAINST THIS

And, believe it or not, that's all ONE ISSUE. And it's THE one issue in this election for New York City's

Fiorello LaGuardia hasn't been making many election promises this year. Instead he's been making war speeches. He's been trying to shout for war louder than anyone else, to become the leader of the pro-war party in New York. That's his platform and that's his promise-WAR. But Negro men and women who aren't taken in by such jingo demagogues say to themselves:

How is this a "war for democracy" when 13,000,-000 Negroes in the United States are treated as Grade C human beings-discriminated against, shut out of the war industries, not given a chance to earn a living?

How can the Roosevelt government be sincere when the ARMY and NAVY, which are going to save "de-

and bar them from higher ranks and whole branches of the armed forces?

Hitler tramples on millions of white workers in Europe. The British Empire tramples on many more millions of colored workers in Africa and Asia. Are they quarreling over "democracy"—OR over who should do the trampling?

That's it. The countries at war, including Roosevelt's government, have taken to slaughter and bloodletting in order to decide which shall have the right to squeeze the millions of oppressed masses of the world.

The British Empire has its India. Hitler has his Czechoslovakia and other subject nations. And the boss war-lords of this country have the Negroes, an oppressed minority whom they can squeeze.

Don't look to the Roosevelts and Churchills, the LaGuardias and other warmongers, to lead the Negro people out of the wilderness!

There are others who are fighting at your side against THEM. This is NOT a war in the interests of the black man, but it's also NOT a "white man's war. It's a BOSSES' war, and the white workers have to fight with you and you with the white workers if either of you are going to win a decent life and a free world.

Get behind a party of the workers that fights at your side from November to November! The Workers Party is running its own candidate in this election, Max Shachtman-AGAINST THE WAR AND AGAINST

You can help now by signing the election petition to put him on the ballot and by getting a petition to have your friends sign. You can help by contributing dollars or nickels to our kind of election campaign. YOU CAN HELP MOST BY JOINING US FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY FIGHT FOR NEGRO RIGHTS!

## Where We Stand!

WE ARE AGAINST:

1. Both imperialist alliances in this war-the Nazi-Fascist Axis on the one hand,

and piece-meal steps by which the Roosevelt government has made us a partner to this war without the consent of the people.

3. Government strikebreaking by Roosevelt and La Guardia and persecution of militant trade unionists, as well as of all aliens.

4. The plan to make the people pay for this bosses' war by direct and indirect taxes on the workers, while the government permits and encourages enormous war profits and a sky-rocketing cost of living.

5. All discrimination against Negroes, especially in the war industries and in the Army and Navy. Every manifestation of Jim-Crowism, anti-Semitism and every Hitler - like discrimination against minorities.

WE ARE FOR:

1. The only force in this war-torn world that can bring about a truly demoand the alliance of Washing- cratic peace of liberty and seton and Wall Street, the Brit- curity for the common peoish Empire and Stalin on the ple - the struggle of the working class against their 2. The secret diplomacy own bosses. End the war by a socialist victory—a socialist workers' world!

2. A national referendum on participation in the war, directly or indirectly. Let the people decide!

3. The defense of labor's rights, all democratic liberties, above all the right to organize and to strike.

4. Make the rich pay for their war! Conscript the war industries under workers' control! Place a capital levy on accumulated wealth! Expropriate the "Sixty Families"-the 3 per cent who own 90 per cent of the wealth!

5. Full social, economic and political equality for Negroes! Jobs for Negroes in the war industries! Open every branch and rank of the armed forces without race discrimination!

## MUNICIPAL Merry-Go-Round

-By Susan Green—

The Board of Transportation and Mayor LaGuardia have unequivocally refused to make retroactive to July 1 the very inadequate wage increases finally decided upon for the transit workers. Thus the workers have been deprived of some hundreds of thousands of dollars in wages. A plea from Philip Murray has been of no avail. LaGuardia replied, in summary fashion, that the matter was settled.

All over the country new wage schedules become retroactive as of the expiration of old agreements. But the bosses of the 32,000 transit workers think they have special privileges.

The reason for the arrogance of the city bosses can be found in the conduct of the Transport Workers Union, presided over by Michael Quill. After working up the workers to fighting pitch, he allowed the union's demand for collective bargaining to be dropped. Instead he consented to the hearings held before the union-hating Board of Transportation, with final decision on wages to rest with that hidebound board.

