

'Save Union' Move Gains More Locals

Francis Dillon, Professional Union Pay Roll Leech, Crawls Into Auto Faction Struggle

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
DETROIT, Feb. 18.—Local 210 of the McCord Radiator Co. voted at a membership meeting to send delegates to the Cleveland convention and join forces with the four locals fighting for the program "One Convention, One Union, One Fight Against the Bosses" and against Stalinist-Lewis domination of the United Automobile Workers of America. (The four locals previously on record for this program are Local 15, Fleetwood Fisher Body of Detroit, Willard Storage Battery Local 88, Weatherhead Local 463 and Baker-Rauland Local 451 of Cleveland.)

DETROIT, Feb. 15—Mister Francis Dillon is in town! Francis Dillon, the labor skate who sold the auto workers so far down the river they could see the ocean back in 1935-1936, is fishing for a conference with Homer Martin.

Dillon is in Detroit now as the personal representative of William Green, vaguely empowered by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor to consummate the split in the auto workers union through some kind of deal with the waning forces of Homer Martin.

No Comment From Martin
Martin issued a formal denial that he would meet with Green but had no comment to make on the intentions of the craft union bureaucrats of the A.F.L. to wangle a foothold in the present factional conflict in the Auto Workers Union. It is not unlikely that a conference is in progress at this very moment, or at any rate that interested third parties are attempting to arrange one.

William Green properly characterized Martin's dilemma after the latter had withdrawn from the C.I.O. "Obviously," Green commented, "it will be more difficult for him to retain an independent status than Dubinsky." Dubinsky,

head of the Ladies Garment Workers Union, had a united organization and no rivals when he quit the C.I.O. and assumed an independent existence. But Martin must fight for his very life against the sentiments of the overwhelming majority of the auto workers, who are pro-C.I.O. He will need support. And willy-nilly he will be compelled to fall back on the A.F.L. This is first confirmation of what we wrote in the Socialist Appeal, Feb. 14: "Martin is compelled by necessity to align himself with the Green-Frey-Hutchinson diehards of the Executive Council of the A.F.L."

Represents Corruption
Those who mistakenly believed that it would make no difference at this juncture whether the auto workers were affiliated to the C.I.O. or to the A.F.L. got a rude shock when Dillon turned up in town as the representative of the A.F.L. Dillon represents everything that is rotten and corrupt in the craft union structure of the A.F.L. It was Dillon who held the harness over the auto workers during two eventful years when organization could have swept the industry. He was the agent of the craft wolves who were waiting to split the Auto Workers Union into a thousand morsels. He was the

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OAKLAND CIO HITS STALINISTS FOR FINK ACTION IN ARRESTS

Tanner-Bates Defense Committee Formed As C. P. Gang Leads Boss Chorus Against Two

(Special to the Socialist Appeal)
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 15.—A sharp rebuke to the Stalinist stoopigues who rushed to inform the authorities of the "guilt" of Myrta Tanner and Roland Bates, militant anti-fascists and members of the Young People's Socialist League, was delivered Monday night by the Oakland C.I.O. Council.

A letter from the League, protesting the action of Estolw Ward, Stalinist secretary of the council, in rushing to City Manager Hassler to disclaim all responsibility for the militancy of the anti-

fascist demonstration in that city on Feb. 10, was read at the council and favorable action taken on it.

Ward Tries to Crawl Out
Ward was forced to take the floor and deny having made a statement—which was printed widely in the press—that the members of the League had refused to obey "orders" during the demonstration and were the cause of the disturbance which took place, ending in a police attack on the anti-fascist picket line and the arrest of six demonstrators including Tanner and Bates. Ward failed, however, to explain why he had waited so long to deny this statement which is in conformity with other actions taken by the Communist Party.

Two days after the demonstration Stalinist speakers, at a meeting held near the California University Campus, denounced the League members as "provocateurs" just as Ward and others had done during the demonstration itself when they and other militants called on the crowd to take more effective action against the fascists than holding a meeting a half a block away from the hall in which Aileen O'Brien, Franco nurse, was speaking.

