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BROWDER TALKS ON TROTZKYISM IN GARDEN TONIGHT

'Trotzkyism and World Peace' to Be Topic—Ford, Just Back from Mexico, and Amter Also to Speak at Mass Protest Rally

The powerful spotlight of fact will be turned on counter-revolutionary Trotzkyism tonight in Madison Square Garden. Earl Browder, James W. Ford, and I. Amter, New York State Organizer of the Communist Party, will be principal speakers at a meeting there at 8 o'clock tonight under the auspices of the New York State Committee of the Communist Party.

MALAGA HOLDS FIRM AGAINST FASCIST DRIVE

Fascist Losses Heavy; Madrid Gains at University City

VALENCIA, Feb. 4.—A terrific battle raged all day today on the Malaga front, the Fascists attacking by land, sea and air.

General staff officers, after scanning all reports arriving from the field declared:

"Malaga will be a little Madrid."

The information here is that the government forces are fighting heroically and skillfully, and are holding their ground, besides inflicting heavy losses on the enemy, and counter-attacking near Alora.

The hottest fighting seems to be around the village of Ojen, a few miles inland from Marbella, occupied by the Fascists in the drive two weeks ago in which they failed to take Malaga, as they had boasted they would.

The battle line tonight ran just through the road forks near Ojen and Marbella. One road runs along the coast from Marbella to Malaga, 30 miles away. The other runs somewhat inland, and comes down to the coast at Malaga. The Fascists sought to advance along both roads.

WARSHIPS BOMBARD

Six Fascist warships, with two German warships accompanying them, shelled Malaga and the coast at intervals all day. The Fascist general, Quejipo da Llano, was on one of the cruisers.

The Government communique on the Malaga Fascist offensive said that two Loyalist pursuit planes brought down two enemy warplanes between Boadilla and Antequera and forced a third down, the plane nosing over when it struck earth.

It added that two Government planes bombed the station at Malaga.

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'Censure of Spain' Is Defeated, 98 to 2, in Boston State House

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 4.—A bill to "censure the Spanish government for (alleged) atrocities against religious institutions" was overwhelmingly defeated by a vote of 98 to 2, in the State House of Representatives here yesterday.

The bill was introduced by a political figure already identified with extreme reaction in this state. He is ex-Congressman Thomas Dorgan, father of the "Teachers' Loyalty Oath Law."

Some Reasons Why We Need \$100,000

As we press toward the \$100,000 goal we have set for the continued support of the Daily Worker, certain facts which increase our burdens should be considered by our friends.

For example, we are constantly giving free copies of the paper to people all over the country. We take care to see that all political prisoners in the jails throughout the country get their Daily Worker regularly wherever this is possible.

Hundreds of trade unionists, organizers, key people in the labor movement, organizers traveling in the field, get the Daily Worker free of charge.

For example, this week we received a request for 60 copies of the Daily Worker to be used for distribution to important members of a certain Central Labor Council.

At Flint, in the auto strike, scores of active leaders get their copies of the Daily Worker free of charge. We could multiply the examples,

Negro and White Refugees of Floods



These Negro and white people made homeless by the floods in Hughes, Ark., their home town, were brought by barges to Memphis, Tenn. Meanwhile, an epidemic of influenza and pneumonia has broken out in the camps of the homeless refugees in Memphis.

Labor United for Minimum Wage Law

Progressive Groups Urge Assembly to Pass Fischel-Steingut Measure, Similar to One Killed Last Year by Supreme Court

By S. W. Gerson (Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Sweeping aside constitutional objections, a wide united front of the state's progressive labor forces gathered in the Assembly chamber today to register their emphatic demand for a new minimum wage law for women and minors to take the place of the bill declared invalid by the Supreme Court last year.

From the Communist Party to some middle-class employers groups, speakers ranked themselves behind the Fischel-Steingut Bill, a Lehman-supported measure which is almost identical with the bill held unconstitutional last year.

Most impressive was the larger labor delegation, headed by George Meany, president of the New York State Federation of Labor, Representatives of the Food, Needle Trades, Furriers, Neckwear, Building Trades and other industries appeared.

HIGH-BOSOMED OPPOSITION

Such opposition as there was came principally from representatives of the so-called National Women's Party—described caustically by an observer as "Petticoat Tories"—and leaders of the Hotel and Restaurant Association.

High-bosomed matrons all, the Women's Party spokesmen argued that pro-women's legislation was discrimination against their sex.

"The Fischel-Steingut bill admits that adult women are wards of the State and classified with children," Mrs. Sarah Pell, one of the group's leaders said.

Three bills were under consideration of the joint Senate and Assembly Committees of Labor and Industry. They were the Desmond-Brownell, the Moffat and the Fischel-Steingut bills. The first, including men, is for an unspecified "emergency" period, while the Moffat bill would set up complicated procedures for the establishment of minimum wage levels in various industries.

BEGUN PINS DESMOND

Isadore Begun, representing the State Committee of the Communist Party, made Senator Thomas Desmond wriggle uncomfortably in his seat when he pointed out that large employers' associations were seeking to block minimum wage legislation by backing the Moffat and Desmond bills.

"The way to kill minimum wage legislation is to support the Desmond bill."