THERE IS NOTHING THAT MAKES BOSSES' MORE COCKY THAN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE WORKERS ARE "JUST FOOLING."

William Hodson, boss of the city Department of Welfare, turned down the demand of the State, County and Municipal Workers,-CIO, for sole collective bargaining rights for the 9,200 employees of the Welfare Department, after elections indicated that the CIO union represents the majority.

He doesn't know, he said, of any occasion for complaint or dissatisfaction with the department's existing labor policies. These policies, he declared, are well in advance of those in effect in other departments. And so on.

These phrases have a very familiar ring. The politician-bosses in Guardia administration are today speaking the same language that the private bosses were using before they understood that organized labor means

THERE WAS NEVER A UNION-HATING BOSS WHO DID NOT CLAIM THAT HIS WORKERS WERE BEING TREATED LIKE PRINCES-AND, OF COURSE, DIDN'T NEED ANY UNION!

Some time ago Ewart T. Guinier, junior examiner in the Municipal Civil Service Commission, was suspended from his job. He was charged with being "an immoral influence" upon his fellow employees. Specifically, Mr! Guinier was accused of "living in sin."

Commissioner of Investigation William B. Herlands went to work on Mr. Guinier. Many witnesses were called. Some of them declared that the only immoral influence they were aware of was the shameful prying into the private affairs of a city employee.

This column has an overwhelming suspicion that Mr. Guinier's being vicepresident of the State, County and Municipal Workers of America, CIO, has something to do with this disgraceful suspension and "investigation." The policy of the LaGuardia administration toward city employees is so rabidly anti-union.

DID THE CITY POLITICOS THINK THEY COULD DISCREDIT MR. GUINIER BY AROUSING RACE PREJUDICE?

Mr. Guinier is a Negro. His sweetheart is a white woman.

William F. O'Dwyer, Democratic choice for Mayor, seems to have been very popular on the designating petitions.

What has undoubtedly contributed to his popularity has been his success as Kings County District Attorney. The latest trimuph of his office has been to bring Louis (Lepke) Buchalter into the Kings County Court on a murder indictment. Lepke, with the late Dutch Schultz and Lucky Luciano, were the big three of organized crime.

While the worker approves of crime and criminals no more than does Mr. O'Dwyer, still his intelligence must lead him to inquire of the Democratic aspirant for the mayoralty, what his position is toward the cause of crime.

IS MR. O'DWYER AGAINST THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM OF INJUS-TICE, WAR AND CRIME? But remember when you ask this question that Mr. O'Dwyer is the dis-

trict attorney of Kings County, and may-who knows-clap you into jail for the crime of "SUBVERSION."

As if no water at all has flowed under the bridge for the past two score years, Professor George W. Hartmann, choice for Mayor of the Socialist Party-which periodically turns over in its grave at election times-comes out with a good old-fashioned public ownership program.

He wants public ownership of gas, electricity, water companies and the bus lines. Why he stops there, is a puzzle. There are innumerable other services and commodities essential to the general public.

However, this is not the main criticism.

There is public ownership in Germany and Italy-AND THE WORK-ERS HAVE NO FREEDOM. There is public ownership of the subways in New York City-AND LAGUARDIA WOULD LIKE TO REDUCE THE UNIONIZED WORKERS TO AUTOMATONS.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP IN ITSELF IS NOT THE THING!

Mayor of the WORKERS PARTY, stands for.

The government which "publicly owns" must be a WORKERS' GOVERN-The utilities and industries "publicly owned" MUST BE ACTUALLY

CONTROLLED BY THE ORGANIZED WORKERS ON THE JOB THERE. This is the kind of public ownership that MAX SHACHTMAN, choice for

How the Meandering "Little Flower" Skipped From Garden to Garden--And Back Again

eye over the political career of New another \$2,688 from the same pay-York's meandering Mayor and per- master-making over \$10,000 worth mbulating politician. Fiorello H. of "progressivism" all together.

LeGuardia. Two weeks ago LABOR ACTION explained how, up to the outbreak of the war, Fiorello wooed (and got) the support of the Italian fascist elements in New York by refraining from a single beep against the Mussolini regime as well as by speaking at a series of Columbus Day celebrations organized by the fascists. Not that LaGuardia is a fascist! He is merely a Grade A, dyed-in-thewool political opportunist.