C. P. Sheet Aids Court
Joining in this hue and cry against the League members the People's World, Stalinist slander sheet for the West Coast, practically declared that the charges of "assault and battery" and "inciting to riot" with which these two demonstrators are faced, were true. The World declared:

"Trotskyites who had joined in the demonstration set up a cry to 'return to the picket line' directly in front of the auditorium where NO PERMISSION FOR A MEETING OR PICKETING COULD BE OBTAINED."

"Roland Bates, Trotskyite leader, responded to one of the blows (from a cop) by knocking down an officer."

So anxious are these informers to finish their work by helping to convict Tanner and Bates that they insisted yesterday in court on bringing the case to trial immediately despite the fact that Bates is still in the hospital as a result of the beating he received at the hands of the police. Even the judge was shocked by their zealotry. He read the Stalinist lawyers an affidavit from Bates' doctor describing the youth's condition and put the case over for two weeks.

So far the International Labor (Continued on Page 2)

LOYALISTS READY TO MAKE PEACE IF NO REPRISALS

Frenchman Acts As Azana, Franco Go-Between

Senator Leon Berard, French envoy to France, has delivered to the fascists "a message from Spanish President Manuel Azana, agreed to by Foreign Minister Julio Alvarez del Vayo when he was here in Paris, that the Madrid government will abandon the war and surrender the territory it holds without bloodshed if it has assurance that no reprisals will be taken against Loyalists."

This, the most concrete report yet made on negotiations between the People's Front government and the fascists, appeared in the New York Times, which has hitherto been cautious about previous rumors, on Monday.

Stalinists Mum
No details of the various reports on moves to capitulate to Franco have come from the Loyalist government.

After much blustering last week about continuing the struggle, the Stalinist press has become very uncommunicative about developments in the central zone of Spain.

It is clear, therefore, that far from going to the central zone to carry on the fight, Negrin and del Vayo went there, as we charged, to arrange for surrender to the fascists.

Franco Terror Grows
That Franco's promises to bar reprisals mean nothing is already clear from reports from Barcelona. Numerous executions of workers have already taken place. Franco is making a Roman holiday out of these murders, broadcasting them by radio.

The Peoples Front government leaders, equipped with passports and airplanes, may flee. The masses cannot. Yet the "democrats" of the Peoples Front have no compunction in surrendering the masses in exchange for safe-passage for the treacherous leaders.

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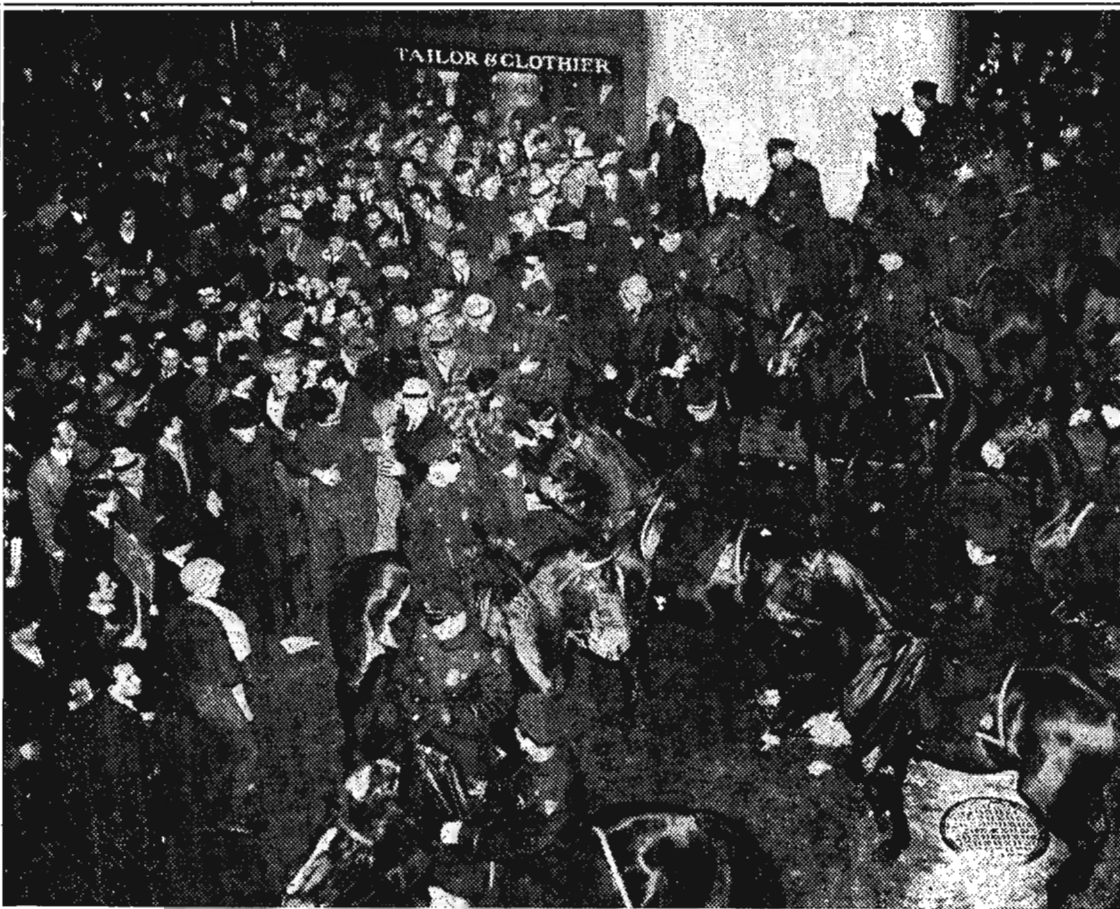
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50,000 ANTI-NAZIS ANSWER S.W.P. CALL