Roosevelt Rebukes Aide Who Wrote on His 'Liberal' Swing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—President Roosevelt today bitingly rebuked a Democratic Party aide who wrote an article on the President's liberal swing and signed it as an intimate White House advisor.

His statement, understood to be aimed at Dr. Stanley High, said: "The President announced the death of the 'official spokesman' in March, 1933. He now announces the passing of the so-called authoritative spokesman—those who write as one of the President's close advisors."

G. M. AND FLINT OFFICERS ARM 1,000 VIGILANTES AGAINST AUTO STRIKERS

Victory Ends Coast Tieup

West Coast Maritime Unions Win Control of Hiring Halls, Increased Wages and Shorter Hours of Work

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—The longest and most effective maritime strike in history ended today when 40,000 members of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific voted in a referendum to return to work.

Even employers admitted that the terms of the agreements provide for the highest work scales and standards in the world; with the shortest hours and best working conditions of any seaman.

Chief among the demands won in the 88-day walkout were union control of hiring halls for longshoremen, marine cooks and stewards, and seamen.

The joint strike policy committee representing seven maritime unions, meeting at noon, first checked the vote of the strikers in the referendum on its proposal to call off the strike.

The vote was announced as 18,406 to end the strike, 2,604 against the proposal. It was an approximate 7 to 1 decision, although it was not complete.

CONDITIONS WON

A resume of the conditions under which the marine workers are returning, according to the United Press reports, shows the following: Sailors' Union of the Pacific: A

basic wage scale of \$72.50 a month on deep water ships and \$80 on schooners, an increase of \$10; control of the hiring hall; payment of overtime in cash instead of time off.

Marine firemen, oilers, water-tenders and wipers: A basic wage scale similar to that given the sailors and the same conditions as won by the sailors.

Marine cooks and stewards: An eight-hour day on freight vessels and a nine-hour day on passenger boats; a basic scale of \$55, an increase of \$10; and hiring hall control.

Masters, mates and pilots: Wage increases of \$15 monthly in all classifications; recognition of their union; cash for overtime.

Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association: Wage increases of \$15 (Continued on Page 4)

Auto Workers Appeal To Unions for Aid

Fight Against G.M. for Right to Organize Is Fight of All Organized Labor, Says Homer Martin, President—Hits G.M. Official Stooges

(By United Press) WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (UP).—United Automobile Workers of America today appealed to officers and members of all unions and state federations of labor for financial assistance to support the strike in General Motors plants.

In an appeal to other union members issued over the signature of Homer Martin, Auto Workers President now engaged in strike negotiations in Detroit, the union said:

"This fight for the right to organize is your fight as well as ours. It is a fight for the American right to belong to a labor union, a right that must be defended with every lawful resource at our command."

"We are fighting Wall Street and in this fight we call for your assistance. We must defend our people against the attacks of plant and willing tools of General Motors in public office who have prostituted their public trust."

Wide Hunger Seen In Poland Through High Grain Prices

WARSAW, Feb. 4.—The shadow of starvation spread over Poland today. Danger of an acute bread shortage led the government to prohibit exportation of wheat and rye. Domestic prices have been rapidly rising. Exporters met two weeks ago at Danzig and agreed to limit exports.

The Polish grain regions are an extension westward of the great grain-growing steppes of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic. Drouth and consequent crop failure are periodical in the Polish-Ukrainian plains, and this was a drouth year.

The Ukrainian farms, being collectivized and using most modern technique through community organization, suffered only slightly. But the Polish farms, small scale or absentee landlord, but in both cases privately owned, had no such protection, and there was a crop failure. The exploited Polish peasants never have more than a few months' food supply ahead even in good years.

200 G.M. Employees Strike in England

HENDON, Eng., Feb. 4 (UP).—Two hundred employees of the General Motors refrigerator plant here struck today against alleged victimization of a discharged co-worker. They are picketing the plant.

9 Injured in Brooklyn As Oil Stove Starts Fire

Nine persons were injured in a fire yesterday afternoon which damaged a three-story brownstone residence at 4,805 Sixth Avenue, Brooklyn, with a loss of \$10,000. The fire started from an upset oil stove.

Screams and smoke from the burning oil called Patrolman John J. MacDonald to the scene a few minutes before the arrival of Hook & Ladder Co. Firemen Michael Leddy and David Green extricated Mary Stoffe, suffering minor burns. Ambulance surgeons from Norwegian and Israel Zion Hospitals treated the injured. FIREMEN INJURED UNION CITY, N. J., Feb. 4.—Six persons were rescued, one fireman injured and three overcome when fire broke out in a three-story frame dwelling at 900 Bergenline Avenue, Union City, N. J., tonight. Three women and three children were trapped when the lower stairs

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 4 (UP).—Flames 50 feet high endangered six residences and destroyed one factory and part of another early today, causing damage estimated at \$120,000. Three firemen were injured.

The Daily Worker Announces...

What every trade unionist will want to read: 'LABOR RACKETEERING PROBES' AND THE NEW WAR ON THE UNIONS. Written by Louis F. Budenz, member of the editorial board, this contribution on current campaigns against the labor movement will appear in Tuesday's issue. The employers' new offensive against the unions makes this article of the utmost value to all trade unionists.