#### On the Shuttle

Consider his political past, for ex-

lican ticket. As soon as he was elected (but not sooner), he announced that he was a "progressive" and started to line up new forces for his support in com-

In the fall of 1922, LaGuardia ran

for Congress on the straight Repub-

Just to prove how genuine his new - found "progressivism" was, one of his first acts was to accept a job as special counsel for . . . the Tammany administration which was then fleecing the New York City treasury! Thus it came about that on August 31, 1923, LaGuardia collected \$8,508 of taxpayers' money from the Tammany gang at City Hall for "services rendered." Three and a half months later (Decem-

This week we are going to cast an ber 14, to be exact), he banked

Please note how non-partisan La-Guardia was even then. While he was collecting these greenbacks from Tammany, he was still officially a Republican legislator on the federal

Another year rolls by and our Republican Tammanyite is now . . . "socialist," no fooling! For 1924 finds, him running for Congress as a candidate of the pink Socialist Party, controlled by the Old Guard. But since he isn's elected this time. he decides that socialism is against human nature. There follows a quick shuttle back to the Repub-

#### Keeps Moving

In 1926, Fiorello runs for Congress again on the Republican ticket. Capitalism is vindicated, for he is elected, along with a smashing victory for the Coolidge administration, Ham Fish and the House of Morgan.

But like some other travelers, he can't settle down. In that year of 1926 a Congressman from Michigan rose on the floor of the House to make some nasty remarks about Tammany.

Wherupon Fiorello got good and sore, just as he did when the unemployed picketed City Hall. Up he jumped, and here's what he told the Congressman, the gallery and the Congressional Record:

"Tammany Hall is full of heart New York in one year, than any private foundation with its theories and statistics can do from now on till the end of time."

So spoke our Republican-Tammany-Socialist quick-change artist. But long before the "end of time" rolled around, LaGuardia was running as a good-government man on the slogan "Defeat Tammany" and "Kick the rascals out!"

That was 1933, the year of La-Guardia's first successful mayoralty What had happened? campaign. Mainly, the depression.

#### "Good Government"

You see, New York City is a big business, one of the largest businesses in the country. The financing of this mighty "business" depends mainly on two sources: the tax on real estate which is raised or lowered, depending on the budget, and the floating of city bonds and corporate stock, which is disposed of mainly to the great New York City banks.

The real estate operators are therefore terribly concerned about keeping the city budget down to a minimum (they have the Citiens' Budget Commission and other stooge organiations for that purpose). And the banks, whose affairs are closely tied up with their heavy holdings in city bonds and stocks, are worried about the city's financial condition.

many has done more for the wel- graft and inefficiency of the Tam- five corporation boards. fare institutions of the great city many administration was no cause for worry to these fat boys. But when by 1932 cities all over the country (including Chicago) were on their financial uppers, they decided that a new management for the city was necessary.

That's how the "good government" movement started in the city. The first job of discrediting Tammany was done by the Seabury investigation, which at long last revealed what everybody knew. Seabury himself was the attorney of a number of the biggest corporations. "Efficiency and economy" was the cry in this indignation campaign.

That's also how the Fusion Party got started, as an "oust-Tammany" movement. The leaders of the realestate Citizens Budget Commission (especially Peter Grimm) became its stump speakers. The directors of the Morgan bank (Guaranty Trust) and the Rockefeller bank (Chase National) joined almost to a man. They were concerned with the city's credit. Besides, the investigation had shown that business men had paid over \$44,-000,000 in tribute to the Tammany racketeers in 1930 alone ,and they couldn't afford this luxury any more. A director of five big corporations

and a corporation lawyer himself, Maurice Davidson became LaGuardia's campaign manager on the Fusion side; and his Republican campaign manager, William Chadbourne,

During the boom years when there by chance was likewise a millionaire and full of human interest. Tam- was plenty of money around, the corporation lawyer who also sat on Thus when "clean government" (no

graft) became good business, the La-Guardia - Fusion administration was ushered in to eliminate the Tammany levy on business men, cut real estate taxes by economy and efficiency and insure Wall Street's financial control over city affairs. This LaGuardia accomplished.

Good government? Sure, for the "right people." Cheap government for Peter Grimm and his rent-raisers, good government for Wall Street. Good government for the unem-

ployed, for labor, for the slumdwellers, for the school children of the city? That's a quite different story. That story will be told in weekly articles in LABOR ACTION.

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