AT THE GARDEN PICKET LINE



Max Shachtman, editor of the SOCIALIST APPEAL, addressing a section of the huge crowd that jammed 51st Street on Monday night in the counter-demonstration called by the Socialist Workers Party against the Fascist Madison Square Garden meeting.



Here's how Mayor La Guardia's Cossacks protected the Fascist meeting, bottling the anti-Fascist workers in the sidestreets facing Eighth Ave. Several workers were hurt when the cops rode their horses into the crowd.

LOCAL NEW YORK RALLIES WORKERS

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Shouting "Drive the Fascists out of New York," the members of the Joe Hill unit of the Y.P.S.L. picketed a meeting of Coughlin's fascist Union for Social Justice held at the Audubon Hall in Washington Heights last Friday night.

The meeting was one of the many neighborhood rallies held throughout the city in their effort to build up the Feb. 20 fascist meeting at Madison Square Garden.

The Young People's Socialist League called on the workers of Washington Heights to "Smash the fascist meeting at Madison Square Garden." They further called on the workers to join the picket line in front of the Garden.

S.W.P. Protests Police Brutality

The following telegram was sent on Monday night to Mayor La Guardia:

In name 50,000 demonstrating workers we vigorously protest your police slugging and riding down anti-fascists while solicitously protecting Nazi gangsters' meeting stop Elected Mayor by thousands labor votes you have betrayed their confidence by aid and comfort to sworn enemies of all labor rights stop We demand you hear our protest and consider evidence of police brutality. — Ernest R. McKinney, Socialist Workers Party, Local New York.

1,780 LaGuardia Cops Protect Nazis from Workers' Wrath in Brutal Attack on Demonstrators

An imposing, fighting demonstration of fifty thousand workers assembled near Madison Square Garden on Monday evening to protest the first big fascist mobilization in New York City.

In addition to the fifty thousand demonstrators, who responded to the call of the Socialist Workers Party for a labor rally against the fascist concentration, official police estimates given to the press counted another fifty thousand among the spectators. With few exceptions, the latter made clear their sympathy with the aims and slogans of the demonstrating thousands. With a brutality recalling the days of Czarist Cossacks,

NAZIS CHEER NEW YORK COPS FOR CLUBBING OF PICKET LINES

"History Is Written Not in Ink; But in Blood!" Declares Jew-Baiting Swastika Leader

When Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund, finished his oration in Madison Square Garden Monday evening, he thanked "New York's finest, the police department, for the splendid protection it has given." His voice was drowned in the longest and loudest ovation of the evening, the Nazi audience arising and applauding the police department vociferously.

Outside on the streets, New York's "finest" were clubbing down the workers who had come to exercise their right to picket the fascist meeting.

All Races, Creeds Join Picket Line

By FELIX MORROW

The fighting anti-fascists who answered the call of the Socialist Workers Party were of many types.

Among those who pressed against the horses, fighting for every inch of ground, were Spanish and Latin-American workers, aching to strike the blow at fascism which had failed to strike down Franco; Negroes standing up against the racial myths of the Nazis and their 100% American allies; German-American workers seeking to avenge their brothers under the heel of Hitler; Italian anti-fascists singing "Bandiera Rossa"; groups of Jewish boys and men, coming together from their neighborhoods, to strike a blow against pogroms everywhere; Irish republicans conscious of the struggle for the freedom of all peoples if Ireland is to be free; veterans of the World War; office-workers, girls and boys, joining the roughly-clad workers in shouting and fighting; workers of every trade and neighborhood of the city.

Can't Stand Nazi Smell

They had come, the overwhelming majority of them, not because they were adherents of the Socialist Workers Party—to most of them indeed the name became etched on their consciousness for the first time—but because that party, alone among the working class and anti-fascist organizations of the city, had clearly and unambiguously called them to confront the hated fascists. Some of them brought homemade signs, eloquent of their anxiety to speak out. "Give me a gas mask, I can't stand the smell of the Nazis," read one, perched on the end of an umbrella rib. "Hitlerism is Political Gangsterism" read two others, identifying their bearers as "German-Americans of Yorkville." One group of Jewish-American World-War veterans from Brooklyn brought a large American flag.

Learn About Cops

Many of the demonstrators learned for the first time what the cops are. While the Socialist Workers Party spokesmen were addressing the huge crowd on 51st Street, making clear to the demonstrators the role of the police as protectors of the Nazis, an impatient Jewish boy appealed

to the police, "These Jews are disturbing the peace!"

Jew-Baiting Prevails
"History is not written in ink but in blood!" With this as his theme, Fritz Kuhn had begun his harangue, bringing 18,000 of his followers to their feet roaring with approval. "It will take more than words to answer our program! We are preparing with the only language international Communist Jewry understands!"

The climax of the meeting came near the end of Fritz Kuhn's oration against the "vile role of international parasitism and the Jewish Mordecai Karl Marx."

A man broke through the phalanx of uniforms surrounding the press section and gained the stage. He sprang bare-handed toward Fritz Kuhn at the microphone in the center and front of the rostrum. As he fought to reach his objective, the Order Division smashed him to the floor. The audience rose excitedly, women screaming, men breaking from their seats and milling in the aisles.

Some thirty police scrambled onto the rostrum. They muscled away the Division Order from their victim and began beating the man as he writhed on the floor, the whole vast crowd of 18,000 Nazis yelling at the top of their lungs, as if they were watching a lynching.

Laud Fascism

During the evening, before Fritz Kuhn took the microphone, speaker after speaker gloated over the bones of the workers who have died in Italy and Germany under the bestial attack of the fascist storm troops of Mussolini and Hitler. They brought great shouts of jubilation ringing from the topmost balcony as they described the new victory of race prejudice, ignorance, and fascist reaction in Spain.

But they drew even greater applause as they cursed "international Jewry" for two solid hours, and denounced anything but "fascist, gentle, Christian, right-minded unionism" in terms as venomous and vicious as Hitler ever dared use prior to his rise to power.

"We have been called reactionaries. We admit we are definitely reactionaries! We are for tolerance, but tolerance must cease when it is confronted with that parasitic international hook-nose." The meeting began with almost 450 members of the well-drilled

1,780 of Mayor La Guardia's police, the largest number of cops ever collected in the city against a single demonstration, slugged and trampled under horses' hooves scores of workers in an unsuccessful attempt to break up the demonstration. From 6 p.m. until 11, the workers engaged in a series of bitter clashes with the police.

Size Exceeds All Hopes
The size of the workers' counter-demonstration far exceeded the expectations of even the most optimistic.

Efforts had been made on all hands, prior to the Nazi meeting, to minimize the significance of the call issued by the Socialist Workers Party, to smother it by a campaign of silence, and to sabotage it directly.

"Supercilious critics of the 'Trotskyists' in the social-democratic camp sought to depose of the counter-demonstration by ridicule and disdainful talk of our alleged insignificance. Neither the Socialist Party of Norman Thomas nor the Social-Democratic Federation would take any

ARREST, BEAT 5 FOR PICKETING

Five workers were arrested, after being beaten into unconsciousness, by La Guardia's cops during the workers' demonstration Monday evening.

George Mason was convicted by Magistrate Lindau on a disorderly conduct charge, and fined ten dollars. The arresting cop said Mason had broken two plate-glass windows.

Peter Schopes, Lionel Shephard, Abe Dellinger, and Michael Nevil, charged with disorderly conduct, will be tried on March 2.

They are being defended by counsel provided by the American Fund for Political Prisoners and Refugees.

Recognition of the call for the demonstration, much less endorse it. They were nowhere to be found in the demonstration.

C. P. Role Despicable

The Stalinists played a particularly despicable role, which aroused widespread bewilderment and confusion in their own ranks, which contain thousands of workers who really want to fight against Fascism.

On the day of the demonstration, all that the Daily Worker had to say was its report of a speech in favor of democracy by acting Mayor Newbold Morris. Not a single word about the "Trotskyists," or their call. It would have been a little embarrassing even to such brazen pen-slaves as Stalin employs in New York to write, on this occasion, diatribes against the "Trotsky-fascists!"

As for the Monday edition of the Freiheit, Yiddish organ of the Stalinists, it solved the whole annoying problem by not printing one line about the Nazi demonstration or about the counter-demonstration. It just shoved its head into a deep pile of sand. The three other Jewish daily

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THEIR GOVERNMENT

During the past year, Stalinism has become the chief agent of Yankee imperialism among the Latin American masses.

In order to accomplish this, the people of Latin America must be persuaded that the United States is their friend and protector, and that their enemies are neither at home nor in North America...

It was in the light of this doctrine that the Stalinist press covered the Lima conference.

Browder invents a New Theory. The doctrine, however, is rather a stiff dose for the masses in Latin America to swallow straight.

The Stalinists have evidently noticed this persistent fly in their social-imperialist ointment, and, not being able to get rid of it, are trying out a new device to prevent its being noticed.

Browder and Laborde announced the theory at the convention of the Mexican Communist party.

The new theory is a very neat job indeed. The trouble that the Stalinists have had convincing the Latin American masses that they were no longer oppressed by Yankee imperialism ends.

The way to fight Yankee imperialism, therefore, is to get behind Roosevelt! What a wonderful irony!

In the 1936 elections, as explained by the very well known Stalinist theory, the New Deal was the army of progress, the Republicans, led by Alfred M. Landon, the troops of reaction.

Up to date, the most grandiose public expression of Roosevelt's Good Neighbor policy was the Lima Conference.

Especially noteworthy were the lengthy declarations of Henry L. Stimson, who is—oh, painful memory—the ex-Secretary of State of that well known progressive leader, Herbert Hoover.

Japan does not believe the United States has aggressive designs against her and the Japanese navy does not attach much importance to American plans to arm the far Pacific island of Guam.

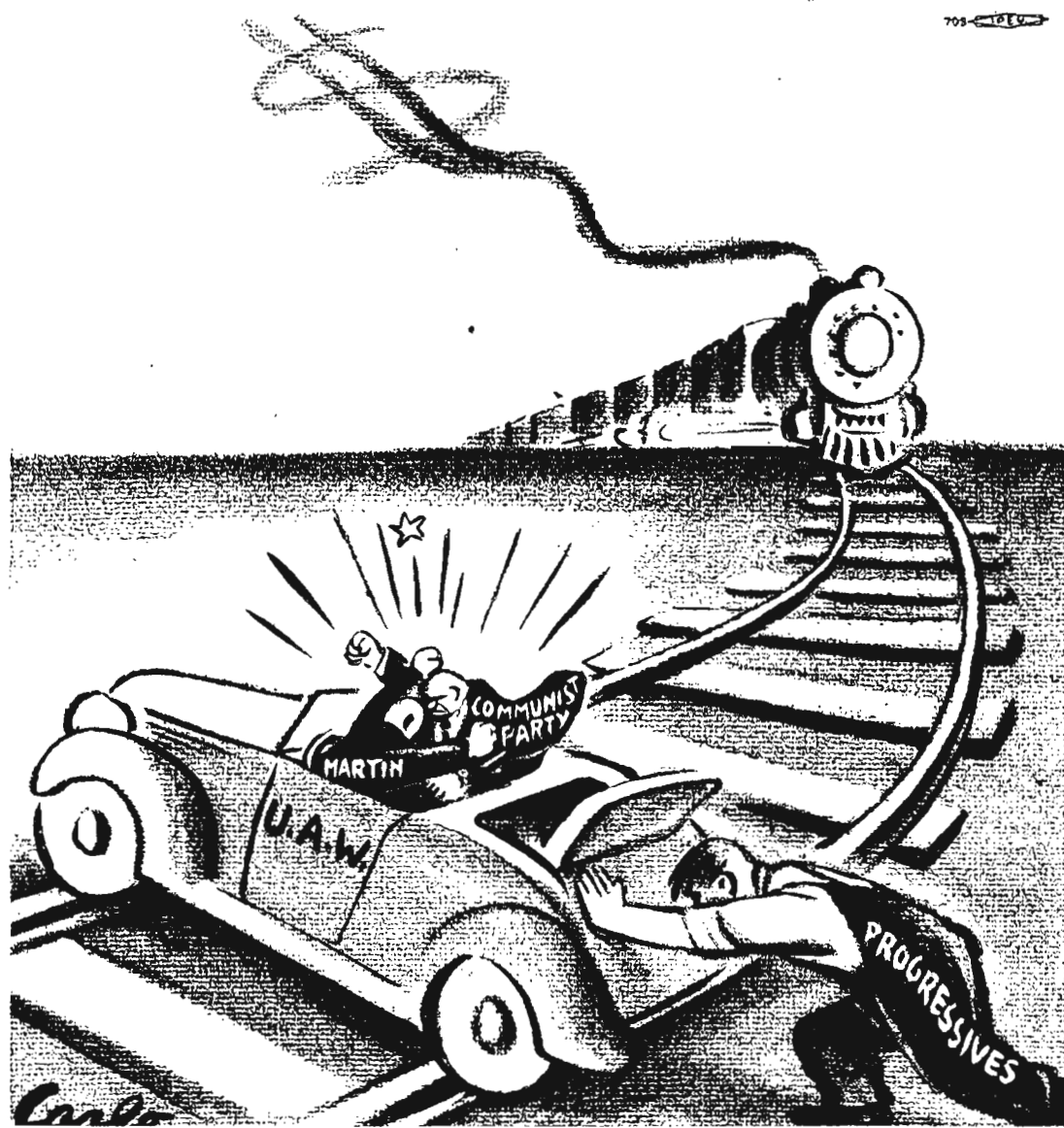
Japan's navy is prepared to defend the country in any contingency, Admiral Mistuma Yonai told the house of peers in answer to questions regarding American plans to fortify Guam and other Pacific islands.

A Minneapolis parachute jumper who went out to municipal airport to look over the army bombers recently bitterly complains: "Those planes were paid for with taxpayers' money."

"No Early WPA Cut Seen," declares Linus C. Grotzback, Minnesota W.P.A. Administrator. He said that the present national W.P.A. policy is to avoid reductions in northern states during the winter.

During the past year, Stalinism has become the chief agent of Yankee imperialism among the Latin American masses. Committed to advocacy and support of Roosevelt's coming war, Stalinism is thereby committed also to the steps needed for the preparation of the war.

Save The Union!



Judiciary Crawls With Corruption

The Cases of Judges Manton, Rudich and Others Bring to Light the Rotteness of Boss Courts Where "Justice" Has Its Price

It is no news that corruption is an integral part of any class society. But when corruption passes a certain point, when a society's ethical standards are so lacking in authority that even the ruling class violates them constantly, then it is reasonable to infer a general ill health of that social system.

Martin T. Manton presiding, decided an important patent case in favor of Warner Brothers. But the prize exhibit is No. 6, "The Lord & Thomas Loan," which involves the American Tobacco Co. (Lucky Strikes), the fine old downtown law firm of Chadbourne, Stanchfield & Levy, and the big advertising agency of Lord & Thomas, whose head, personally implicated, is Albert D. Lasker, once chairman of the Emergency Shipping Board in the late war and now one of Chicago's leading citizens.

And "Dutch Schultz" MAGISTRATE HULON CAPSHAW of New York has also been suspended because of his failure to explain why he had thrown out of court certain big "policy game" cases.

ducing the world's deadliest and most destructive machines of slaughter. After it had leaked out that in addition to the pilot an official representative of the French government had been injured in the crash, the American people learned that this was not the first time during the past year that a commission from a foreign imperialist government had arrived under cover of secrecy to purchase war materials.

After then in swift succession it became known that the cloak of secrecy was imposed by President Roosevelt himself and that in all likelihood he had committed his government through secret alliances with Great Britain and France to march the American farmers and workers into the bloody trenches of the coming world war.

Secret conferences between the Senate Military Affairs Committee and President Roosevelt further confirmed this, as did the statement of the President that the frontiers of the United States extend to the Rhine. The adjournment of the Senate and the President's hastily decided fishing trip were but political moves designed to allow time for public apprehension and anger over these revelations to die down.

Like all capitalist governments, the administration of Roosevelt functions upon two levels: the level of lying public declarations which correspond to the aspirations, desires, and fears of the oppressed people and the level of secret intrigue where the capitalist owners decide what shall be the fate of the population.

Roosevelt realizes perfectly that if the American people knew the machinations of his government and what fate he has prepared for them, they would arise in such wrath that he, his administration, and the entire system it represents would be utterly consumed. That is why he uses secret diplomacy to hide what he is doing.

Roosevelt fears only one thing—the revolutionary upsurge of the workers and farmers in the United States. He fears it with good reason. That is why he is opposed even to a popular referendum on war. Roosevelt cannot allow the American people to become conscious in the slightest way that he represents nothing but the will of a small minority.

Roosevelt has decided behind your backs that you shall die ignobly defending profits for a few giant corporations and a handful of stockholders.

Behind the backs of the masses he has signed a contract with his fellow butchers. For the unemployed, starvation! For the workers and farmers, concentration camps and trenches! For their wives and mothers, Gold Star labels!

That is what secret diplomacy means!

"Is honesty so cheap a virtue that we sacrifice it in order to save a few cents?" asks the writer of a feature called "Points for Parents." Honesty, under capitalism, is an undreamed of luxury for those on the make; for the rest of us it is a club over our heads wielded by the boss class to put the fear of God in us.

In Central Spain

The latest reports indicate that not only Azana, but also del Vayo is implicated in the peace negotiations with Franco; and del Vayo went to France as Premier Negrin's representative. It is clear, therefore, that the whole People's Front leadership is involved in this treacherous move to surrender intact to Franco the central zone of Spain.

In the Feb. 8 issue of the Daily Worker there appeared the following estimate of the possibilities for continued struggle in central Spain:

"The position of the Central Zone for resistance is strategically good. The army numbers around 500,000, the population is around 8,000,000 and the territory is protected by natural defenses in the mountain ranges of Nevada, Morena and Guadarrama. . . . By adapting their forces to the new situation the Loyalists can resist."

That estimate remains true, even though every collaborator of the Stalinists in the People's Front leadership is now prepared to surrender to Franco. Remember this estimate! Remember it, and confront the Stalinists with it tomorrow, when they try to find an alibi to excuse the People's Front capitulation to Franco!

"The temperament of the people will tend to a peculiar moodiness, though as a whole they will be fairly good natured and hopeful this month," says Dr. Gustav Ekstrom, of the American Association of "Scientific" Astrologists. Yea, verily, there are two things in this world wonderful to behold—namely, the way of a man with a maid, the way of a maid with a man—and the way John O. Warkox bears with his masters!

Balance Sheet

For thirty months of civil war in Spain, the Stalinists poisoned the Spanish working class and paralyzed its fight by the cry: Rely on the Great Democracies, France and England; they are the friends of Spanish Democracy!

On Feb. 16, the Daily Worker printed two dispatches, one from France and one from England, which appear side by side under the following headlines:

"Guns Cover U.S. Vets in French Camp. Held Like Prisoners; Franco Propaganda Fails; Ask Aid."

"Chamberlain Recognizes Franco Regime. Cabinet Votes De Facto Recognition; Preserves French Gov't."

That's the balance sheet of the Stalinist "Democracy" fraud.

Missing Iowa banker found in Little Rock, with \$48,000 left from the \$48,000 lifted from the First National Bank of DeWitt. He'll probably be charged with "bad judgment."

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- FIGHT WITH THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY FOR: 1. A job and a decent wage for every worker. 2. Open the idle factories—operate them under workers' control. 3. A Twenty-Billion dollar Federal public works and housing program.

The Craven Jewish Press

During the anti-Nazi mobilization against the fascist Madison Square Garden meeting, nothing was more contemptible than the attitude of official Jewry, its spokesmen and its press.

That the Socialist Workers Party's call for an imposing picketing demonstration expressed the feelings of whole sections of the New York population, including the Jews, was demonstrated by the extraordinary turnout.

But the answer of the Jewish daily press to this call, and to the queries of their readers, was to unite on a single slogan: Stay away from the demonstration.

The German, Austrian and Italian experiences have taught nothing to the proprietors of this press. They repeat here the contemptible exploits of their predecessors in Europe; they call the workers away from the real struggle against fascism:

"Reports have come to the Forward that certain irresponsible organizations are sending people to today's Nazi rally in Madison Square Garden in order to demonstrate there.

"There can be no more shameful thing for the Jews and opponents of the Nazis than such demonstrations which will lead to bloody fights and riots. . . .

"Avoid the area around Madison Square Garden today and do not participate in any demonstration around the hall."

The Day developed the thought that if we all lay down and play dead, nobody will ever hear of fascism:

"Jews of New York, do not let your sorrows guide you! Avoid Madison Square Garden this evening. Don't come near the hall! Don't demonstrate! Don't give the Nazis the chance to get the publicity they desire so much."

The Morning Journal combined the same language with an additional nauseating touch of rabbinical poetry.

The Freiheit, Yiddish organ of the Stalinists, solved the problem by printing not a word about either the Nazi rally or the workers' counter-demonstration.

And these cowardly fools, all of them, call themselves opponents of fascism! They dare to claim the right to speak for Jewry in the fight against fascism!

They got their answer, in the outpouring of Jewish workers at our rally. In spite of these "spokesmen" for Jewry, the best sections of the Jewish labor movement joined their fellow-workers in the real fight against fascism.

We are confident that the Jewish workers will answer the advice of "their" press in the language it deserves!

Long considered by advocates of the capitalist system as the "model" democracy, Switzerland gained the additional distinction on February 14 of being the first of the world democracies to formally recognize the innate antagonism between the democratic nations and fascist dictatorships . . . by officially recognizing Franco's insurgent regime as the legal government of Spain.

Behind the Fireside Chat

When one of the Army's secretly developed war planes crashed recently in Southern California, a great deal more was brought to public attention than the mere fact that the United States government is pro-

DEBATE: MAX SHACHTMAN (Editor of the Socialist Appeal) SAYS "NO!" "SHOULD LABOR SUPPORT ROOSEVELT'S WAR PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM?" DR. WILLIAM E. BOHN (Educational director of the Rand School) SAYS "YES!" Thursday, Feb. 23 -- 8:15 P.M. Rand School -- 7 E. 15th Street Chairman: ELIAS T. TARTAK Admission 25c